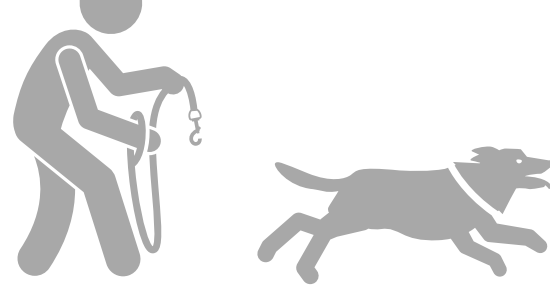


Off Leash Control

It's More than Recall



Skills Required

- Loose Leash Walking (heel)
- Recall to your front or side or middle
- Impulse control around wildlife, people, dogs, smells and kids
- Engagement and focus around distractions
- Strong wait or stay or sit command

“Recall is the cherry on top, self control is the goal.”

Is My Dog Ready For Off Leash?

- Can your dog walk with a loose leash in a new environment?
- Can your dog ignore other people, dogs, animals and smells?
- Can your dog wait at an open door or gate until released?
- Can your dog come to you when it is running for something?

Step 1

Your focus is on creating engagement & neutrality to the environments you plan to walk your dog in. Start establishing loose leash walking on a short leash.

Step 2

Your focus is on starting to introduce obedience in various environments - Down/sit stay, leave it and recall. Continuing to capture neutrality, engagement and build on loose leash walking.

Step 3

Your focus is now on working on a longer leash while continuing obedience, neutrality, loose leash walking and engagement training.

Step 4

Your focus is now on fading the leash. Your dog's responsiveness should be successful 80% of the time before letting them drag the long line. Once they are 90% successful when dragging it in various situations, you are now safe to remove the leash.

Don't Get Leash Guilt!

We understand the desire to enjoy the freedom of off-leash adventures with your dog, but rushing the process of fading the leash and tackling off-leash scenarios before your dog is ready, can set you back significantly. Remember dogs are instinctual animals, you will still need to leash them at times no matter how well trained.

Don't feel guilty about keeping your dog on a long line or leash—we fully support that approach. If you're still struggling with transitioning your dog to off-leash, reach out to us; it's our specialty!