



Welcome to the first PWDTS Worcester Newsletter



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This is a very exciting time for me as I am currently in the process of opening a new dog training and behaviour business in Worcester. For those of you who don't know my background, I have for the last 10 years been running my own very successful dog training and behaviour business in Buckinghamshire. My staff and I trained up to 120 dogs a week. Last year I moved to Worcester to live, to be closer to my family, and commuted to Buckinghamshire to run my business. I have now decided that the time is right to close the Buckinghamshire business and start a new business in Worcester. I already have a regular 1-2-1 clientele and there has been a demand for me to start running classes. Therefore, from January, I will be able to offer Puppy classes, classes for older dogs, and agility classes, alongside the 1-2-1 appointments already offered for training and behaviour. I am also going to run some monthly recall groups at the weekends, to teach recalls, emergency stops and general control outdoors. Full details below:

Puppy and adult dog classes

Puppy classes will be starting in January at Wichenford Village Hall on a Tuesday evening. Wichenford is easily accessible from Worcester and all surrounding areas. Please find directions to the Village Hall on the Locations page of the website. The class will be at 7.00pm. Puppy classes are essential for all young dogs as they provide a safe environment in which to socialise your dog with puppies of a similar age. As well as socialisation we will cover all the basic training including sit, down, stay, wait, walking on the lead, leave, and recalls. We are also on hand to answer questions about general training problems and behaviour.

Older puppy/new dog/adult classes will follow at 8pm. This class will be ideal for dogs progressing from the puppy class and people who have rescued older dogs and need to begin their training at this level. This will also be suitable for any older dogs who need a refresher. We will focus on recalls, emergency stops – stopping your dog at a distance from you. Off lead control and progression of all exercises covered at puppy level such as wait and stay. We will also teach a few things for fun such as scent and sendaway (go to your bed on command). All training is reward based, and there is an emphasis on fun!!





Agility

I am an experienced agility instructor and have been running agility classes and 1-2-1 agility sessions for many years. I have competed in agility with all my dogs and Meg who is now 10 years old is currently competing at Senior level at UKA and Ranger who is a year is undertaking his pre-agility training and I hope he will start competing in 2011. I have completed instructor training courses in Agility and am able to teach up to competition level. Many people just want to do agility for fun, to give their dogs some mental and physical

exercise and to take part in a sport which dogs and handlers enjoy. I will therefore be offering fun agility classes but the training will be to competition standard and can therefore lead to competing if the owners desire. I will also be offering 1-2-1 agility sessions. Pre-agility classes will be available for all of those dogs who are new to agility or under one year of age.

The field I use is based between Wichenford and Martley. See the locations page and the agility page of the website for full details.

1-2-1 training in your own home



Often people are unable to make a class with their dog or prefer to have some initial help at home if they are new to owning puppies or have adopted a rescue dog.

I am therefore able to offer 1-2-1 sessions in your own home or a suitable outdoor location such as a local park. These are tailored to the needs of your own dog and its training requirements. For any dog, these can be booked as single lessons or a succession of lessons can be booked as a 1-2-1

course.

I am also able to offer advice or an initial assessment for rescue dogs. This can be done to deal with any settling in problems which you may be experiencing, or for me to assess your dog's knowledge and give you advice on the training your dog needs to fit into your lifestyle.

Please email or telephone me to discuss you and your dog's individual training needs.



Behavioural consultations

Occasionally problems arise which cannot be addressed in a class and I am able to offer 1-2-1 Behavioural consultations to address any serious problem behaviours your dog is exhibiting. I am a COAPE qualified behaviorist and have been carrying out behavioural consultations on veterinary referral for many years. I am

able to deal with a range of problems such as separation anxiety, aggression to people or dogs, fears and phobias, livestock chasing and many others. Please contact me to discuss your dog's problems further.



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Recall Groups

Problems with recalls are one of the commonest problems I am asked to help resolve. I will therefore offer once monthly recall groups at the weekends. These will be held in my fully secure field and will focus on teaching you the method to teach your dog to come back to you reliably. We will also look at teaching emergency stops in an outdoor environment and general control outside. For those of you who want to teach your dog to come to a whistle then I will offer one of those specifically on whistle work. Please let me know your requirements and register your interest so I can tailor the sessions to what people want. Thanks.

Dog Boarding & Residential Training

I am also able to offer Dog Boarding in my own home. This can be for short periods such as a weekend or for longer periods whilst you are on holiday. I have a large dedicated dog room in my house and your dogs will receive two long walks a day plus loads of attention.

I can also offer residential dog training over a week's period which can be especially useful for puppies and young dogs. This can be for specific training of commands and basic training and to resolve simple behaviour problems.

Final Word

I hope you have enjoyed the first edition of the newsletter. If you require any additional information about any of the services offered or would like any other type of training to be included then please do let me know. The contact details are at the side of this page.



PWDTS has its own Facebook page, please join the group to be kept up to date with all news about the club and upcoming events. Please click below or search for Pauline Whittaker Dog Training School

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All feedback is gladly received!!

Best Wishes

Pauline

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