

Why choose Dogs Naturally?

Firstly our classes have limited numbers; there is a maximum of 8 to 10 dogs in each class. We have one main trainer per class, along with at least 2 assistant trainers so we can give you a much more one to one help when you need it.

As we are a training school, WE ARE DIFFERENT! Our aims are to provide not just the boring routine of most training classes but to provide you and your dog with so much more. All of our training will be of a practical nature, all the kind of things that we need in every day life. Like waiting in the car when you open the door, not shoving you out of the way when you go through a door, sitting to have leads and collars on etc. Of course, essential training will be a part of it such as learning to come when called, down, stay, walking beside you on a loose lead and so on.

- Would you like to learn more about how dogs think?
- How we can understand our dogs and to communicate with them?
- Would you like to know how your dog's behaviour is affected by his diet, and how to change both his behaviour and diet?

If the answer to any of this is yes, we are the training school for you.

At Dogs Naturally you won't find any choke chains, there is no shouting, manhandling or bullying your dog. We teach our dogs with the modern, highly effective method of "clicker training". We would be happy to explain more about this method on the phone, or come and see us at training in order to see it in action. Most of all we want you both to come and enjoy your learning with us! Smiley faces and waggy tails are what we want to see!

Got lots of problems? No Problem. We can help you sort them out. We have practical help in dealing with over excitement with visitors, destructive and howling dogs whilst you are out, and so on.

We run courses rather than people just turning up and joining in whenever. Why? You all start at the same point and learn at the same pace and there is much less class disruption. You also learn more in a structured way and can go on to the next level if you would like to.

We run a puppy class for those dogs aged approx 12 wks to 5 months and a junior class for all dogs over this age, and when required, we run a pre-puppy class for all little pups age 8-14 wks who may have yet to complete their jabs. We use a proven veterinary grade disinfectant before and after the pre-puppy class to reduce any risk of disease. We can give you more details on this class, and how diseases are transferred in young puppies on request.

We specialise in nervous or fearful dogs – some breeds are nervous, some dogs have had little socialisation, some may have been kennel bred with no experience of the outside human world and others have had bad experiences that teach them to be wary and afraid. We use a method similar to that used in solving human phobia problems, which although it can take a while is highly successful and much more effective than just expecting your dog to get over it! Continuing to force your dog to cope with something he is afraid of often ingrains the fear more deeply and can lead to aggressive behaviour.



We are also experienced in dealing with rescue dogs that may have an unknown history. Often solving their problems can be more complex since you may not know what caused the behaviour in the first place. Clicker training is very effective with rescue dogs as they rapidly build a relationship with you through their training and you don't have to try to man-handle them since clicker training requires them to think their behaviour through.

We run a wide variety of follow on courses once you have attended your first course with us. We run a class for 'Unruly Beasts' where class numbers are small and allow us to really concentrate on helping you problem solve any issues you have, as well as other more advanced classes which are topic based e.g. building self control, dog walking skills, social skills etc which include content from the Kennel Club Good Citizen courses. We then have a top class to really challenge you and your dog – the sky is the limit!

If you want to do serious obedience you can come and learn our methods but we don't teach obedience. However, once you have learnt how to use the clicker you can take these methods and use it to teach your dog competition obedience skills. We are a training school for pet dogs and their owners. We can also give you advice on showing your dog using clicker training methods.

Information about the course

We encourage you to come and watch our classes – this gives you the opportunity to chat to one of the trainers, observe how clicker training actually works and the ability to speak to handlers in the class to get their thoughts on the training.

Before your first lesson we run a free Open evening. The purpose of this is to introduce you to us and how we train, so that when we start the following week we can get training without further explanation. The date for the next Open Evening will be given on the email this pack is attached to. We strongly advise you attend this session as it contains important, relevant information to your training, and you will be at a disadvantage if you do not come. **You do not need to bring your dog on this evening as it is a people evening only!** Please note, that the final date for applications is the day before the Open evening; if you come on the Open evening without sending us your application we cannot guarantee you a place.

Should you wish to enrol with us, you **MUST** send your application form and cheque (made payable to Anne Goldsack) back to **us as soon as possible** so that we can guarantee you a place on the next available course. We get hugely over subscribed for each course, so it is important to get your form and cheque in ASAP to avoid disappointment. Your cheque holds you a **non-refundable** place on the course – however, if you are unable to attend this course, we will try to arrange for you to change to the next course.

If you would like a written confirmation for your course place, please enclosed an SAE with your application. Alternatively you can email us on info@dogsnaturally.com and we will send you a confirmation email.

If you have any questions, please call us on 01304 612164 or if you have internet access please look at our web site on www.dogsnaturally.com

Regards Anne, Tamzin & Amanda

