



# RECALL AND RELEASE GAME

## GOAL:

Help to prevent your dog's loss of interest in coming to you

SCAN ME



for details of Lisa Waggoner's book,  
*The Original Rocket Recall™: Teach Your Dog to Come*

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Whether your dog is off leash in your yard, a safely fenced area, or at the dog park (not that I'm a fan of public dog parks, but you may have a safe, well-run dog park in your town), always leashing your dog after he's returned to you can cause your dog to lose interest in coming when called. Playing the Recall and Release Game will help prevent your dog's loss of interest in coming to you in similar situations.

## Training:

It's time to play this game when you've reached the point in training where your off-leash dog is successfully coming to you out of doors, even if it's a short distance. When your dog returns to you after calling, reinforce him with one yummy treat and immediately release him to "go play" or "go sniff."

Because he's used to sticking around for further reinforcement (those yummy treats you've been delivering for 15 to 30 seconds), you may have to encourage him to move away from you. That's okay. He'll eventually learn that "go play" or "go sniff" means go do whatever it is you choose to do. Then go about your walk (or gardening or whatever you were doing), let him play or sniff, call him again, and repeat the game.