

Reliable Recall

Definition: call dog away from whatever he is doing at that moment, dog responds by running to the owner, stopping within arm's reach and sits (stays) there until otherwise directed.

Benefits:

- Leave dog park according to your own schedule, not your dog's
- Safety/control during "unfriendly or dangerous circumstances"
- Diffuse dog x dog interaction by increasing distance between "combatants"
- Calm rowdy and excessively exuberant "play"
- Improved control allows you to do more with your dog, take them more places
- Dazzle spectators with your skill and become a mentor to others

Motivation

- 1) YOURS why spend the time/energy?
- 2) YOUR DOG'S why pay attention to you while you attempt #1?

Relationship

What is it like right now? What are your expectations? How hard are you willing to work?

**Training provides direction for your dog,
training clues them in to what you want from them
and tells them how they can get what they want from you!**

Goals

Establish good eye contact/attention when you want/need it
Identify the variable value of different rewards and exploit this info shamelessly
Give clear direction, unambiguous/consistent commands and immediate praise/reward
Clear, swift, purposeful and consistent correction/discipline/distraction

**Think about what you say
and only say what you mean and plan to enforce!**

30 minute long down – daily
Adequate exercise (regularly/daily) above and beyond the training activities

Process

Introduce the skills progressively and **REWARD** all attempts to comply
Establish the skills through repetition and continue to reward the dog liberally
Remember to include a "release" command, no dog can work indefinitely
Always end your training sessions with a success, dog must end with a big reward.