



Coach Carly Academy

Reliable Recall Guide & Owner Checklist

Recall is one of the most valuable life skills you can teach your dog. Build it through consistent practice, generous rewards and gradual progression rather than waiting until you need it in an emergency.

Equipment Checklist

- Comfortable harness
- 5–10 metre long line
- High-value treats
- Favourite toy (if motivating)
- Quiet training area

Foundation Steps

- Choose one recall cue and use it consistently
- Say the cue once
- Reward immediately when your dog reaches you
- Make coming back the best part of the walk
- Release your dog to explore again sometimes

Training Progression

- Indoors
- Garden
- Quiet park on a long line
- Mild distractions
- Busier environments when reliable

Owner Checklist

- Reward every successful recall during training
- Keep sessions short and fun
- Avoid repeating the cue
- Never call your dog for something unpleasant
- Celebrate every success

Common Mistakes

- Calling when your dog is unlikely to respond
- Chasing your dog
- Punishing after they return
- Increasing distractions too quickly

Success Indicators

- Dog turns immediately on hearing the cue
- Returns enthusiastically
- Chooses to check in regularly
- Recall works in different environments

Coach Carly Tip: Your recall cue should always predict something wonderful. Protect it by using it wisely and rewarding generously.