



# FRIENDLY CREATURES

Your solution to animal behavioural problems

## Teaching Recall:



Practice getting your dog to run to you and be held by the collar when you have given the command "Come" or whistle.

It is useful to have someone else to hold the dog, while you say "Wait" and walk away and then call, but this is not essential. Start in the garden or house with no distractions. When this is 100%, you can practice out and about, in places & circumstances where distractions are minimal.

Move away a bit and then shout "Come" in a loud, happy voice or whistle – showing him or her that you have a treat or a toy in your hand. Your dog should come running to you. Once you have your fingers gently in the dog's collar, or have hold of the lead, reward with the word "Good" and treat. To

increase motivation, you can continue to run away as you call, or hide, or lie down.

If your dog is easily distracted by other dogs or smells in the grass make sure you have highly motivating treats or toys.

If your dog already has an unreliable recall, practice with your dog on a long line so you can prevent him running off and "self-rewarding" (eg. playing with other dogs, finding discarded food, chasing squirrels etc)

Practice calling your dog to you, rewarding and then randomly sending him off again or putting him on a short lead for a few paces, and then release and send him off again. This way he will positive associations with coming back to you.

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