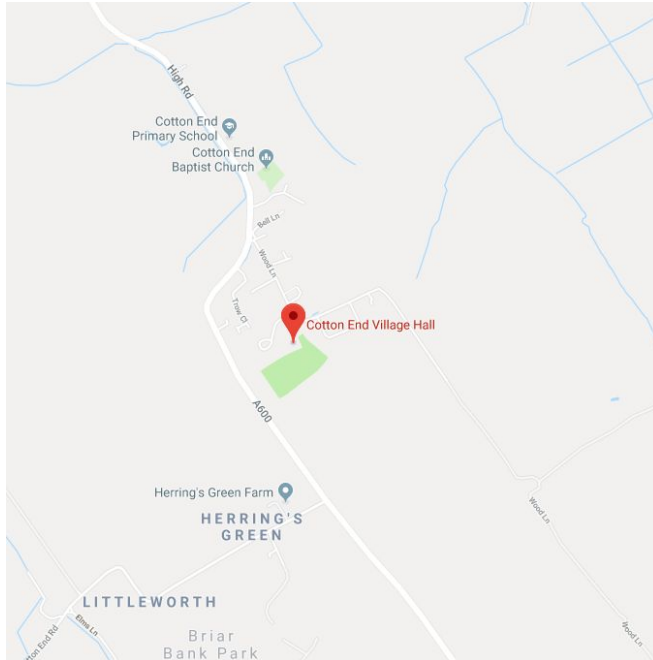




Summer Sessions, Recall: August 7th 2018



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 - Cue
Conditioning / Rewards / Working with Long Lines
10:25-10:40 (15 mins): Break
10:40-11:25 (45 mins): Session 2 - Fun recall
games; Traditional recall.
11:30-11:45 (15 mins): Break
11:45-12:30 (45 mins): Session 3 - Building
difficulty (distance & distractions); what to do if
recall fails.

Equipment:

1. Your dog will need to wear a well fitted **harness**, and arrive on a normal flat lead.
2. Whistles will be required (Acme 210.5 whistles are my favourite, but any are fine apart from the silent ones ... I just don't trust them! I will have a few available for purchase on the day @ £8)
3. Long lines will be provided; if you have your own do bring it.
4. 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).
5. 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).
6. Wet weather clothing - the workshop will have both indoor and outdoor elements, whatever the weather!

Dog Suitability:

The workshop is suitable for Adult dogs (> approx 12 months). 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. 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 essential recall skills to ensure they are reliable when you call them back to you, even in the vicinity of dogs/people/picnics/distractions ... anything that looks like fun. Recall is something that will need to be practised many times once you leave the workshop, but with sufficient understanding of the key concepts and repetition, most dogs can learn a solid recall in most situations. I will say right from the outset, though, that dogs are animals and as such there can be **no such thing at 100% recall** - but we can get close, and we can understand what motivates our dogs so that we are prepared to control and manage them appropriately where we think they might struggle. I email a full lesson plan to students after the workshop so you will be able to keep up with your homework!

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 around 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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