



Summer Sessions, Trick Training: August 14th 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 - Clicker training, reward timing & placement, recording & measuring your criteria, **taking breaks**

10:30-10:50 (20 mins): trick 1

10:50-11:10 (20 mins): trick 2

11:10-11:30 (20 mins): trick 3; sequencing tricks

11:30-11:50 (20 mins): trick 4

11:50-12:10 (20 mins): trick 5

12:10-12:30 (20 mins): show and tell !

Equipment:

1. Your dog!
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. Clicker (I have plenty of spare ones).

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 is a fun workshop where you will teach your dog up to 5 tricks. Trick training is a fantastic way to bond with your dog, and there are usually practical applications that we can find to use the tricks for (e.g., “Peek-a-boo” can help get your dog adopt a ‘safe place’ between your legs).

This is the list of tricks you can choose from:

Paw	Hoop Jump	Target Stick	Chin target / selfie	Leave It
Pad (other paw)	Look Sad	Beg	Hold It	Send Away
Spin	Peek-a-boo	Send Around	On Your Mat	Leg Weaving
Spin	Paws Up	Rollover	Wave	Get Your Lead
Press Ups	Take a Bow	Walk backwards	Cross Paws	Crawl

When you are booking, pick your top 5 from the list. I will make sure everyone gets to do at least one of their favourites. If your dog already can do some, let me know. It could be that you wish to add finesse to them, or skip them. Also, if your dog has any physical limitations that make particular tricks uncomfortable, do let me know. If there is a trick you’d like to learn that isn’t listed, then also let me know!

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 should always be avoided, and there is certainly no place for it in a fun session like this!

No prior knowledge is assumed. If you can already clicker train, fantastic! However, if you can’t then this is an ideal time to learn - I avoided clicker training for years because I am rather uncoordinated! However, one trainer said to me “you can drive a car, can’t you? Then you can definitely click a clicker!” and I gave it a go ... and now I am getting on just fine with it. So if my clunky clumsy fingers can do it, you’ll soon catch on! If your dog has a solid Sit/Down, 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, the tricks you’d like to learn, 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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