

# Training & Behavior Resources



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## No-Fail Coming When Called

Do ten of each step on the checklist, then move on to the next. *The key to a recall is a great pay-off every time.*

### SEQUENCE

1. Cue (novel word or sound)
2. Prompt (happy talk, bend over, back away)
3. Dog comes
4. Reward—**use very high value food**, something that is never given at other times



### CHECKLIST

Did 10	Leash	Prompt	Distance	Location	Distractions
	Off leash	Prompting as needed after cue	10 feet	At home or in yard	None
	Off leash	Prompting as needed after cue	Maximum	At home or in yard	None
	Off leash	Cue only	Random	At home or in yard	Dog is not expecting it
	Off leash	Prompting as needed after cue	6 feet	On walk	Whatever is around
	Off leash	Prompting as needed after cue	6 to 10 feet	Off-leash area	Low as possible
	Off leash	Prompting as needed after cue	Maximum	Off-leash area	Low as possible
	Off leash	Prompting as needed after cue	3 to 6 feet	Off-leash area	Dogs present
	Off leash	Prompting as needed after cue	10 feet	Off-leash area	Dogs present
	Off leash	Prompting as needed after cue	20+ feet	Off-leash area	Dogs present
	Off leash	Prompting as needed after cue	20+ feet	Off-leash area	Dogs present

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