

# *Pawsitive Results Critter Academy*

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## **Tips for Great Recalls**

A recall can save your dog's life. Keep the following tips in mind to insure a consistent response to this cue:

- **Always make recalls rewarding.** Use the highest value rewards you have.
- **Keep your dog on leash or on a long line until he comes when called consistently.** Don't let him learn that this cue is optional!
- **Never, ever punish a recall.** That means:
  - Don't call your dog to you and then do something he doesn't like.
  - If your dog is doing something you don't like, don't call him to you and scold him – or even call him and ignore him. If you call him, reinforce him for coming.
- **Don't call your dog away from fun without rewarding him.** Almost always allow him to return to what he was doing after rewarding him for coming.
- **Practice less often and reward more generously.** It is better to practice once a day and deliver 20 treats than to practice 20 times and give one treat each time.
- **Don't call your dog when he isn't going to respond.** Yelling "Fido, come!" over and over as he runs around ignoring you only weakens your cue.
- **Never take recalls for granted.** Continue to reward your dog generously for coming away from interesting things. Remember, your dog's life could depend on this.