



The Loved Dog™
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The Come Game Down

Goal: To make it so that coming to you is always a fun and pleasurable experience for your dog

Steps:

- 🐾 Your dog must associate coming to you with fun. That means when you call her and she comes to you don't immediately put her in a crate, don't call her and when she comes to you clip her nails, don't call her for anything that she may not like. Always keep it fun in the teaching phase
- 🐾 2. The come game is a game of hide and seek. Use two people when possible and have one person hide.
 - 🐾 The person that is hidden will use an enthusiastic tone of voice to call your dog by name many times i.e. Katy, Katy, Katy, Katy.
 - 🐾 When your dog comes the hidden person will reward with lots of treats while using the word "come, come, come" in a happy tone of voice. Remember to repeat the word while giving treats and say "no more" after a few treats.
 - 🐾 "No more" is the cue for the second person, now hidden in another place to start calling your dog's name.
 - 🐾 When your dog comes to the second person they will reward and repeat the word come.
 - 🐾 While they are rewarding the first person hides in another spot and when the second person says "no more" that is the cue to start calling your dog's name so she has to come find you in the new location.
 - 🐾 Repeat with both you and the second person hiding in multiple different locations.
- 🐾 If you live alone and don't have anyone else to help with the game, call your dog when you see her interested in something else.

- 🐾 Use an enthusiastic tone of voice to call your dog by name many times i.e. “Katy, Katy, Katy, Katy”
- 🐾 When your dog comes to you reward with lots of treats while using the word come and remember to repeat the word while giving treats and then say “no more”.
- 🐾 Don’t bribe your dog during the process by making sure that she doesn’t see the treat before you call her. You want her to come to you because you called and not because she sees that you have a treat.

Things to Remember:

- 🐾 Dogs love a challenge and especially if the end result is fun. Make coming to you the ultimate in fun
- 🐾 “Come” is a special word that should mean fun. Use it only when playing the game (in the teaching phase, and only when to come to you after training). Instead use something like “lets go”.
- 🐾 Sometimes your dog will take a while before being enthusiastic. This is ok. You are building a relationship, be patient and make it fun.
- 🐾 You can always replace treats by rewarding your dog with anything that they enjoy i.e. toys, a walk, playtime with you, etc.
- 🐾 If your dog completely ignores you and does not come then feed your dog out of your hand and not out of their bowl while playing the “come” game. This makes it a necessity to come to you. For a week only feed them out of your hand. This way they know that coming to you means something good is going to happen. In this case getting their meals.