

Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue

Golden Rule Training

Come when Called

Off-leash

- Choose a cue, such as "come", "here", "hurry", etc. to use every time
- When your dog is between 3-10 feet away from you, say your cue ONCE and immediately run away and look over your shoulder.
- Your dog should follow; bend a little at the waist and clap your hands, inviting your dog to come to you; when he arrives, give him 3-4 really good treats one at a time. Say "good" in a happy, up-beat voice!
- Repeat this 3-4 times a day

On-leash

- Use a 30 foot lead and hook it to the dogs collar
- Say your dog's name as you do for the attention to name cue
- Say your come cue ONCE (come, here, hurry, etc.) and immediately walk backwards as quickly as you can – 10 to 12 feet. If you have someone to hold the leash and let it out as you move backwards you can get more distance. Then reel her in and start again. The same person should have her come; otherwise she sees it as a back and forth game.
- While you are backing up, use an upbeat happy voice, "good boy" or "good girl" to get her to come towards you.
- Then stop and give your dog 3 to 4 good treats, one at a time, while praising him at the same time.
- Repeat 3 to 4 times a day and practice while on walks.

Work with someone in your family/friend to hold the leash at one end while you ask the dog to come to you. Eventually, increase the distance by a couple feet and once this is reliable (he comes every time), increase the distance again. Your goal is to get to a 30 foot come when called command as required for Canine Good Citizen. This could take 4 to 6 months for your dog to learn.