



Golden Rule Dog Training

Come. Learn. Play

Recall Game - Pass the puppy

Pass the puppy is a recall game to play in the house and outside. It gets the puppy used to coming to you when you call him/her. It's a fun game for the puppy and it will provide some exercise and bonding.

All you need is some yummy, pea-sized dog treats, two people and the puppy!

1. Start in the house, in a hallway with all the doors closed so she has no distractions. Always start with a short distance. Once your dog understands the game, then add more distance. You always want them to be successful.
 - a. *If the dog does not understand the game, you are too far apart, decrease the distance. Or look at the treats you are using, are they motivating your dog?*
2. Start with two people and both have a handful of treats or kibble, and stand no more than 6-feet apart to start.
3. Say the puppy's name, and "come" pause in between (Gabby – come!).
4. Show the pup you have a treat in your hand, when she comes to you say, "Good Girl!"
5. She will start to go back and forth happily to get her treat!
6. If she automatically starts to come when you have not called her yet, turn your body around and have your partner call her again. You want her to come on cue.
7. Once she starts to come to each of you on cue, then create a little more distance.
8. Always have happy tones when calling your pup/dog to you (would you come to someone that is yelling or was insisting you come?). For all dogs, a "come" or recall cue must be a pleasant experience so they will come willingly.

Second Phase

1. Add a "Sit" when she comes to you, and then give her the treat and say, "Good girl!"
2. Once your puppy gets the game, you can add more people in your family. Have them sit in a big circle with the pup in the middle. Everyone takes turns calling the puppy to them, feeding her treats and making a big fuss over her ("good girl!!!!"). This is early come/recall training, and it also teaches the pup that people are fun and trustworthy.
3. Also work in many areas inside and outside your house; you could create more distance, one person is in the kitchen and one in a bedroom. You could change areas and have one person inside and one outside with the door open as she runs in and out. If you have stairs try going up a few steps at a time.

4. Start the game outside in the back yard, if you go to a park or front yard make sure to have a long line (20 to 30 foot leash) so you don't risk losing her.
5. Because dogs don't generalize, it's important to practice many different places.

Tips

- Have fun with this game and play every day!
- If you don't have a partner to practice with:
 - When your pup is a few feet away, get her focus and call her to you.
 - Try a "Sit-Stay" and then back up as far as you can without breaking the stay, release her (ok, release, free dog, etc.) and say, "dog name + come".
- If children are playing the game it's important for one person to call the puppy at a time! Too many people saying her name will be confusing. To keep her focused, take turns.