

## Hide & Seek: the name recognition game

**Feng Shui with Fido™ Philosophy:** This is a great game to play that will teach your dog to come to you. Plus, it's a great way for new puppies or new adopted dogs to learn their names. People often get into the bad habit of saying their dog's name over and over to get their attention. Over time your dog can tune you out! Doing so teaches your dog to ignore you when you want him to listen. There are many techniques to teaching your dog to come to you when called. The formal command is taught on a leash. This is an informal, fun way to teach your dog his name and to seek you out and come to you, all at the same time. P.S. Another bad habit that will prevent this game from succeeding is chasing your dog and trying to catch him. Never chase your dog. Play this game instead!

**get:** A treat. Put your dog on a leash.

**use:** Teach your dog to seek you out and come to you from far away. Your dog will begin to seek you out based on hearing you call his name. This is a fun game for the entire family to play.



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**when:** Play hide-and-seek a few times a week. Just remember to have structure and always use two people. One person will hold your dog back while the other person hides. Play this game properly for at least a month. Note: Young dogs will need to play this game for several months with consistency before advancing it.

**where:** Begin playing this game in your house, only. Repetition is needed in a consistent way before graduating this game to be played outside in the yard. Advancing this game too soon by playing it in the yard with distractions will prevent a positive pattern to set in. This takes time. Play the game in the house for a few weeks or a month. Then slowly graduate to the yard. After mastering the game of hide-and-seek in both the house and the yard then eventually play it without a person holding your dog back. Call your dog and he will simply come and sit in front of you waiting for your next direction!



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## How to play:

1. One person holds the dog by his collar. The other person gets a treat and hides.
2. The person hiding calls the dog's name enthusiastically and repeatedly, clapping his or her hands and making a big deal out of the dog's name.
3. The person holding the dog should remain silent and let go of the dog the third time the dog's name is called.
4. The person hiding should continue calling the dog's name in a really happy voice until found.
5. When your dog finds you, stand up. Guide your dog into a "Sit," using a treat. As your dog sits waiting for the treat, draw the treat up close to your eyes. Make eye contact with the dog. Then say, "OK!" and give the pup his treat!

\*The key to hide-and-seek is that you must be out of sight when calling your dog!

**why:** It's really important for this game to have structure. By holding your dog back by his collar while he hears his name creates a drive and impetus to seek out the person who is calling his name. Eventually, your dog won't need to be held back, he will just come when called. Enjoy!



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