

LOTC Beginning Obedience

Distracted Recall

The most important thing your dog needs to be able to do!

The goal is to have your dog come quickly to you, no matter what the distraction, and be in your complete control. The collar is in your hand.

The distracted recall is not a situation where you sit the dog have it stay, walk away and then have it come to sit in front of you. It is rather a situation where the dog has been distracted from you and needs to come to you for its safety.

Elements needed for success.

The dog must quickly look at or respond to you when its name is called.

The dog must quickly move toward you when the recall part of the command is given.

The dog must allow you to reach out and grab its collar securely.

Activities used to achieve success.

Work first on developing the above basic elements when you are very close to the dog.

Bring in very low level distractions and reward success quickly and generously.

Increase the distance and distractions while continuing to reward success quickly and generously.

Some tips to help achieve success.

Pick a cue or command and stick to it. Include the dogs name and the behavior. (Driver Come)

ALWAYS reward the dog when it comes to you on command! No matter what!

Whenever the dog comes to you give the command or cue and a reward.

As the dog develops the desired response move away or run backwards. The purpose is to have the dog work harder and run to you for the reward.

Look for and use distracting situation as a reward for a recall.