



Tricks 4 Treats

Pet Dog & Fun Agility Training



Novice Course Information

Tricks 4 Treats is made up of a team of dedicated and passionate instructors. Jo & Paul are members of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers UK. Jo is also a member of the Pet Professional Guild British Isles (PPGBI). Each of these memberships requires us to adhere to strict codes of conduct, to ensure that we meet particular criteria, only offering force free and modern training and behaviour advice and encourage progressive learning through science. We promote positive reinforcement every step of the way.

Group 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 us, this can be in the form of homeopathic nosodes or veterinary vaccinations.

This course is designed to take in all relevant 'life skills', to encourage and progress through fun and positively reinforced training methods. Over the 8 weeks we will include:

- Loose Lead Walking
- Coming back when called (recall)
- Leave & Take
- Wait & Stay
- Jumping up & general manners
- Learning about dog ownership, grooming, care and management and owners legal obligations.
- Fun tricks to aid motivation, stimulation and further bonding.

We will commence training on your first week, but this is carried out in a low key manner. Each dog is new to our environment and this can create an excitable or uncertain mind. We aim to only offer a welcoming and fun environment for all dogs. This time and space will enable all dogs' to observe their environment prior to asking them to learn in it. This works very well and of course, you will have our team on hand to assist, as and when required.

Weeks 1-7 are structured and progressive, which ensures that what we teach is fully understood and can be taken away in to your reality. Week 8 is a more relaxed and fun evening, taking in all that we've learnt over the previous weeks, but slightly different. Each participant will receive their certificate of achievement.

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We use food rewards in our classes, as this works very well for all dogs'. It is very important that you bring **very tasty** food rewards with you each week. Please **DO NOT** bring your dogs' daily diet, this will not be exciting or smelly enough for them to respond to in a distracting environment, as ours will be. We will always have very tasty options should you run out or your dog needs further motivation. Please also bear in mind that our dogs' choose their rewards, we need to work through to discover which ones work the best. Cheese, chicken, sausages etc, all work really well.

In order that everyone attending classes receive adequate training, behaviour advice and support, numbers are restricted to a maximum of 6 dogs' per course. The number of humans attending is not restricted; in fact we encourage family members to attend in order to receive first hand experience and knowledge. We ask that dogs' are able to learn via one person per exercise. You are most welcome to swap out so everyone gains from their time with us. The need to reduce the chance of confusion on your dogs' part is very necessary.

Children are most welcome to join us and join in. However, for insurance and safety reasons, we cannot accept children under 7 years to carry out handling. Some exercises will require an adults strength and mind, but we can work this out as we go.

We **DO NOT** accept females in season as they can have a massive impact on male dogs' and indeed other females in class, aswell as not being entirely themselves. If you choose to have your dog neutered during your course please be aware that we will **NOT** accept them back in to training until they are free of stitches and they have been cleared by your veterinary surgeon. We do not wish for your dog to experience any ill effects from undergoing potentially invasive surgery. Both males and females will miss 2 weeks training, you will require veterinary clearing beyond this time. We would advise that you wait until your course has finished so that you do not miss out on what you had paid for. If in any doubt please do ask, we can advise. We also **DO NOT** accept dogs' that are known to be carrying Kennel Cough viruses, or dogs' that have experienced upset stomachs that result in vomiting and/or diarrhoea. This is to ensure that such conditions are not spread to other dogs' at any time during your training with us. In addition to this, dogs' that may be suffering with any medically related condition should be fully recovered before returning to training. If in any doubt, please contact us as soon as possible.

Please ensure that you make yourself fully aware of the declaration section of our booking form, this is relevant to your training with us.

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An adjustable training lead of around 2m is ideal for training, as they are adaptable per exercise. It is inadvisable to use a chain lead in the class environment due to the nature of how we train you to walk your dogs' effectively on a loose lead. A flat leather/fabric buckle or quick release collar would be perfect, with a suitable and legally required dog tag attached. We highly recommend the use of body harnesses, generally, as they are a better option all round for safety and comfort, we can assist if you are interested.

The cost of the 8 week Novice Course is £80.00. **We are unable to accept bookings without full payment, and due to only accepting 6 dogs into each course we accept booking forms on a first come first served basis.** Upon receipt of your fully completed and signed form and full course fee, written confirmation will be sent out to you with all relevant details included.

If you would like to enrol on one of our Novice Courses, 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 shown at the foot of all correspondence. **PLEASE NOTE:** If your chosen course commences within 7 days of you completing your booking, we will not accept cheque payments, all course fees must be cleared funds prior to week one commencing.

Each week we will have for sale a selection of toys, food rewards, interactive games, body harnesses and leads, plus much more. Should you wish to purchase anything this can be done at the end of each week. 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>

There are many training establishments in our 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 an approved & experienced training instructor/behaviourist, do not be afraid to ask what the instructors' qualifications and/or professional accomplishments are.

Should you wish to join us on this course please note that we will have available for you to peruse, all documentation showing our relevant approved status and qualifications.

We hope to meet you soon.

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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: Male/Female _____

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 known allergies? **Please state** _____

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

Registered Veterinary Practice: _____

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

Please state if your dog shows any signs of fear, nervousness, extreme excitement, excessive barking, low tolerance towards dogs' and/or people or any other behavioural issue - Please Note that full assistance for any behaviour problem is available. Please use a separate sheet of paper if necessary: _____

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Course Preference (Date & Time: _____)

How did you hear about Tricks 4 Treats? _____

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

Payment

Please **tick** (and where relevant, date) your chosen method of payment from one of the following:

- Enclosed £80.00 cash
- Enclosed a cheque for £80.00 (made payable to 'Tricks 4 Treats')
- Made a direct bank transfer of £80.00 (BACS) (Please use your full name as reference against your payment):
 - Account Name: Tricks 4 Treats
 - Account Number: 41476023
 - Sort Code: 09-06-66
- Card payment via debit or credit card (VISA, Mastercard, Maestro accepted)
 - Upon receipt of your completed booking form we will call you to take payment of £80.00
- I have made a card payment of £80.00 via the telephone on: Date _____

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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 I am expected to clear up after my dog and dispose of any matter appropriately in the outside bins provided.

I understand that a refund **will not** be issued if cancellation is requested 2 weeks prior to my course commencing, unless under exceptional circumstances. Any potential cancellation will be discussed before a decision is made. If my place can be filled at the time of my request, a full refund will be issued.

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** sound or remotely activated collars of any kind
- **NO** retractable/flexi/extendable/slip Leads
- **NO** aversive '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

I have read and fully accept the terms and conditions set out by Tricks 4 Treats and agree to meet the terms of their policies at all times.

Print Name: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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