

**SCHOOL FOR SCOUNDRELS**  
**CONTENTS OF SIX WEEK BEGINNERS COURSE**  
Mill Farm

**Week 1**

Any problems you have had since the puppy course will be looked at.

The Kennel Club Good Citizen Scheme Bronze Award will be explained.

We will observe how your dogs behave together on the lead and advise and help where necessary. The importance of constructive play will be discussed and demonstrated e.g. tug toys and their use. Bite inhibition, enjoying being handled, grooming and coming when called will be checked as before.

We will finish with your questions and hand out of homework sheets.

In order to get the best from this course please practice a little each day but most of all have fun with your dog. (Be patient with him or her and with yourself)

**Week 2**

We will start by you as a group demonstrating what has been practiced from last week's homework and I will help where there are problems.

We will then cover sit, stand, down, roll over, chase tail, walking on a loose lead and high five.

For the dogs that greet people by jumping up, we will teach them to either sit or stand.

Question time followed by homework for next week.

**Week 3**

Once again we will go through what has been covered so far and again I will help with any problems.

Sit and down stays will be introduced at this point in order to build confidence in both you and your dog.

Retrieve is one of the most important things to teach and if done properly opens up endless possibilities for fun and enjoyment with you and your dog therefore we will end with the correct way to teach retrieve.

Questions and homework.

**Week 4**

As before we will look at what has been done so far and I will help with any difficulties you have encountered.

Next stages of the stay and retrieve exercise will be covered.

The importance of types and timing of the rewards you give your dog are discussed.

Questions and homework.

**Week 5**

Again repeat all the exercises and receive help where needed.

We will look at distractions and lack of concentration we need to be aware of.

We will concentrate on the most common problems i.e. recall, pulling on the lead and retrieve but we will make that decision on the day.

The importance of continued socialization, possessiveness and accepting strangers will be explained.

Questions and homework.

**Week 6**

Questions and answers.

Understanding your dog's body language and facial expressions.

Suggestions for keeping your dog mentally and physically stimulated

Questions, homework sheet and presentation of certificates.

**End of beginner's course.**