

THE RUFF LIFE

Professional Dog Training

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Informal Re-Call

This “command” teaches your dog that it is fun to come back to you. You should be using this re-call 80% of the time. No matter what, it is ALWAYS exciting. You want to start with your dog on a long leash. Eventually you can drop the leash- and then off leash. Do Not let your dog off the long leash until your recall is at LEAST 70% of the time. You will get more information and practice of this informal command at one of our drop in sessions. (At the dog park)

QUICK TIPS:

- ★ Remember this command is **ALWAYS** exciting, no matter how mad you are at your dog.
- ★ Do not use the word “Come” – You want to use something like their name, right here, lets go...etc.
- ★ Continually call your dog with this informal command, until they come all the way back to you- Correct if they don’t come back.
- ★ In the beginning, ALWAYS give you’re a dog a treat and a scratch.
- ★ Do **NOT** let your dog sit when they come to you.

HOME WORK:

- ★ Mix up your locations for this informal command.
- ★ Watch your self- Are you being exciting?

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The Come Command

This command teaches your dog to come to you. Start teaching your dog to come from just a few feet away. After your dog learns to do this, gradually increase the distance. Eventually your dog will come on command from more than a hundred and fifty feet away. It takes time to build up this distance- don't try distance commands until your close range come commands are perfect. You will learn this command at one of our drop in sessions. (At the dog park)

QUICK TIPS:

- ★ **THIS COMMAND SHOULD ONLY BE USED 30% OF THE TIME**
- ★ Remember your two 10-second rules
- ★ One Word, One Time
- ★ Say your “COME” command in a crisp, confident voice. Commands should sound like commands- not praise

HOME WORK:

- ★ You will need to practice this command in new and different situations. Be Creative
- ★ You should also be practicing your “Informal Come Command”
- ★ Practice reeling in your leash, in case your dog does not come straight to you

CONGRATULATIONS ~ You have just made it through the Ruff Life Training. Always remember to look how far you have come with your dog. Easy victories are very important. Please visit our blog <http://therufflifeprofessionaldogtraining.blogspot.com> . This is where you can find information on our free drop in sessions. Remember, this is only the beginning!! If you let the training slide, it WILL disappear. This is a life change!! to make the relationship between you and your dog a happier and healthier one. GOOD WORK!