

## STAY PART TWO

Adding distance to the Stay cue

Step One:

Ask your dog to sit

Step Two:

Use your hand signal and say "Stay"

Step Three:

Take **HALF** a step backward

Step Four:

Return to your dog and CLICK → REWARD



### IMPORTANT NOTE

#### Go slowly

Small successful steps build confidence faster than big difficult ones

*Always return to your dog to reward*

*This helps your dog understand:*

*"Stay means remain in place"*

1 



DOG SITS

2 



HAND SIGNAL

3 



TAKE TINY  
HALF-STEP BACKWARD

4 



RETURN + REWARD

# INCREASE DIFFICULTY SLOWLY

## PRACTICE:

### ✓ SHORT DISTANCE



### ✓ SHORT DURATION



### ✓ LOW DISTRACTIONS



## BEFORE:

### ✗ LONG DISTANCE



### ✗ BUSY ENVIRONMENTS



### ✗ MAJOR DISTRACTIONS



## STAY vs WAIT

### STAY

Remain in position until released

### WAIT

Pause briefly before moving again

## Trainer Tip

**MORE SUCCESSES  
THAN FAILURES**

IF YOUR DOG REPEATEDLY GETS UP:



REDUCE DISTANCE



SHORTEN DURATION



SIMPLIFY THE ENVIRONMENT

## RELEASE WORDS

A release word tells your dog:

"You're finished now!"

### EXAMPLES OF RELEASE WORDS:

**Free Dog**

**Break**

**Bazinga**

**Release**

Choose a word you don't use often in conversation

Adding distance to the Stay cue

### Step One:

Tell your dog to stay

### Step Two:

Pause briefly

### Step Three:

Say your release word excitedly and encourage movement or play



## HELPFUL TIPS

Avoid calling your dog out of a stay while learning

*Instead of calling them to you, be sure to:*

**Return to your dog**

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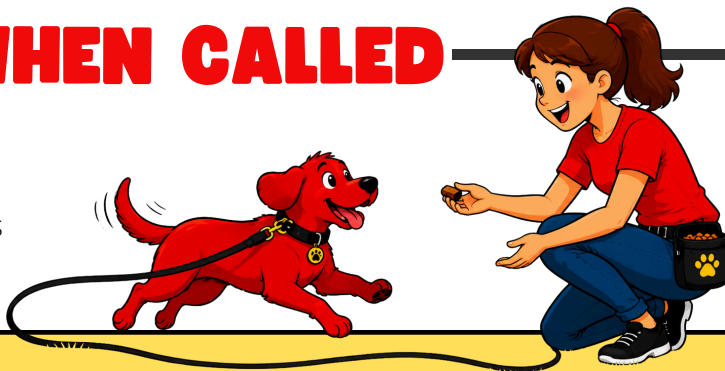
**Use your release word**

Doing this will help reduce the confusion between

**COME** 🐾 **STAY** 🐾 **RELEASE**

## COME WHEN CALLED

A reliable recall can help keep your dog safe in emergencies



## IMPORTANT:

Your dog should **LOVE** hearing the word "Come!"  
We want recall to feel exciting, rewarding, and safe

**Coming to you should NOT always end the fun -**  
Let your dog go and keep playing for maximum effectiveness

### Step One:

Start practicing in a quiet environment using a leash or long line

### Step Two:

Crouch down and use a happy, playful voice. Say: "COME!"

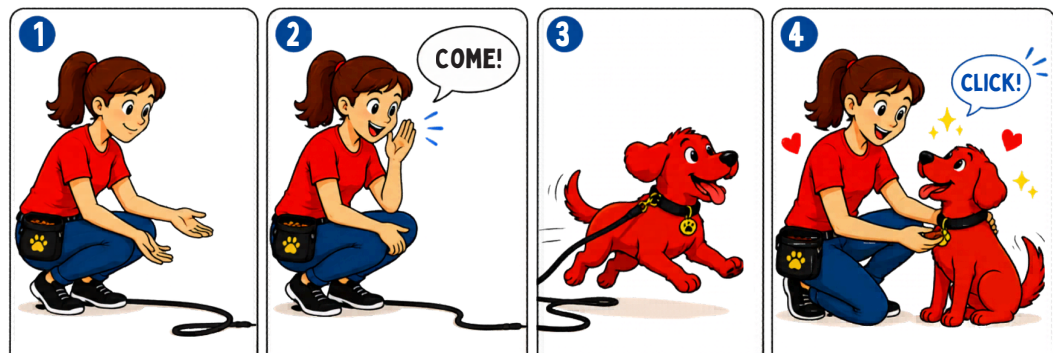
### Step Three:

When your dog moves toward you: CLICK → REWARD

### Step Four

Gently touch your dog's collar and scratch under their chin while rewarding

*This helps your dog become comfortable with you reaching towards their collar*



## TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Use a **special treat** like Freeze Dried Beef Liver for Come  
Make sure you don't use your special treat for any other behaviors

## Levels of Difficulty for Come

EASY

HARD

1 LIVING ROOM

2 BACKYARD

3 QUIET SIDEWALK

4 PARK

5 BUSY ENVIRONMENT



No distractions.  
Build success  
and confidence.

Add mild outdoor  
distractions.  
Shorter distance.

Introduce neutral  
distractions.  
Increase distance.

More distractions  
and space. Stay  
consistent.

High distractions  
and movement.  
Proof the recall!

# THIS WEEK'S HOMEWORK

- Practice Sit, Watch / Focus, Down, and Drop it with verbal and hand signals
- Practice Leave it with items that are more tempting to your dog
- Make time to practice loose leash walking, even if it's just to the mailbox
- Practice Sitting politely for petting with any guests you have over
- Practice Come when called in a quiet location, if your dog is doing well - try a slightly more interesting location
- Practice stay part one and part two - switch between time and distance
- Use your release word and include it in real world practice moments
- Keep your training sessions short and positive*
- Prepare for your graduation test next week!**