

ELEMENT DOG TRAINING

Recall

- Definition
 - Teaches the dog to return to you when called
- Purpose
 - Provides a safety feature for if your dog is ever off leash
- Process
 - Make recall fun and select a recall word – Touch, Here, Come, etc.
 - Start inside and start with only a few feet between you and the dog
 - Call the dog once and then reward the dog when it comes to you
 - After you call the dog in an excited voice, feel free to use any cajoling and encouragement needed to get him to finish coming to you
 - If you are working alone and struggle to get separation you can drop a treat and then back up a few steps before you call the dog to you
 - Start increasing the distance between you and your dog. Make sure it is rewarding each time the dog comes to you
 - Add in distractions for your dog to run past when recalling. Start with low level and increase the difficulty
 - When you have a reliable recall while inside the house it is time to start working on it outdoors
 - Start with recalls that take the dog from inside to outside
 - Continue working on recall outside and build up to bringing the dog back inside
 - Continue to slowly add in distance and distractions one variable at a time
- [YouTube video Recall](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eK8ob058qxY)
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- Common mistakes when teaching recall:
 - Consistently using the recall command only to end a play session or to put the dog away.
 - Working in too distracting an environment
 - No being picky enough about the dog completing the recall. We don't want the dog to learn that it's okay to stop 5 feet away and just out of arms reach.

