

 Once you have done this a few times and all is going well then you can take the dog out. Try and go somewhere quiet where there are few distractions using a long lead and every now and then call the dog back to you using the whistle and reward. Then you can move to somewhere a little more distracting where the dog has other objects to look at. By this stage the dog should have a good association with the whistle and the treat.

Eventually you will be able to let him off the lead and when you blow the whistle he will come back to you, well aware that he is going to be rewarded with a tasty treat.



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**T**o get your dog to return to you when out on a walk requires patience. To start off with you need to decide how you will call your dog back, whether it is just his name, a whistle, a favourite toy or something else. Whatever you decide to use you need to stick to it. (To explain the recall on this we will use a whistle, but if you are using something else then just replace the whistle with this).

Every time you feed your dog you need to blow the whistle, saving some of his food so that when he has finished eating you can blow the whistle and give him the last bit of food. This is the starting process to associate the whistle with the food. You need to do this each time he eats and continue it for at least three weeks.

During these three weeks you can also practice in the house and garden.

- ❖ Put some treats (you may need to use something really tasty with a nice aroma to encourage your dog more) in your pocket standing close to the dog and blow the whistle.
- ❖ When the dog comes to you give him a treat, carry on doing something else and then blow it again and when he returns to you reward him with a treat. At this early stage if the dog looks at you before coming back put your hand out and offer a treat so that he comes to you.
- ❖ You may need to crouch down to encourage the recall. Keep doing this until your dog gets the hang of it.
- ❖ Don't over do it if you think the dog is getting tired. Stop when he does a recall, always ending on a good note, as if he gets too tired he won't be interested and will find it difficult to make the association.

