



## Rocket Recalls, Solid Stays and Real World Leave it!

Your reading materials are located at <https://www.gooddogsantacruz.com/handouts/>. Look under Intermediate Life Skills class. Your handouts for this class are:

**Coming When Called**

**Leave It**

**Stay 1, 2, 3, Advanced**

## Week Four Homework Tracking

Skill to practice	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Call offs in new locations							
Come past easy distractions in new locations							
Come past next level distractions at home							
Motivational recalls in new locations							
Leave it—practice with items							
Stays with distractions							

**Call offs in new locations:** Put something at a distance from your dog (toy, treat, person). Make the distance easy enough that your dog can respond to you easily!! Say your dog’s name + “yes” on the head turn + reward your dog + send your dog to the distraction; and repeat.

**Come past easy distractions in new locations:** Take this on the road. Put out distractions that are easy for your dog to ignore or practice in places where the distractions are doable for your dog. Practice calling your dog away from or past these distractions. Reward super generously.

**Come past next level distractions at home:** Jump your distraction training to the next level at home. If your dog could do level 1-3 easily last week, this week put out level 3-6 to practice with. Practice calling your dog away from or past these distractions. Reward super generously.

**Motivational recalls:** Take this on the road. How do you build motivation and drive for your “come”? By training with predatory games. Call your dog and run away and have them chase you! Call your dog and toss a toy as the reward! Call your dog and toss treats! Have them chase something or someone. This builds their desire to get to you fast. Practice this without other distractions.

**Leave it:** Practice leaving a variety of items like the leave it course we did in class—make it easy enough that your dog can do it! But gradually add in more challenges. Use things from your distraction list to guide you. Aim for 30 items and practice in 10 locations. You can use the same 4 items in several locations. For example, use a hat, glove, water bottle, and empty food container in your backyard, your living room and your driveway.

**Stay with distraction:** Choose either sit or down for this exercise. Make sure your treats are in your pouch or on a counter nearby. Put distractions out (toys, food, or other things from your distraction list) or go somewhere that you will see distractions (people or dogs) at a distance. Start back with duration (length of time) then add in a little distance. Keep it easy! We are looking for 100 percent success.

**When you are practicing, break it up with short bursts of play. Let us know if you have any questions!**