

Dog Training



Drop and Run Recall

What is Recall?

Recall is about your dog coming back every time you call, regardless of distractions. As with all commands, you should use your dog's name to get his attention, followed by the command.

How to do this activity

This is a fast moving, fun and exciting activity. It's a great activity for doing in the park where there are a lot of distractions. Find a park where you are happy your dog is safe to be off the lead.

- Start in the garden or a safe area where your dog is safe to be off lead.
- Make sure your dog is paying attention and close to you.
- Make sure your dog knows you have food ready.
- Drop some treats right under your dog's nose, giving him permission to eat them.
- You need to break your treats up very small as you may need several small pieces.

The treats at this point are just to keep your dog occupied while you run a short distance away.

- While your dog eats the treats, run a few paces away.
- Be sure to have more treats ready in your hand.
- Once your dog has finished hoovering up the treats you left, call your dog's name – bright, cheerful and exciting.
- As soon as your dog pays attention and starts moving towards you, call 'COME'.

When your dog comes running towards you, make yourself exciting, as your dog arrives drop some more treats on the floor, under his nose, saying, 'good boy/girl', 'there you go' or something like that, and run away again.

Repeat this exercise 4 or 5 times and on the last recall get your dog to sit for you. Reward and pop your lead back on.