

## 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 Three Homework Tracking

Skill to practice	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Call offs using the name game in new locations							
Come past easy distractions							
Motivational recalls							
Leave it—practice with food							
Sit and down stays with YOU as the distraction							

**Call offs with the name game:** 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 + tossed reward + send your dog to the distraction; and repeat. This should be easy enough for your dog to succeed that she is excited to do it! Practice in 3-4 new places.

**Come past easy distractions:** Put out distractions that are easy for your dog to ignore. Practice calling your dog to you past these distractions. Reward super generously. This is the beginning of teaching them to come even when there is something interesting around.

**Motivational recalls:** 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:** Use two values of food—something like kibble and fresh meat. Put the kibble in your hand and practice your leave it 2-3 times as we have been doing rewarding with the chicken from the other hand. Then bring your open hand lower and lower to the ground. When your dog can easily do this with food on the ground in your hand, gradually transition to food on the ground out of your hand. If that is easy, then try it on other surfaces such as a chair or step

**Stay with you as the distraction:** Choose either sit or down for this exercise. Make sure your treats are in your pouch or on a counter nearby. Say, “stay”, move away from your dog, do something weird with your body (touch your toes, do a sit up, pick up a package), go back and treat. Say “stay” again and repeat. Move in all directions, but don’t make it too hard. We are looking for 100 percent success.

**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!**