



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

Welcome to Intermediate Life Skills B! This class will involve three elements: Class time; reading handouts; and practicing outside of class. You will get the best success if you do all three!

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 One Homework Tracking

Skill to practice	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Name Game (for call offs)							
Classically condition "come"							
6 foot come to stop in front							
Spontaneous "come" for fun stuff!							
Sit stay for 30 seconds							
Down Stay for 45 seconds							
It's Your Choice							

Name game: Distract with a treat on the ground (let him eat it); say your dog's name + "yes" on the head turn + tossed reward; and repeat. This is a chase game to build value for the call off with your dog's name.

Classically condition your recall word: Every day, 2x a day, for 7 days. Count out 10 high value treats. Stand in front of your dog, say "come", give treat—10x in a row. That's it!

6 foot come to stop in front: (Do not start in stay) Say "come", step back several feet, lure your dog into a sit. Use high value food reward. Do this once a day for 5-10 repetitions.

Spontaneous "come" for fun stuff! This week make everyday a game day—call your dog for all the fun stuff in life. Say "come" to give him dinner, to let him outside to play, before you toss a ball, before a walk, before anything your dog loves! (And don't call him if it is something he doesn't like—go get him instead!

Sits, Down, Stay: Read Stay 1. This week work on solid duration (amount of time) for both your sit and your stay. Aim for 30 seconds to hold a sit and 45 seconds for a down. It is OK to use multiple treats to get them to stay.

It's Your Choice: Have treats in your right hand and out to your side (at least 2-3 feet from your dog), when your dog backs up, open your hand. If your dog stays back, feed one treat at a time from your hand with the other hand. If your dog comes forward, simply close your fist and wait.

When you are practicing, break it up with short bursts of play. Also, end each session with a few minutes of settle on your mat. Let us know if you have any questions!