

Changing People Changing Dogs *Seminar info*

A Behavior Modification & Training Program for Reactive Dogs

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Seminar Content:

The skills taught in this seminar and contained in the training manual demonstrate how to positively recondition the reactive dog's emotional reaction to people, other dogs and his environment. Dee will help you understand what stimulates your dog's reactive behavior, whether your dog is shy and nervous or actively aggressive. You will learn: how to reduce the effect of the reactive stimulation, how to recondition your dog's emotional response, and how to teach your dog more appropriate behaviors that you can reward. As well as lecture, live demos, power point and video, all registrants will receive a 80-page manual specifically describing how to recondition a reactive dog.

Dee has successfully used these techniques with her many private clients and with hundreds of dogs at the Upper Valley Humane Society shelter and training center over the past 25+ yrs. Dee's mission - to help dog owners create happy, eager, fun and rewarding human/canine partners for life. Author of Changing People Changing Dogs

The seminar goal will be to show you how to build a strong reinforcement relationship with your dog while always maintaining your role as the calm leader. Dee will be accomplishing this by exploring the skills you'll need to modify and hopefully change how your dog sees and reacts to the world around him in these 8 important areas:

- ***Changing your dog's emotional response***
 - By substituting something good (food or toy) when the scary stimulus occurs;
 - By modeling appropriate body language;
 - By using "a word or clicker to mark when the dog starts to offer appropriate body language and behavior.
- ***Reinforcement relationship*** (increasing and diminishing behavior)
- ***Management*** for safety & good health
- ***Socialization/Confidence Building*** (learning to feel safe & even play within sight of other dogs and people)
- ***Identifying the Triggers***
- ***Self-control*** skills (the dog learns to control himself)
- ***Touch*** (handling for safety and medical care and the art of massage)
- ***Targeting*** to offer a healthy focus instead focusing on other dogs or scary things
- ***Managing your own thoughts and body*** to help defuse and clam the reactive situation

Throughout the seminar you will be learning how to train yourself as well as your dog!