







COME

Come is a cue that could save your dog's life and because of this, we make sure that your dog enjoys it as much as possible. When you first start practicing this cue, always use a leash, this helps you to enforce the behavior while keeping your dog safe if they don't listen. If you don't have access to a long leash, you can use a laundry line or hook several shorter leashes together.


 **Make yourself exciting!** Crouch down, clap your hands, and call your dog excitedly and happily to make you more interesting. Make sure you use their name and say "Come" as you do so


 When your dog comes to you, make sure that you use your clicker and reward them with a special treat

 **As you are giving your dog a treat,** your other hand should be scratching and playing with their neck and throat around their collar. By doing this, you get your dog used to you reaching for their collar and makes it easier for you to catch them in case of an emergency

 If your dog does not come to you, use the rope or leash to slowly lure your dog closer, as if you were fishing. This is called enforcing the behavior and why we practice with the leash on first

A few notes about getting your dog to come:

 Using a special treat can really help your dog want to obey this command. In training class, we use **freeze dried beef liver**. These treats **should only be used when you use "Come"** and should be used **every time** you give the cue.

 If your dog doesn't like beef liver, find a special treat they do find appealing, even if it's just a different flavor of the same brand you use now. Use only that flavor when using this command and it will be just as helpful.

