

The Recall

1. For five days call Fido to you 60 times a day while in your house, and every time he comes CLICK & TREAT.
2. For the next five days put Fido in front of the window and call him to you 60 times and every time he comes CLICK & TREAT.
3. For the next five days put Fido in the back yard and call him to you 60 times and every time he come CLICK & TREAT.
4. For the next five days take Fido to an enclosed arena or tennis court and call him to you 60 times and if he comes CLICK & TREAT, if he does not, walk out and leave him in the enclosure. When he notices you are gone return and call him to you and CLICK & TREAT when he comes. Every time he does not come when called leave.
5. For the next five days take Fido to an enclosed or semi-enclosed baseball diamond and call him to you 60 times and if he comes CLICK & TREAT, if he does not leave the diamond and go back when he is missing you and then call him and CLICK & TREAT when he comes, leave though if he does not come.
6. For the next five days go out into a field and let Fido go and when he is 5 feet away from you call him and when he comes, CLICK & TREAT, do this with increasing distance for 60 reps each day for five days. At this stage, any time Fido comes back to you voluntarily to check in with you CLICK & TREAT to reinforce this good behavior
7. For the next five days go to the Dog Park and as soon as you get in call Fido to you and when he returns CLICK & TREAT, start adding more distance and every time Fido voluntarily returns to check in with you reward it!

If you follow this regiment you have successfully trained Fido to come when called. At the completion of the program keep practicing all of these stages periodically and instead of rewarding Fido every time, start rewarding him every other time, then every fourth time, until you get to every 60th time.

In addition you can play the Recall Game:

Have two or more people stand about 10 feet apart and take turns calling Fido to you. When Fido comes Click and Treat, then the next person calls Fido and so on.

It is very important that when one person is calling Fido that the other people are quiet and ignoring Fido, even if he is standing in front of you trying to get your attention.

Gradually increase your distance and then you can start to play hide and seek and Fido has to find you.