



# RECALL

## Tips for creating a reliable recall



### **Dont punish your recall !**

If your dog happens to run away...dont call them back and then punish them when they return ! Be glad they did ! Praise and reward them for it !

### **Keep it fun !**

Use high value rewards, whether it be food toys, personal play or whatever your dog loves. Get your silly voice on and move around, run away and have your dog chase you ! Remember, RELIABLE RECALL could save their life !

### **Dont go to quickly.**

Start at home, in a neutral environment so its easy for them to learn and concentrate. Add distractions slowly and practice outside your house only once recall is reliable inside your house and in your yard. Use a long lead as your back-up !

### **Reward, reward, reward !**

Always reward, especially in the early stages. Dont become complacent with your delivery of rewards. Remember - the more distractions there are, the higher the reward should be !

### **Send them back !**

Remember, if its safe to do so, sometimes allow them to return to what they were doing after you recall them ! Dont always call them away from the fun stuff !

### **Dont over do it.**

Keep your recall sessions short and fun...dont over do it to the point of becoming boring or monotonous !

### **Dont say it if you cant back it up !**

If you are in a situation where you need to call your dog but theres a chance they are going to ignore you...use anything BUT your recall cue ! If your dog doesnt return, you risk weakening the cue substantially.

### **Choose a new cue.**

If you have called your dog with a specific word/cue that you currently use for recall...and they havent returned, even once, start afresh with a new cue.

### **Your dogs name and then your recall cue.**

Use your dogs name to get their attention, then your recall cue once you have their attention.

