

SCHOOL FOR SCOUNDRELS
CONTENTS OF SIX WEEK BEGINNERS COURSE

Week 1

Strengthen the bond

- Bite inhibition and check for meeting people (jumping up)
- Health checks
- Playtime
- The use of lures and signals and when to phase them out
- Come, sit, stand, down and roll over using lures, verbal and visual signals
- Calming your dog
- Getting and keeping your dogs attention
- Tug, release and retrieve at same time
- Playtime, sit, playtime, sit, playtime, sit and recall
- Calming your dog
- Come, sit, stand, down and roll over using lures, verbal and visual signals
- Repeat and phase out the lures
- Questions
- Homework

Week 2

The importance of doing your homework

- We will check progress since previous week
- Health checks
- Control play and rewards
- Calming your dog
- Come, sit, stand, down and roll over using verbal and visual signals, **no lures**
- Tug, release and retrieve at same time
- Sit, stand and down stays
- Playtime then down and reward
- Relax your dog (chill out)
- Walk with loose lead, normal, slow and fast pace
- Come, sit, stand, down and roll over using verbal signals, **no lures**
- Playtime with recalls
- Sit stay
- Questions
- Homework

Week 3

Concentrate on your dog

- We will check progress since previous week
- Health checks.
- Playtime
- Sit and down when your dogs are playing
- Recall your dog
- Calming your dog
- Playtime with distractions
- Sit and down when your dogs are playing
- **Stays** sit stand and down with distractions
- **Walk of lead** changing speed and direction with distractions
- Come, sit, stand, down and roll over using verbal signals, **no lures or hand signals**
- Retrieve toy then plastic and metal objects
- Questions
- Homework

Week 4

Repeat week three

- We will check progress since previous week
- Health checks
- Playtime
- Sit, stand and down when your dogs are playing
- Recall your dog
- Calm your dog
- Playtime
- Sit, stand and down when your dogs are playing
- Stays sit, stand and down with distractions
- Walk **of** lead changing speed and direction with distractions
- Come, sit, stand, down and roll over using verbal signals, **no lures or hand signals**
- Retrieve toy then plastic and metal objects
- Questions
- Homework

Week 5

Verbal communications

- We will check progress since previous week
- Health checks
- Playtime
- Sit, stand and down **verbal commands only** when your dogs are playing
- Retrieve different materials and objects
- Walk with loose lead past other dogs and owners without being distracted
- Playtime
- Calm your dog
- Stays sit, stand and down with distractions
- Distance control
- Playtime
- Speak, Shush
- Questions
- Homework

Week 6

Recap

- We will check progress since previous week
- Health checks
- Playtime
- Stays sit, stand and down with distractions
- Speak, Shush
- Retrieve different materials and objects that are dropped while on the move
- Recap on last five weeks and help with any problems concentrating on week points
- Questions
- Present certificates and homework

End of beginner's course

