



Come in to me!

This is a very simple game that's extremely effective at getting your dogs attention on a walk or when there are things you would prefer he avoided coming round the corner... It's a great basic tool for teaching recall too.

You will need: One dog: lots of yummy treats: a distraction free, clear space to work in

Step one:

- With your dog in front of you, get the dogs attention by making kissy noises or saying his name ONCE.
- As he looks at you, IMMEDIATELY start to walk directly backwards so you are still facing the dog
- The dog will most likely come towards you to see what on earth you are doing
- As he gets close to you, stop moving backwards and hold the treat right between your legs
- The dog should come right up to you to get the treat and if he does let him have it!
- If he looks unsure, put the treat on his nose and lure him in to be right be up to your legs and feed him there.

Repeat!

- As the dog gets used to the game, speed it up so you are moving at quite a pace (hence the need for a clear space to work in!)

Important – there is no command or cue for this game – just say your dog's name ONCE.

Practice this when out walking, once he's got the hang of it, and when he's come right up to you and taken the treat, let him go play again. Say 'go play!' or 'all done!' and wave him away with your hand. Wait a couple of minutes and then play the game again. He will soon be keeping an eye on you and you may even just be able to walk backwards WITHOUT calling him and he will come running. Impressive huh? 😊

By calling and releasing the dog in this way you are preventing building an association that coming back when called means The End of the Walk.

Play this game every day in different places for speedy results!