Dog Recall Training Log

A reliable recall is built where it is easy and paid for every time: **say the word once, make coming to you the best deal around, and add distance and distractions only when the last step is solid.** No recall is ever guaranteed, so keep a long line in open spaces.

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DOG'S NAME _____ RECALL WORD _____ EMERGENCY WORD _____

THE METHOD

1. **Start easy:** indoors or somewhere calm, then add distance and distractions a little at a time.
2. **Say it once,** as your dog is already heading your way; if you need to repeat it, the setting is too hard.
3. **Pay well, every time:** chicken, cheese, freeze-dried liver or a favorite toy.
4. **Don't end the fun:** call during play, reward, then send your dog back to play.
5. **In open spaces,** use a 15–20 ft long line as a safety backup, not a reel.
6. **If your dog doesn't come,** don't chase; run the other way, then make the next try easier.

TWO RULES THAT PROTECT THE WORD

Never

Punish a dog that comes, even late. Call it for things it dislikes, like a nail trim. Grab it on arrival. Use shock, prong or choke collars.

Emergency word

A separate word saved for real emergencies, always followed by 10 to 20 great treats scattered at your feet. Rehearse it a few times a week.

RECALL LOG

DATE	PLACE	DISTRACTION	DISTANCE	FIRST CALL?	REWARD	NOTES

Rewards beat corrections. AVSAB recommends reward-based training only, and in a 2020 study dogs trained with rewards answered "come" on the first call more often than dogs trained with e-collars. If your dog seems fearful during training, ask a reward-based trainer or your vet.

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Sources: American Kennel Club (reliable recall; poisoned cues; teaching come); VCA Animal Hospitals (training your puppy to come, wait and follow); AVSAB (humane dog training, 2021); China, Mills and Cooper 2020, Frontiers in Veterinary Science.