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# ANNIE'S DOGS

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Brochure of the Trick Training Course offered by Annie's Dogs



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## WHAT YOU NEED:

- A computer that connects to ZOOM (please read the next page on how this course runs).
- Your dog and their treats.
- A clicker (don't worry if you don't have one, I'll teach you what you can use instead but a clicker will make it easier.)
- A space with minimal distractions.

## COST:

- Cost per session is \$40 which can be paid each week OR \$375 if paid in full for the 11 weeks.
- There is NO making up of / refunds for missed sessions.

## NEXT STEPS:

After or while attending this course, you might like to look into:

- My 3 day obedience training course -aimed at dogs 5 months and older; taught face to face over three Sundays in a row; teaching high level obedience; listening skills and choosing you in the presence of intense distractions without the use of food.
- My 5 day therapy dog course – aimed at dogs 5 months and older, providing certification for therapy dog handlers and therapy dogs.

**Please note:** This course does NOT teach obedience. The methods I use to teach tricks are far different to the methods I use for obedience. For one, I do not use food to teach obedience. Why? Because food breeds inconsistency – the dog obeys when there's food and only sometimes when there's not.

# ANNIE'S DOGS: TRICK TRAINING



## INFORMATION



### When you sign up to this course, you will receive:

- 1) Instruction in trick training.** Alright, so let's dive in. This course is designed to meet you where you're at and show you the sky is the limit. If your dog only knows sit, that's awesome, they can still come! If your dog knows how to ring a bell to come in the door, fantastic, they can still come! If your dog is spelling their name, perfect, there are still tricks they can learn! In this course I teach you the foundations for trick training, and provide you the space, teaching and instructions to master tricks you've never even dreamed possible.
- 2) An assortment of level-based tricks to master.** Each week we will focus on one trick from all of the categories and give you the opportunity to work on the ones within your ability range. For example, week one we would be looking at *spin*, *roll over*, *ring the bell*, *fetch the mail* and *bring me my drink*. For those who haven't learnt *spin* yet, that would be the trick you focus on, while those who know *spin* but don't know *roll over* that would be the trick they focus on. If you continue attending the course, this means you will have mastered a full level in 11 weeks, and all of the tricks in \*30 weeks. So here is the list we will be working through:

#### Beginner:

Spin  
Sit  
Drop  
Shake  
Stand  
Look at me  
Figure 8 between legs  
Walking weave  
Touch that  
Say your prayers  
Bow

#### Intermediate:

Roll over  
Speak  
Crawl  
High 5  
Salute  
Walk – Tunnel – Walk  
On your bed  
Shake your head  
Nod your head  
Jump  
March

#### Advanced level 1

Ring the bell  
Which cup has the ball  
Stick em up  
Bang-dead-alive

#### Advanced level 2

Fetch the mail  
Bring me your blanket  
Bring me your ball  
Bring me your toy

#### Advanced level 3:

Bring me my drink  
Skateboard  
Push the pram

**\*Often dogs won't master the advanced tricks in a week, as these tricks require a lot of practice and scaffolding to achieve. I will work with you so you know how to succeed.**

- 3) A step by step guide to the skill in focus.** This will come in both a written step by step guide, as well (for the majority of tricks) a video demonstration of the steps by Pauley and I.
- 4) My presence during the hour to ask questions of.** This course is delivered via ZOOM, once we kick off you will be placed into breakout groups according to the skill you are looking to do. I will pop into those breakout groups and field any questions you may have during the time (see the following page for more information on how this course is run).



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#### MORE SPECIFICS

- **The full course is 33 weeks.** There are 33 tricks available to learn, hence there are 33 weeks. It is likely, however, that many of the advanced tricks are not a *one-week-learning trick*. Most of the advanced tricks may take weeks of consistent practise to achieve.
- **It is broken into three 11 week mini courses.** This is because there are 11 tricks in the beginner; 11 in the intermediate; and 11 in the advanced combined. Accordingly, I will run the 33 tricks on an 11 week cycle.
- **I use food for trick training.** I use food for trick training as I see trick training as a bonding, fun experience. If the dog chooses not to perform for you, they should be allowed that choice. I do not use food for obedience training as I see obedience training as not a choice. The dog should listen to you regardless of whether they want to or not. The purpose of obedience and trick training are polar opposites (one is for fun, the other for safety and manners).

#### How this course runs:

- **This course is run on ZOOM.** Why? With trick training I work on the principle that in the beginning stages of learning a trick, your dog needs minimal distractions. If I was to run this course in a centre with many other dogs, very FEW dogs would learn anything as they would be too busy concentrating on everything else in the room. As a result, running the course on ZOOM gives your dogs the best chance for success as they can be in an area that is familiar and boring, which will enable them to focus on you. (Side note: I do NOT endorse this method of training for obedience. See my 3 Days and a New Dog: Training for how I train dogs for obedience).
- **The structure of the course.** Everyone will be asked to log into ZOOM 15 minutes earlier to prevent starting late. Once everyone is in the meeting I will give a brief introduction on the general principles of trick training, an example of the tricks we will be working on, and then will break you off into break out groups according to the level of trick you are working on. I will pop in and out of these break out groups to field any questions you may have. It is also an opportunity to ask questions of others working on the same trick. In these breakout groups I will provide step by step instructions (written-and-video-based) to guide you in your learning.
- **Each week there will be set tricks we all focus on.** This means you can't choose the trick you want randomly. Instead, we will work through them systematically. The aim being by the end of 11 weeks you will have mastered an entire level and can level up to the next tricks. Upon mastering a full level you will receive a PDF certificate for your achievement.
- **What happens if my dog already knows that week's trick?** If you arrive one week and the level you are usually in (i.e. beginner) is learning a trick your dog already knows (i.e. weave) you work on the next levelled trick *for that week* (i.e. intermediate). The following week you will be moved back to your level to ensure you learn all the skills required in that level before levelling up. This is important as each trick prepares your dog to more easily complete the harder tricks later.
- **There is no start date.** Whenever you join, you will be grouped according to the skill of the lowest group that you need to learn (i.e. if the skills for the week are: *look at me; roll over; and push the pram*, and your dog doesn't know *look at me* – that is the skill you will learn that week). These groups are continually working on new tricks each week so you will be able to slot right in at any time without fearing you won't know where we're at.
- **What happens if I don't master the skill during the session.** It's very likely you won't fully master the skill during one session. Trick training works best in short, sharp repeated sessions (otherwise the dog gets bored, you become over frustrated, and learning is hindered). Instead, during the session you will learn what the skill is; how to teach it; and then you will likely make extremely good progress during the session and will have the ability to go and practise during the week with your dog. So in short, if you don't master the skill during the session, this is to be expected. Success in this course will depend largely on the time you put into your dog during the week.



## Annie's Dogs: Trick Training Registration Form

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Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Age (in weeks): \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

I consent that (please tick each one):

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- I will not share the written trick instructions or videos to those outside of the course.
  - I understand this course is **not** an obedience course, rather is a course that will provide mental stimulation and relationship building between my dog and I.
  - I accept that sessions I do not attend will not be refunded to me.
    - I realise that my dog will require practice during the week to achieve the tricks and that this course will produce greatest outcomes when I spend consistent and daily time practising with my dog.
  - I understand this course is online and I will need a computer that connects to the internet and to ZOOM.
    - Having videos/photos taken of myself and my dog during the training.
    - Having those videos/photos posted on Annie's Dogs Facebook, Instagram and Web pages.
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I release Annie's Dogs from any and all legal or financial liability resulting from the training.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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