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CALM YOUR FARM Workshop Series

Questions and Answers:

My dog isn't aggressive, just too friendly – will I benefit?

This course series is designed for anyone wanting to regain control on their walks. Your dog doesn't have to be labelled as 'not liking other dogs' and often over-excitement is presented in the same way. Perhaps your dog just drops and plants on the ground and refuses to continue until AFTER they have met the other dog! If you are not sure, please feel free to contact us directly and ask.

My dog is on medication for anxiety? Will this be too much for them?

We work with many dogs who are prescribed medication for anxiety around other dogs and these are the dogs we have thought of while designing the course! We will be able to help you use the class to the fullest and not push your dog over threshold. If you are unsure, then please speak with us first. Ideally, your dog needs to be able to learn and be comfortable taking food when out of the home. We would recommend that your dog is at a therapeutic level with their medication and not still having adjustments made by your treating veterinarian.

I am scared that my dog in a group class will be too noisy?

This course has taken many years for us to design and thought has gone into making it comfortable for all. Part of the reason the course is designed in this fashion is to help you and your dog to acclimatize to the environment before joining a group class, as well as allowing us to give you the skills before all of the dogs are in the same space at once. In addition, the training space will be set up differently than a normal class, allowing your dog and yourself a safe space so that we can set everyone up for success!

I have already done training with a trainer before. Can't I just come to the group class?

No. This course has been designed from over 20 years of experience working with private clients, shelter dogs and highly anxious dogs. If your dog came into just the class then all the prior learning from previous lessons are not there, along with the preparation for your dog to be most comfortable in the class. Even if you have learnt some of these skills with your previous trainer, we can extend that knowledge and training skillset that is relevant for you and your dog. In addition, revisiting foundations is always a benefit for any dog and handler team!

I have to miss a week of class due to another commitment, will there be a makeup session?

This classroom series is one of its kind and therefore no make-ups will be possible. Whilst it will be fine to miss a week, we strongly encourage you to attend all to get the most out of it. During certain weeks there will be private lessons segregated throughout. Therefore we will do our best to accommodate your schedule during these timeslots.

What if we sign up and the group classes will still be too much for my dog? I don't want to make them worse!

If you are unsure, please talk to us first. We are confident that the classes and sessions are set in a way to help you progress enough to build confidence to enter a group class. Our group class will also be set up to allow all dogs a safe space to learn in their own capability. However, if we feel that a dog will NOT be suited for the group class, then we will arrange and discuss an alternative learning platform for you and your dog, while still putting into practice all the skills and information learnt in these series.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12:30pm – 2:30pm each week (Saturday afternoon)

This series will run as follows:

Week #1 - 05/10/2024 : 12.30pm - 2.30pm - Information seminar [no dogs]

You will attend an allocated individual 30 minute one-on-one session **with your dog** on either **Week #2** - 12/10/2024 between 12.30pm - 2.30pm **OR** on **Week #3** - 19/10/2024 between 12.30pm - 2.30pm.

Week #4 - 26/10/2024 : 12.30pm - 2.30pm - Information seminar [selected demo dogs]

You will attend an allocated individual 30 minute one-on-one session **with your dog** on either **Week #5** - 9/11/2024 between 12.30pm - 2.30pm **OR** on **Week #6** - 16/11/2024 between 12.30pm - 2.30pm.

Week #7 - 23/11/2024 : 12.30pm - 2.30pm - Information seminar [selected demo dogs]

Week #8 - 30/11/2024 : 12.30pm - Group class [**with your dog**]

Week #9 - 07/12/2024 : 12.30pm - Group class [**with your dog**]

Week #10 - 14/12/2024 : 12.30pm - Group class [**with your dog**]

Week #11 - 21/12/2024 : 12.30pm - Group class [**with your dog**]