

Tricks 4 Treats



Pet Dog Training & Fun Agility

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Hello,

Thank you for your enquiry regarding our Novice Pet Dog Training Course.

Classes are held weekly at the Creekmoor Community Centre, running for 1 hour per week over an 8-week period. We accept dogs of all ages; young puppies and older dogs should be fully vaccinated before joining the club, this can be in the form of veterinary vaccinations, or homeopathic nosodes.

All owners must be prepared to sign a declaration of responsibility for their dogs whilst attending classes.

Though classes comprise of puppies and older dogs, every care is taken to introduce puppies slowly, and sensitively.

The course covers eight weekly sessions in basic, domestic training and covers such modules as:

- Walking well on a lead
- Coming back when called
- Control at doorways (to encourage good manners)
- Jumping up, food control, domestic manners
- An emergency 'Wait' for safety will also be explained
- Learning about dog ownership, care, management and your obligation by law
- Simple games and tricks to amuse your dog (and children!!)

Training will commence on your first night, but also cover an insight into the weeks ahead. Please bear in mind that on the first session all dogs will be very excited, we do not expect a lot from them, so we will start off by getting to know each other. The eighth week will be a fun evening, covering various exercises, and of course your dog will receive his/her certificate of achievement!

Should you for any reason (i.e., bitch in season, injury etc) be unable to complete the course, or miss a week or two, we may be able to offer you a place on another course to cover those you have missed.

Tricks 4 Treats training instructors have been assessed and approved by The Association of Pet Dog Trainers. We train to a strict code of practise. This code ensures that you receive modern, kind, fair and effective ways of training your dog. To read the code of practise and obtain further information about the APDT please visit their website: <http://www.apdt.co.uk>

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There are many training establishments in the area, whether you choose to bring your dog to our classes or go elsewhere, please ensure that you place your trust in the hands of a qualified training instructor/behaviourist, don't be afraid to ask what the trainers qualifications are.

Should you wish to join us in class, please note that we will have available for you to peruse, all documentation showing our relevant qualifications.

In order that everyone attending classes receive adequate training, numbers are restricted to a maximum of 8 per course.

We **DO NOT** accept choke/check chains, electric shock collars or prong collars in our classes. We also **DO NOT** allow retractable/extendable/flexi leads, as problems can arise from dogs 'running' into others causing unfair distraction and possible injury. Slip leads are also unacceptable due to their 'choking' action. A normal fabric lead of around 4 foot would be ideal. It is also unadvisable to use a chain lead in the class environment due to the nature of how we train you to walk your dogs' effectively on their leads.

We are a reward-based training school; therefore tasty treats are a must for all classes. If your dog doesn't work for food please bring a favourite toy for motivation.

We welcome children of all ages into class, but must insist that unless the child is handling the dog and carrying out the exercises during the classes, that all children **remain** seated, this will ensure that the dogs do not become disrupted and over excited during training. We also prefer to have one person training your dog at any one time during exercises; this reduces distraction to other dogs and allows your dog to listen to commands presented by one person, saving possible confusion.

If you would like to enrol on a course, please complete the enclosed booking form and declaration, select your chosen method of payment and return, enclosing your cheque (if applicable) made payable to: 'Tricks 4 Treats', to the address below.

Please also ensure that should you decide to sign up to this course and are unable to attend any weeks for any reason, we would very much appreciate it if you could contact us and let us know you will not be attending. This will help to keep the classes running as smoothly as possible. We run many classes back to back and like to keep them punctual.

The cost of the eight-week novice course is £65.00. We are unable to accept bookings without the full payment, and due to only accepting 8 dogs into each course we accept booking forms on a first come first served basis.

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Refunds will not be issued if cancellation is requested 2 weeks prior to your course commencing, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Any potential cancellation will be discussed with you before a decision is made. If your place can be filled at the time of your request, we will refund the course fee in full.

Each week we will have for sale a selection of toys, treats, interactive games, head collars, body harnesses and leads, plus much more. Should you wish to purchase any this can be done at the end of each session. In addition to this we also run an online store where you can purchase what we sell in class along with further products that may be of interest. Please take a look here: <http://www.yourdogsneeds.co.uk>

Thank you for your interest in the 'Tricks 4 Treats' training course, we hope to meet you soon.

Yours sincerely

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Novice Training Course Booking Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____ Tel: _____ Mobile _____

Email: _____

Dogs Name: _____ Dogs Age/D.O.B: _____

Neutered: _____ If so, when? _____

Breed/ Crossbreed (**Please Specify**): _____ Sex: M/F

Where did you purchase your dog? Please state, breeder, rescue, privately rehomed etc

How long have you owned your dog? _____

What do you feed your dog and when? **Please state brand/s** _____

Does your dog have any allergies? (Please state) _____

Does your dog have any medical history we need to be aware of? If so, please provide further details _____

Veterinary Practice: _____

Have you undertaken any 'professional' training to date? If yes, please provide further details _____

If you have a specific problem you feel you need special assistance with, please include details here: _____

Course Preference (Date & Time): _____

How did you hear about Tricks 4 Treats? _____

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Would you like to receive information about Tricks 4 Treats or Your Dogs Needs (Online Store) via email? _____

Declaration

I understand that my dog must be on a lead (unless under instruction) and under my control at all times, including during training and whilst entering and leaving the training premises.

I understand that the following is NOT accepted or tolerated in any Tricks 4 Treats training classes:

- NO choke/check chains, prong/pinch collars/electric shock collars
- NO retractable/flexi/extendable/slip Leads
- NO aversion 'tool', such as rattle cans, water sprays, correction sprays, rolled up newspapers etc
- NO harsh handling of any kind
- NO physical punishment of any kind

Enclosed is a *cheque/cash for £65.00 made payable to 'Tricks 4 Treats'

Print Name: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

*Delete as appropriate