

RSPCA WOODSIDE ANIMAL CENTRE

ADULT –INTERMEDIATE

AIM

Woodside Animal Centre's Intermediate course aims to provide a means of socialising for older dogs and to lay down a basic level of understanding and training for owners. The dog must be able to be positioned/ commanded by its owner. The course result should be a well behaved dog that will walk and act in a controlled manner.

ELIGIBILITY

Dogs must be fully vaccinated and can be of any age if they already have a few basic commands.

ASSESSMENTS

Woodside's training is not competitive and assessment will be continuous over the 7 weeks. To pass dogs must demonstrate a good level of skill on all exercises but perform each exercise at least four times (instructor's discretion)

Exercise 1 – Collars/ Leads/ I.D and cleanliness

The object of this exercise is to educate the owner on the basic principles of owning a Dog. All attire will be checked by the assessor and owners will be expected to bring a suitable poop scoop

Exercise 2 – Basic commands

The owner will be asked to demonstrate that their dog can sit, lie down and stand.

Exercise 3 – recall

In an enclosed area the owner will be distanced from the dog and encouraged to call them back, concluding with praise. Other distractions may include other dogs on the outside of the pen. Any reasonable incentive to return may be used.

Exercise 4 – Stay for 1 minute

Owners will be encouraged to ask their dogs to stay in one position, a little movement is acceptable, but no change of position.

Exercise 5 – Health check and groom

Dogs should allow a full inspection of their body in preparation for grooming. Any aggressive behaviour will be seen as not ready.

Exercise 6 – Lead walking

The owner will aim to keep the dog under control, on one side preferably with no weaving. Walking aids may be used at this level if the instructor thinks it is necessary. A tight lead on occasion will not constitute a not ready. Dogs should be able to pass other dogs with a minimum of fuss.

Exercise 7 – Vehicle control

Dogs will be taught to wait before entering a vehicle and leaving it. The dog should be correctly restrained in the vehicle and should show no adverse behaviour to the engine being started.

Exercise 8 – Rejoin the handler/ Wait

Dogs must show respect at the door or gate- allowing the owner to pass through first. Dogs must also demonstrate an off lead wait where the owner is 10 paces away.

Exercise 9 – Responsibility and care questions

An exercise for owners to, test their knowledge on dog care, the canine code and responsibilities of ownership.