

Come Back!



TIPS



Never call your dog for anything unpleasant. Like nail-clipping or having a bath. Anything that means he might think twice the next time you call.



Fabulous rewards build fabulous recalls. Coming away from fun and interesting doggie things is not a natural behaviour. Make it worth his while with extra special treats or toys.



If you aren't willing to bet £50 that your dog will come back when you call, don't call. Go get him. Calling and calling him when he is highly unlikely to come back just teaches him that your recall cue is meaningless.



Use management in areas where your dog is unlikely to recall. Use a long line (or a short lead) if your dog is likely to ignore you until he is reliable.



Use every opportunity to build positive associations with you! Any time your dog looks at you, heads towards you, flicks an eye in your general direction—reward it! If your dog is paying attention to you and wants to be near you, that's half the work of recall training done.



1 in 3 rule. Don't let your dog run up to every dog and person you come across. Instead reward him for staying with you a third of the time, allow a quick sniff for one third, and only occasionally let him play (if OK). Letting him run up to everybody is a sure fire way to teach him that the fun happens away from you!

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