



Dog training essentials when visiting the Humber Estuary



Recall and stays

- Carry lots of treats in your pocket or bag.
- Always reward your dog when it comes to you.
- Use a long lead first. When you are confident, use a long trailing lead.
- Recall, reward and release often without pulling on the lead.
- Asking your dog to “stay” is also a really useful command. It helps to control whilst around other animals. You can also sit in peace if your dog can stay.

Safety

- The Humber has the second largest tidal range in the UK and consequently the tides can be quite dangerous and come in quickly. Check tide timetables before you go for a walk e.g. [UK Hydrographic Office](#).
- Dead animals, pools and litter on the shore can be dangerous, sharp or harbour disease. “Leave it” is a useful command to stop your dog from investigating dangerous areas.
- Take some fresh water with you for your dog to help encourage it not to drink from pools.
- Clean up after your dog – bag it and bin it.
- Follow signs – this will protect you and your dog from hazardous areas.
- Always carry a mobile phone with you in case of emergency. The recognised distress signal if you do not have a phone is six blasts on a whistle or six flashes of a light followed by a minutes pause and repeated until you get a response.
- Be aware that you are required by law to have your name and address inscribed on your dog’s collar if you are in a public space and by April 2016 it is a legal obligation for your dog to be micro-chipped.

Walking on a lead

- Remember to reward for not pulling.
- Try to walk with a slack lead.
- If your dog is pulling, bring it back to you and put a loop in the lead.
- Stopping until the dog stops pulling can work.
- Frequently about turning and going in the other direction will put the dog off pulling.
- Be patient and insistent. It will take time to train.

About Humber Hounds

Humber Hounds aims to help you and your dog enjoy the Humber Estuary whilst helping to protect this special area and its wildlife. **Membership is free** and those who sign up will receive a goody pack and invitations to special events. All we ask is that you follow the [Doggy Do Code](#).

For more information see our website

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