

The Really Reliable Recall!

*All of us want a dog that **always** comes when called. Not only is it convenient, it also insures our dog's safety. Unfortunately, dogs aren't born knowing how to come when called. The good news is that there is an effective, easy way to teach your dog to drop everything and come immediately no matter what. It is called the Really Reliable Recall and it really works!*

ARE YOU READY TO BEGIN?

We actually started teaching the RRR during our first class. When you taught your dog to look at you when you spoke his name, you were laying the foundation for the recall. When you are in your house, if your dog is looking at you and coming to seek you out when he hears his name, you are not only ready to begin, you are well on your way! If your dog is not responding reliably to his name, ask your instructor to help you review attention training.

LET'S GET STARTED!

1. Many of you may have already taught your dog a recall that goes like this: You call your dog and he comes eventually when he is done doing what he is doing. We call that recall the Really Unreliable Recall. If your dog knows that recall, keep it and use it when you don't care how quickly your dog comes to you.
2. Decide on a new signal for the RRR. It should be clear, carry a long distance and not be used for anything else. Start the signal with your dog's name. "SPOT... COME, COME NOW, HERE, COME BACK, COME HOME" are just some examples of possible RRR signals.
3. Your RRR signal is very special. For the next two weeks use it only 3 times a day and only when the following conditions are met:
 - a. You are **100% certain** that your dog will come to you. He can already be coming to you when you call or he can be very close to you, just be certain that he will come to you.
 - b. You are prepared to reward him like he just did something miraculous. Reward with treats, praise, rubs, scratches, dinner, car rides, toys, games... anything your dog loves. Use your imagination! Make the reward **big, memorable, and special**.
4. Say your signal **ONE TIME ONLY**. As he turns towards you or starts toward you immediately reinforce with your CR. Praise him as he comes towards you, being careful not to repeat your signal.
5. When your dog comes to you, begin to reward him when he is in front of you close enough that you don't have to reach for him. Prolong your reward, so he will be in no

hurry to leave you. Handle his collar while you continue to reward him. When he is still anxious to be with you, stop reinforcing, release him and tell him to go play.

6. Reward your dog whenever he comes to you, no matter which signal you use. Remember to never call him to you for anything that he considers unpleasant. Go and get him instead.
7. Play lots of recall games at home. Use your imagination and have fun!
8. Remember, use the RRR 3 times a day for 2 weeks when you know he will come and you are prepared for a huge reward. **IT WORKS!!**