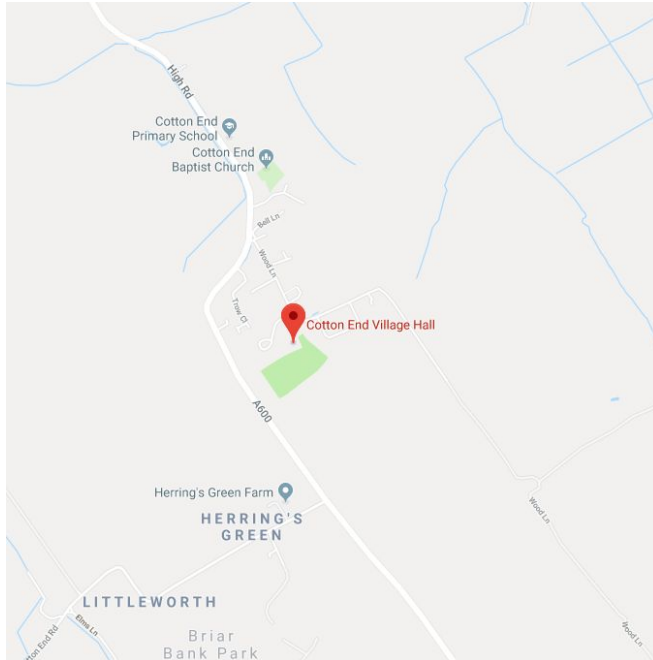




Summers Sessions, Loose Lead Walking: July 31st 2018



Location:

Cotton End Village Hall, The Playing Fields,
Cotton End, Bedford MK45 3AU

Time:

The workshop will run from 09:30-12:30.
Tea/coffee will be available on arrival / at breaks.

09:30-09:40 (10 mins): Registration / introductions
09:40-10:25 (45 mins): Session 1 - Equipment / Getting focus / Reward placement and timing
10:25-10:40 (15 mins): Break
10:40-11:25 (45 mins): Session 2 - Pace; Fun loose lead walking exercises; traditional heelwork.
11:30-11:45 (15 mins): Break
11:45-12:30 (45 mins): Session 3 - Building difficulty (distance & distractions); fading out treats.

Equipment:

1. Your dog will need to wear a well fitted flat collar or harness, and arrive on a normal flat lead. Choke/check chains are **not** to be worn. If your dog currently uses a Halti/Gencon head collar or a tightening harness (Lupi style) bring them as normal but also bring a 'normal' lead.
2. You will need to bring **lots** of treats such as hot dogs, cheese, chicken, small tidbits, dried sprats - anything your dog loves. Ideally in a treat pouch (I have a couple that can be borrowed).
3. Your dog's favourite toy(s). I do have a great toy box, but generating a good toy drive in advance will set you up to succeed (if they're not that interested in toys, see <http://www.denisepricedoginstructor.co.uk/dp-dog-blog/the-triangle-of-play> for advice on play).
4. Wet weather clothing - the workshop will have both indoor and outdoor elements, whatever the weather!

Dog Suitability:

The workshop is suitable for Young or Adult dogs (> approx 8 months). Younger dogs/puppies may find a whole morning training a little tiring, so if your dog is younger than 8 months get in touch to discuss. Any breed of dog is welcome, large or small. Dogs that pull on the lead, are a little over-exuberant at greeting other dogs/people, a little "yappy", are all welcome ... on this workshop we'd expect such things! However, do note that there will be a maximum of 6 dogs in the workshop. Therefore, if your dog is anxious in the presence of other dogs, or has been aggressive or lunged at other dogs (either through fear or assertiveness), then they may benefit from some 1-2-1 training to prepare them for attending a group setting. Also bear in mind that excessive barking would be disruptive, so if you are worried your dog might be too vocal please do contact Denise (spectator spaces are also available @ £15).



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Course Content

This workshop is designed to develop your dog's loose lead walking skills to ensure they are comfortably walking next to you, even in the vicinity of dogs/people/picnics/distractions ... anything that looks like fun.

If your dog has been pulling on the lead for many months or years, do bear in mind that the training you receive will be something that will need to be practised many times once you leave the workshop. With sufficient understanding of the key concepts, repetition, and patience on your part, most dogs can learn a to walk nicely on the lead in most situations. The workshop may change your view of the walk somewhat, hopefully taking the pressure off of you and helping prevent frustration and exasperation at both ends of the lead!

The methodology used is primarily Positive Reinforcement (+R), which means rewarding behaviour you do want in a positive way. Aversives are avoided (no Pet Corrector, sprays, training discs) - there is usually a practical way to teach & reward your dog for doing something as an alternative, so punishment can be avoided with some thought.

No prior knowledge is assumed. If your dog has a solid Sit/Stay, great. If not, don't worry we can work with that. I am well used to working with the dogs in front of me, and can adapt exercises to suit dogs of all abilities.

To book:

If you would like to book on please email denise@denisepricedoginstructor.co.uk with your dog's name, age & breed, and any health/behavioural information you need to disclose, and your mobile telephone number. To secure your place, you will need to make payment in full in advance - the price is £35 for the workshop. The course fee is non-refundable unless your place can be resold (which I would make every attempt to do), subject to a £10 admin fee. Payment details on request.

Kind Regards,
Denise Price.

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