

KARMA DOG TRAINING SCHOOL
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New web site: - www.karmadogtraining.co.uk

Welcome to the very first newsletter for the dog training school. My name is Mal Woolger and I come to the Improvers classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays with my Yorkshire Terrier 'Magic'.

The aim of the newsletter is to promote the profile, locally and nationally, of the training school and to spread the word of the benefits to both dog and owner when they attend KARMA DOG TRAINING SCHOOL.

I envisage producing a newsletter by-monthly. I do hope you enjoy the format and features. Feedback and suggestions from you will be most welcome.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

CLASSES. TUESDAYS 7.00pm - 8.00pm Puppy Class - Beaumont
8.00pm – 9.00pm Improvers - Beaumont

WEDNESDAYS 8.00pm – 9.00pm – Great Holland

THURSDAYS 6.30pm – 7.30pm – Improvers – Beaumont
7.30pm – 8.30pm – Advanced – Beaumont

Fees Currently: - 8 week Puppy Class (Forty Pounds) – Spectator Twenty pounds for the course. From July 2007 Puppy Course £45.00.

Improvers and Advanced (Four Pounds per hour)

Spectator Two pounds.

Home visit fees discussed on an individual basis.

At the time of writing 5-10 dogs and owners attend each class.

Please note that with effect from 1st June 2007 the fees for the Improvers and Advanced Classes will rise by 25 pence to £4.25p per hour with the spectator fee rising to £2.25p. £1.50 reduction applies if you bring two dogs to class, e.g £7.00p for two dogs. This increase has been kept to the absolute minimum.

THE INSTRUCTORS.

Claudine Tisbury, HNC in Canine Behaviour and Training; Qualified Judge (Open Dog Shows); Qualified Dog Groomer; HND in Sports Therapy; 7307 Education Certificate; D32 and D33 NVQ Assessor Award; RSA Fitness Instructor; Reiki Healer Part 1.

Claudine currently owns 3 dogs:- Jake 10yrs Border Collie, Charlie (Rescue dog) 4yrs Welsh Working Collie and Paddy (Rescue dog) 2yrs Border Collie.

Claudine does most of the home visits for Karma.

Claudine runs aerobic and fitness classes as well as holding the dog training classes.

She has always had dogs in her life and spent many hours training her own dogs before the training school was set up. She is particularly proud of the fact that this April Paddy won Third Place in Obedience at his first show. Paddy was labelled as aggressive before Claudine rescued him.

She continues to enter Obedience Classes at Dog Shows.

Jane Nettleton: - HNC in Canine Behaviour and Training, Certificate in Obedience Training, Qualified Judge at Dog Shows, Qualified Dog Groomer, Reiki Healer Part 1.

Jane currently owns two dogs:- Alfie 3yrs Working Sheep Dog, Tilly 8yrs Lurcher. Earlier this year, with great sadness, she lost Skye, her lovely Bearded Collie who was 13yrs old.

Jane started training her own dogs in 1982. In 1987 Jane assisted with dog training at Clacton District Dog Training School. She has run a workshop on working with Bearded Collies for Obedience.

Jane also enters Obedience Classes at Dog Shows.

Jane does work full time.

They both work closely with the RSPCA and Claudine is involved with their Waifs Re-homing Scheme, which endeavours to keep dogs in their current home until a suitable replacement home is found.

Both Jane and Claudine specialise in dealing with aggressive dogs, which is an area of dog training that very few trainers will undertake.

HISTORY OF KARMA.

Claudine has run aerobic and fitness classes for some years now. In 2000 Jane was attending a fitness class and they became friends and found out that they had the same passion for dog training. In 2001 Karma was founded.

Between them they have 50 yrs experience of dog training. The style of training is based on calm and gentle methods. The training is varied and fun. It includes obedience training, some agility training, heelwork to music and much more. It is geared to the individual dog and owner.

Both Jane and Claudine have an incredible understanding of dog behaviour and the body language of the dog. Of course we must all accept that the main problems dogs encounter is the inappropriate responses we owners exhibit.

Karma offers awards under the Kennel Club Good Citizen Award Scheme. The awards are graded Puppy Award, Bronze, Silver and Gold. An independent Kennel Club approved judge judges Bronze Silver and Gold awards. The awards are not given lightly. However, all of them are achievable via the training given at Karma.

Jean Chapman (Janes' mother) is now an important member of the Karma team as she collects the fees and records the attendance at each class.

Each year the Training School gives displays at Local Fetes. It is hoped that this aspect of Karma could be expanded.

THE SPIRIT OF THE DOG REHABILITATION FUND.

Now I have your attention, what on earth is this all about? Well out there are dogs that have major behavioural problems and who find life too stressful. Some of these dogs have come to the end of the line with nowhere to go for the help they need. No facility to go to, no organisation able to assist. Jane and Claudine firmly believe that they could rehabilitate these dogs. They are in the process of setting up a charity, which is not a simple exercise by any means, in the above name. The long-term aim is to be able to purchase ground and premises to facilitate the dogs and to rehabilitate them. The short-term aim is to raise five thousand pounds, a formidable sum, but to enable them to register as a charity that amount has to be raised. Now each journey has to start somewhere, and we have just started. I have agreed to be treasurer and at the time of writing we already have over £250.00p.in donations. Any help you can give in fund raising would truly go to a worthy and much neglected cause.

We have already had many ideas for fundraising such as raffles, sponsored dog walk, our own car boot sale, expanding the display team to attend more local functions. Of course all these things will take time.

I would like to leave a box at each class for donations, but please do not feel obliged to use it each lesson.

I will start a raffle next week to cover all classes; I will get that drawn on the last Thursday of each month. I hope to have dog related prizes. I hope to do a raffle once a month.

I do not see that fund raising for Spirit of the Dog should fall on just the shoulders of those attending classes.

I have a dear friend who is blind and she has a gorgeous Golden Retriever Guide Dog (Cane), she is willing to come along at a coffee morning and give a talk. Believe me she and her dog are remarkable so it should make for an interesting and amusing meeting.

Jane is going to try to get a feature in the 'Dogs Today' magazine, on their 'Can You Help' page. Let us hope she is successful.

I have agreed to do car boots for the fund and I hope to do our first one during the Spring Bank Holiday Weekend at the end of this month.

We are planning a quiz night for later in the year. So please start to think about raising a team.

As you know every penny will count.

The funds will be held in a Bank/Building Society Account and properly audited.

No one is going to ask you for money, however if you want to give any that would be wonderful. But could you donate any unwanted items that you may have. I can sell anything at a car boot sale from old rusty tools to good condition children's clothes, bric a brac, books, videos, small items of furniture and jewellery. The list is endless. Please do not think something is no good, as I assure you, what you may consider rubbish, someone else will value.

I will collect items or you could bring them to class. If I am not there Jane and Claudine will keep them for me. My mobile no is: - 07933 792714.

Even the RSPCA are going donate items for us to sell.

For the first time, this year, we are going to go round with buckets at the displays we give.

These are just some of the ideas. If any of you have any other suggestions then we would love to hear from you.

I will give regular updates about the fund through the newsletter.

I do hope that you feel as passionate as I do about this cause and that you will support Jane and Claudine in whatever way you can, no matter what it is.

ACHIEVEMENTS.

Congratulations to the following:-

Suzanne and Mischief her Bearded Collie who came 10th out of approx. 150 in Agility at a recent show.

Hannah and Milly her Border Collie who came 6th in an Obedience Class at Brampton Dog Show. (29/4/07)

Claudine and Charlie her Welsh Working Collie who came 3rd in an Obedience Class at Brampton Dog Show. (29/4/07)

Mandy and Cassy her Flat Coated Retriever for completing a double retrieve at a recent Gun Dog Show.

Mal and Magic her Yorkshire Terrier who won 4th Place in Beginners Obedience and 1st Place for small breed (out of approx 50) in his first show at Brampton Dog Show. (29/4/07)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

9th June. Great Oakley School Fete.

Karma Dog Training Display Team has been invited to open the fete at 2pm.

23RD JUNE Karma Dog Training School display at TENDRING PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE. The display will include Obedience, heelwork, heelwork to music, retrieve. Jane and Claudine invite dogs and owners onto the team and intense work starts 2/3 weeks before the date. The team will be in black T-shirts this year. Come along and rattle a bucket! Applaud and shout and cheer for your display team.

15th July. Great Oakley Exemption Dog Show.

1130am onwards.

Karma Dog Training School will give a display at 12.00 noon before the show starts. We hope to sell at the car boot there too. Next year the organiser has promised half the takings for the Spirit of the Dog Rehabilitation Fund.

PUPPY CLASS.

A new puppy class started last week 1/5/07 and I am sure you will join us and welcome the newcomers. We hope they enjoy the classes and then move on to the Improvers.

If you are unhappy about any aspects of the training then please tell Jane or Claudine. However, if you are happy then please tell your family, friends, colleagues. In fact, anyone else who will listen to your progress.

DID YOU KNOW?

David, who attends Tuesdays Improver Class, has an Oscar Franchise. The range of dog foods and sundries available via David are excellent, and deliveries are free. He often leaves samples at the school.

Alan (Jane's partner) is a very accomplished photographer. He specialises in portraits. I am hoping we can arrange a session with him at Beaumont Hall (not on a training day) so you could come along and have a portrait done of family, children and your dog. I promise you that you will not be disappointed with the results.

If you enter an Obedience class at a dog show, you are not permitted to enter the arena with any food or toys to lure your dog.

That not all Dog training schools are run by qualified instructors.

PROFILE ON MARILYN AND HER WORKING GUN DOGS.

Marilyn is the longest serving member of the dog training school; she has attended training since the beginning. Marilyn has two black labs (Kes, 4yrs, the dog and Echo, 6 yrs, the bitch) these are working gun dogs. Marilyn has been to classes with Echo since Echo was 12 weeks old. Kes is one of Echo's puppies from her first litter. Echo has had two litters; she raised 6 puppies in the first one and 5 in the second litter, which was last year. In fact two dogs from that litter, Floss and Smudge have attended classes at Karma, with Floss currently being worked by her young handler Margaret on a Tuesday.

Some of the training and subsequent moves Marilyn teaches her dogs are different to pure obedience training. The main difference is that Marilyn does not work her dogs so close to her.

Marilyn is an active and valued member of the Karma Display Team. She gives an excellent demonstration on retrieve work as well as heelwork.

Marilyn feels that the classes at Karma are more relaxed these days as in the earlier years most people involved were learning the aspect of working in a class together.

Marilyn enjoys the classes very much and feels that they are great fun and really good value for money. She felt the socialisation for the dogs through the classes was great.

A HAPPY ENDING.

Sue started bringing her 6yr old Yorkshire Terrier to class this year. Pippa is a rescue dog. She spent the first part of her life with unscrupulous breeders. Pippa was born and then kept in a child playpen. She never went outside, never socialised. The other dogs bullied Pippa. Eventually the RSPCA closed down this establishment and Pippa ended up with Yorkshire Terrier Rescue in Bedford. Sue has always owned Yorkies and she was seeking another dog. She contacted the rescue service and eventually went along to see Pippa, who she fell in love with and bought her home.

When Pippa was first with Sue she just hid behind the Sofa, she would not eat. When Sue put food down Pippa would grab it and run behind the Sofa. She could not or would not walk in a straight line, only going round in circles. So long in a playpen, left her with just one option of circles. Pippa had never been on a lead or out for walk. Pippa was frightened of just about everything.

At one stage Sue's vet told her the kindest thing to do was to have Pippa put to sleep, as he felt Sue would never make a difference. Sue absolutely refused, and knew she could improve Pippa's life.

Sue is friends with Margaret who owns Rupert; they come to the Tuesday and Thursday classes. Pippa and Rupert became buddies.

Sue started coming to classes at Karma earlier this year. Sue told me of the improvement in Pippa. Pippa is now a much more confident dog, she is learning new skills, socialising with people and dogs. She has jumped over hurdles, will go down on command. She will hand follow and do some heelwork to music moves. Sue has also learnt not to baby Pippa and to have a greater understanding of her dogs needs. Sue, literally, used to cry for Pippa now she glows with pride at her dogs' progress. What a great happy ending.

AND FINALLY.

Well folks that's about it for our first newsletter. Thank you for taking the time to read it, the next one will not be so long. Please pass it on to others to share.

Please use the feedback sheet, as your views are important.

If any of you have an email address could I have it, as it will reduce the cost of printing for me.