

An idea of what we can cover – during the first six months start up classes will be a blend of these according to what class members say they need most.

‘The Expert Handler’ – understanding multiple cues (intentional and unintentional), essentials of canine behaviour and signalling, markers of reward, the principles of positive reinforcement and the potential dangers of punishment based methods. Understanding your dog’s drives and getting the most from your dog. *(This element is included in all classes and is an underlying principle).*

Canine Life Skills – practical ‘real life situation’ based training such as keeping your dogs attention, life-saving skills like getting your dog back to you quickly, distance downs and ‘Leave it’; being examined or groomed on a table, relaxing while you hold a conversation. Ultimately we aim to offer Kennel Club Good Citizen certification, preparation for Pets as Therapy Assessment and other good stuff.



‘Fit Paws’ – Fabulous Fun Fitness! Builds strength, flexibility, balance and provides great mental stimulation, improves spatial awareness and proprioception. (knowing where bits of you are!) Helps keep older dogs mobile and helps prevent injuries. Suitable for all ages except very young puppies. *(nb: this is not physiotherapy or rehabilitation. If in doubt check with your vet before joining classes).* Many of these exercises are taught in a way that has practical real life benefits such as improving walking nicely beside the handler, or getting your dog to back up when your hands are full!

3 Levels: Foundation, Build-up and Graduate Gym



Agility Foundation – Building on the Fit Paws activities to lay the foundation for Fantastic Pawformance, adding directional control, sending your dog on and round, changing direction (together!). Wait and fast release on the start line. Introducing low impact obstacles.



Intermediate Agility Training – coming soon!!

Seminars – we aim to organise several seminars a year such as practical workshops with Top Handlers and talks or demos from specialty experts, such as First Aid for Dogs.