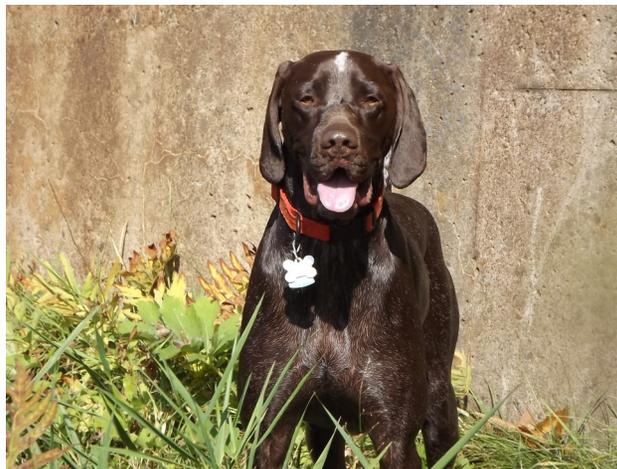


# My Dog Went Missing

- ◆ Stay in the area!
- ◆ Do not chase the dog!
- ◆ Can you get dog's attention?
  - Will Whoa stop him/her?
  - Will s/he play?
  - Walk in opposite direction?
  - Is s/he following you?
- ◆ If the dog is stopped but has no leash? Can you pull a trick on him?
  - Toss in the leash towards the dog, low to the ground, then reel the dog in...maybe he will 'think' the leash is attached, and come with it? *Of course a pocket full of treats never hurt either!*
- ◆ Keep your local non-emergency police number handy, incase you have to report the dog missing.
- ◆ Contact your local shelter.
- ◆ Get fliers up in the area ASAP.
- ◆ Contact neighbors, vet clinics, animal hospitals and give them a POSTER and ask for their help to post
- ◆ Share on Social Media – Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- ◆ Think like your dog...where would he go?
- ◆ A dog WILL seek food/water/shelter area.
- ◆ A dog WILL move during the night, when traffic is quieter.
- ◆ Never give up your search.
- ◆ As days move to weeks, you may have to expand your search areas.
- ◆ If you are near a state line, contact authorities in the other state too.



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## RECALL TRAINING

### What You Will Need

- ◆ 25' check cord, or long rope or leash with secure hardware



#### Optional:

- ◆ Pinch prong collar (*properly fitted*)
- ◆ Whistle
- ◆ Electric training collar



Pinch collar



whistle

ecollar

## Come

Gear up, check your hardware, go for a walk! Call your dog to COME, and start reeling him in, reel till he's all the way into you. Not out there, not over there; RIGHT HERE! Rinse, lather and repeat.

## Sit-Stay

Sit-Stay means STOP and sit, until I say you may leave that position, either verbally or by touch. Practice this while on your walks, and dog is on check cord or leash! You'll know you are getting somewhere when you can actually leave your dogs side and walk away from them, and they are still in their "sit-stay" position! Repetition, repeti-

## WHOA ~ for Hunters

Whoa is another form/term for stay! Maybe you are a hunter, you would use whoa probably for your wait and look to me for next direction? We sometimes figure 8 the dog creating a harness for them to force them to whoa, and for added control over the dog during training. While working on whoa, also work on heel. If you are a right handed gunner, you'll want to heel your dog on your left or vice-versa. But always use same position, everyone use same language with commands. If your dog moves from his whoa area, put him back into it, use your command again, repetition, repetition. You can virtually work on all commands on same walk!



Example of "figure 8" w/your rope!

## Intro Whistle

So by now, your dog knows it's name, it knows that come is NOT an option...why not teach him whistle commands and/or hand signals? It's super easy, just start doing it! Rope back on, give verbal, then silent command, reeling on your rope. Decide what your whistle call will be: "one toot", "two toots." If it's two toots for come, then the minute you give verbal command, you start reeling, you blow your whistle twice; repetition will soon tell your dog two toots means here, now! While you have your dogs attention, try using hand signals, you can make up your own, but make sure your dog understands what you want of him. And make sure EVERYONE is on the same page with signals and demands of your dog!

## Ecollar Training

If you want quick results with recall, get yourself a good electric collar. I would recommend one with a paging system. **Now, you can't just slap the collar on your dog and expect results. You have to show/tell them what you are expecting of them and make sure you are reeling them in.** When they are coming with your rope work at 99%, you can know your dog understands what you are asking, and you can now introduce ecollar. Same deal, let the dog out on check cord, ecollar high on neck, rather tightly; give your come command, and reel. Is your dog coming? I give them ONE CHANCE. If I have to say it again, I'll add a tone, or a little reminder correction with ecollar. The second your dog responds and is coming at you, no more ecollar correction, PRAISE! The idea is the dog made "correction" happen, and he can make "it" go away by obeying your command! Results!