

## 3 DAYS AND A NEW DOG: TRAINING

### PRINCIPLES



### THE GIST:

**I do not use treats.** When people use treats more often than not the dog responds consistently when there is food, and inconsistently when there is no food. We want consistency all the time.

**I teach you a language you can use with your dog in all situations.** Yes... hello dog whisperer!

**I train dogs while they are under distraction** (i.e. in the presence of other dogs, favourite toys, bikes going past etc), this helps them to respond consistently- not just when you're the most exciting thing in their world.

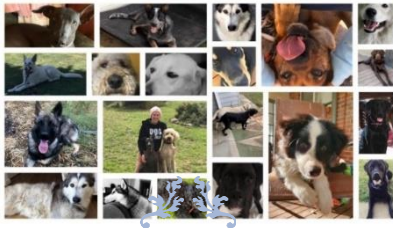


Figure 1 Blackdog Head Halti Harness

- **Every dog is different.** My training is for three sessions. At the end of this training the **vast majority** of dogs will have stopped jumping, be listening to you even in the presence of distraction, walk on a loose lead, have learnt a boundary they will not cross, and be markedly calmer than when they first arrived. However, every dog is different. Depending on the level of homework you complete during the course and the amount of time you spend with your dog, will depend on where your dog ends up at the end of the course. I always tell people – over the next several weeks put in the effort because your future self will thank you.
- **This training teaches your dog a language.** This training is different to other dog training programmes as you learn a language that you can use to communicate with your dog in any new, familiar or unfamiliar settings. Future new behaviours can be dealt with immediately as they arise without the need for further training. This is why this training is so successful.
- **I do not train aggressive dogs. PLEASE READ ON TO UNDERSTAND MY DEFINITION OF DOG AGGRESSION:** I categorise dog aggression to be when your dog is pulling excessively at the end of your lead and is barking, growling, lunging, jumping, and/or acting aggressively towards people or another dog. If you **OR** I are fearful that if you accidentally let go of your dog's lead then they would harm another dog **OR approach another dog threateningly thus causing the other dog to react, then I will ask you to not return to the course.** You will not receive any funds back.
- **I do not NOT market this course as a "dog reactivity fix".** Reactivity is different to aggression. Reactivity may look like your dog barking at another dog but generally calming within minutes; or if another dog enters their space threateningly, they will react. Reactivity may improve with the course, however, it also may not. This is because dog reactivity is largely dependent on early socialisation occurring during your dog's critical socialisation window (which occurs at 6-16 weeks of age) and is very difficult to change later on in their life. In the past I have had many dogs cease being reactive – however, not every reactive dog has. Hence, I suggest this course may help, **but there is no guarantee regarding reactivity.** (Read the first two principles above for what this training does offer).
- **When you book your course you are booking specific dates.** If you need to change your dates for any reason up to **one month before** the course starting you will incur a \$50 transfer fee (if I can fill your spot there will be no transfer fee required). If you need to change your dates for any reason **after this one month cut off point** you will incur the full cost of a deposit for the future dates. This may appear harsh, however, I have often had to run courses with only 3 paying customers in it and the others all late date swappers. This has left some courses quite empty and others super full and has taken spaces that otherwise could have been filled. Going forward, your non-refundable deposit of \$300 is that: non-refundable unless I can fill your place.
- In the event of Covid restrictions impacting our training, I will endeavour to reschedule our dates to a time when most people can attend. If these dates do not work for you, you will be offered to join a future course at no extra cost.
- I endorse the use of a **head halti-harness** and ask that **you purchase** one at your earliest convenience. This is a must if you are going to train your dog under me. **I recommend the blackdog.net.au head halti training halti.** I also have a local sewer who is making them for the business, her products are equal in quality to the blackdog brand. Let me know and I can order you one through her. All proceeds go to her. When used correctly these haltis reduce pulling on the neck, while giving you more control.
- **Ongoing support.** After you complete your 3 sessions, you will be given the opportunity to join a graduates Facebook group. I post monthly training tips, activities and information into this group to help you continue your journey. I also advertise any upcoming graduate refresher sessions (see below principle).
- **Master level.** I run 4 additional trainings per year to further push you and your dog's obedience levels post course completion. These additional training sessions are scaffolded to meet you at whatever level you are at. Some people use these training sessions as a refresher and others use these as a continual level-up in which your dog is continually pushed to higher and higher levels of obedience. Examples of the higher obedience possible include heeling without a lead, responding only to voice commands, being able to set up a new boundary anywhere (i.e. a new house) in less than 5 minutes. Once you achieve 'master level' – usually after attending at least 4 of these graduate sessions, you will be gifted an Annie's Dog Obedience Certificate and Master obedience jacket demonstrating your dog's high obedience levels. The cost of these graduate sessions are \$50 per session. They are entirely voluntary.

### WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING:

"After seeing some videos on Facebook of Annie's training I thought it must be too good to be true, that maybe my dog would be the exception and be untrainable. Fortunately that was not the case and we were quick to realise that it is us doing the most learning! After the first day of training we felt like there had been a language barrier between us and our dog, Hazel, that had been removed and she could suddenly understand our intentions/tones. After that it was just consistency that allowed her to learn everything else. Now that Hazel has graduated and we have been accepted in to the graduate group we have constant reminders, support and help from Annie and other dog owners which is definitely encouraging us to be persistent! Would recommend Annie's dog training to anyone." Prudence Coburn



## Annie's Dogs: 3 Days and a New Dog Training Registration Form

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

Dog's Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I consent that (please tick each one):

- My dog is 5 months of age or older
- My dog is not dog or people aggressive
- My dog is up to date with their vaccinations

How much time (on average) I spend with my dog per day:

\_\_\_\_\_

I consent to (please tick each that apply):

- Having videos/photos taken of myself and my dog during the training.
- Having those videos/photos posted on Annie's Dogs Facebook pages.

I recognise that all costs incurred in the event of my dog harming another person/dog/property will be payable by me (the dog's owner). I release Annie's Dogs from any legal or financial liability resulting from the training including personal injury. I agree to the principles outlined in the attached page, including but not limited to the event my dog is deemed aggressive by Annie; and the cost incurred if I need to change my dates.

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

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



### WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING:

- Blackdog Head Halti Harness and lead.
- Favourite toys, food and treats.
- Long lead (or multiple leads – we'll clip them together).
- Water bowl, water, poo bags, etc.
- Dog bed.

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### CAN MY DOG FAIL?

- Every dog is different. Of the hundreds of dogs I have trained there have been 6 dogs that have not exited the training at a standard I consider as 'obedient' (bear in mind, their owners were still very happy with where the dogs ended up). The number one thing these dogs had in common was the amount of time their owners spent with them. Each of the dogs saw their owners for less than 15 minutes a day. They were all outside only dogs.
- As a result, the number one element I encourage people to do is SPEND. TIME. WITH.YOUR. DOG.

### LEVEL OF PHYSICAL CAPABILITY REQUIRED

- This training does require a moderate level of physical capability. If you are concerned, please talk to me about your limitations to ensure this training is appropriate for you.
- Please bear in mind, the stronger and more stubborn your dog is, the more physical strength you \*may\* need.