

# The 'Recall Brief'

"PAWS-IBILITIES!"  
WITH DOGS!



**The 'Recall' Brief is a set of 'recall' exercises, worked into your everyday life for 5 weeks! Let's get started!**

Make these fundamentals a key part of your 'Recall Training'.

If you are using your dog's name for his recall word/cue, chances are very good that you have been using his name a million other times in the day, when it doesn't mean 'Come to me, sit in front of me, and let me hold your collar'! His name could easily lose meaning, when you use it to mean so many different things! Go back & reload it: name, treat, back up a few steps: name, treat, change your position: name, treat. Repeat 10-12X, 3-4X a day for a week!

Practice calling your dog over to you, reinforcing with a great treat or a game of tug, then give him a release cue immediately to 'Go See' or 'Go Sniff' or 'Go Explore' once again. If you always call him, just to take him inside or clip on his leash, or take him out of the Dog Park, he'll never want to come to you.

## **Week #1: 20-25 successful recalls per day!**

Recall your dog from anywhere, in the house, several times throughout the day.

Use ONLY his recall word. Give a fabulous treat and have a 'p-a-r-t-y' anytime he comes to you!

If he doesn't come, get silly & encourage him to come to you - without repeating the recall word! Of course, go get him, and bring him to you if he doesn't come, with a calm, fun walk back to the place from where you called him! Call your dog to his meals.



## **Week #2: 20-25 successful recalls per day!**

Add some challenges to the recall, but stay inside, don't try recalling outside yet! (go get him when you need him, so you won't ruin our recall word with failures!)

Call your dog from a different room in the house.

Call your dog from a different floor in the house.

Call your dog when he is busy with a toy or a person.

Call your dog when he is looking out the window, maybe even barking at something.

Call your dog away from his food bowl - and reward him with permission to 'Get It' immediate after.

Call him away from a favorite toy - and reward him with permission to 'Get It' again!



Once he can successfully recall to you within each individual challenge, you can start mixing and matching them. For example, calling him away from a toy, while you are in another room.

## **Week #3: ONLY if the previous 'recalls' indoors are 95% successful, even from small distractions inside!**

### **20-25 successful recalls per day!**

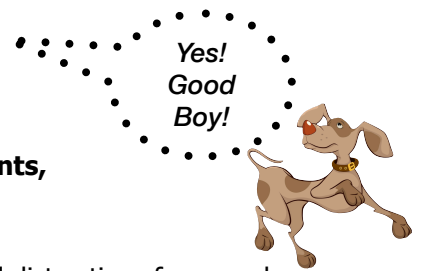
The great outdoors is 10X more distracting and rewarding for your dog! If you aren't having success, go back to Weeks #1 & 2!

Start with recalls in familiar environments - your driveway, or your backyard.

Use a long-line, and expand the environment by perhaps just going down the street a little.

Let your dog explore to the end of the leash, and 'recall' him to you occasionally.

Reward anytime your dog "checks-in" or looks back at you, on his own!



## **Week #4: ONLY if the previous 'recalls' indoors and in familiar outdoor environments, are 95% successful, even from small distractions inside!**

### **20-25 successful recalls per day!**

Start with recalls in unfamiliar environments that don't contain too many 'triggers' or powerful distractions for your dog.

Move onto more challenging environments ONLY when your dog is having great success! And, you have lots of "recalls in the bank."

## **Week #5: UNIVERSITY LEVEL RECALLS:**

Try your dog on a long line, outside of, but at a distant from, a dog park, for example.

Or near a duck pond - but at a distance where he can't get the ducks, of course!

Or near a sports field with lots of people and kids.

If he is successful, you can reward him with permission to 'Go Play', or 'Go See' perhaps, if it's safe and appropriate! Or reward him with your super tasty 'recall-specific' treat, or a game of tug!

**Repeat this 'Recall Brief' 4-6 times a year, even when you dog has a good recall - just to keep it strong! And get lots of successful 'recalls in the bank' for when you really need an amazing recall!**