

**Red Dog Solutions**  
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**FIDO, COME! PLEASE?**

Maybe Fido comes some of the time...Maybe he doesn't come at all! If you want to be able to allow your dog the freedom to run at the park or in the beautiful countryside we are surrounded by, here's how to teach a recall that is reliable!

Equipment needed: a whistle; DELICIOUS food treats (see below for suggestions)

· You can substitute a special word for the whistle if you prefer, BUT the word must be one that your dog will only hear in this context. Some folks simply use the word "TREATS!!!"

**Step 1**

Blow the whistle and immediately feed your dog steadily for 15 seconds.

- Be generous with the food treats/ vary them.
- If your dog is afraid of the whistle blow it lightly, gradually increase the volume or use a word instead.
- Do 5 repetitions in 2 sessions daily for 3 days, then 5 repetitions total through out the day for 2 more days.

**Step 2**

Blow the whistle when your dog is in another room. Feed the special treats for 15 seconds when he comes to you.

- If the dog does not come, go back to Step 1
- Evaluate the treats – he must LOVE them and only get them for this exercise!
- Repeat 3 times a day for 5 days

**Step 3**

While out for a walk on leash, blow the whistle. Feed for 15 seconds when he comes. Say "Okay" and continue with your walk. Do this once during every walk at different points during the walk.

Put Fido on a long line to romp in a field or the yard. Blow whistle and feed for 15 seconds when he comes. Say "Okay" and let him romp again. Do this 3 times a week.

To maintain this behavior:

Twice a week blow the whistle in any one of the situations described in the previous steps. Feed for 15 seconds when he comes.

- If there are particular distractions you know your dog is likely to encounter while loose go back to step 3 and add that distraction.

Treat suggestions:

Hot dogs (sliced thin), deli roast beef, turkey or ham (1/2" slice cut in cubes), cooked liver (cubed), chicken cooked in garlic oil (cubed)