

EMERGENCY STOP

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I haven't posted a challenge in a while...so here's an important one! Do you have an "emergency stop" command? Something where your dogs stop, wherever they are, whatever they're doing and wait for further instructions? It's a wonderful thing for safety. Whether you teach "freeze", "halt" or something else...practice often! At least once during every hike, I drop my dogs. (And apparently sound quite silly doing it! I've never listened to my commands recorded!)

And for those of you who want to argue and say "but my dog is never off leash!"... it's even more important! Being able to stop them if they ever escape could be life saving 😊:)

Why not just use a recall? Well - there are times you may not want the dogs to move. What if they got out across a busy street? You certainly don't want to call them back through traffic! What if there was something between them and you, like a snake, that you didn't want them to come near? Plenty of reasons to freeze your dog in place. 😊:)

<https://youtu.be/5K78Xp87m8k>