

Working with “Reactive” Dogs - 4 Hour Workshop



Instructor: Dee Ganley

Does your dog have “outbursts” of barking, growling, and spinning when he catches sight of other dogs or people? If your dog just can’t watch without reacting, then this is the workshop for you.

Aug. 2nd 1-4 pm \$100

To be held at: It’s a Dog’s World, York, Maine
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To register: Go to www.deesdogs.com or call Dee at 603-735-5543
All dogs must be pre-approved by Dee

Dee will focus having dogs and their handlers running and playing doing small agility obstacles-while other dogs and handlers are running around playing with their dogs. Those stationary handlers will be given the tools to help their dog develop the self control to watch- quietly and calmly. Other exercises include walking dogs side by side, towards each other doing drill exercises and all sorts of games. The focus of each exercise is for the dog to learn how to maintain self control in all situations. The handlers will learn where to position themselves and their dog to encourage thoughtfulness over reactivity.

- Changing the dog’s response to the stimulus will come from:
- Desensitizing - Self Control - Relaxation - Familiarization - Confidence
- Program of rewards: a relationship of reinforcement from the handler and increasing and diminishing behavior through high and low level rewards
- General training and learning - Communication - Fun and Games - Tricks
- Management of situations, and for safety and good health
- Anticipation - Reading Environments - Avoiding Situations and Practicing bad habits - handling and being handled
- Managing and self control of the people who influence the dog’s behavior, their dog family members and humans too
- Social skills - learning how to react, how to trust and read other dogs and play Self control skills
- Relaxation and stress reduction for every day and extreme situation through:
- Touch - massage - learned relax - specific exercises - management of the environment Lifestyle
- Targeting to provide a strategy for avoidance with a healthy focus