

MAGIC HAND



ON CLOUD K9
DOG TRAINING

PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE!

EASIER,
CHEAPER,
QUICKER
TOO!





HI, I'M EMMA

I'm the owner and founder of On Cloud K9 offering dog training, specialising in puppies.

I have a border collie and a Welsh sheepdog.

My background is information technology and software training.

When my Welsh sheepdog became reactive to strange dogs at 7 months old I sought the help of numerous trainers



without curing the problem. I then came across a Facebook group for reactive dogs which led me to modern dog training; training that is based on science rather than the outdated 'pack' theory.

After many years of research I decided to put the learning, and my training skills to use in dog training. I gave up my job as a software trainer and set up On Cloud K9.

I didn't want anyone else to have to go through what I went through with my Welsh sheepdog - having a reactive dog is extremely challenging - so I put together an extremely comprehensive training course aimed at puppy owners that includes all the things that I'd wished I'd known when she was a pup.



course
all the things

MOTIVATION

Just like people, dogs have varying likes and dislikes. When it comes to teaching them new things you need to use rewards that they really want so that they are motivated to work with you.

Some dogs enjoy petting behind the ears, others love food or play with toys. Your dog might also love sniffing and exploring or even verbal praise.

Discovering what your dog loves the most, is the fun part.

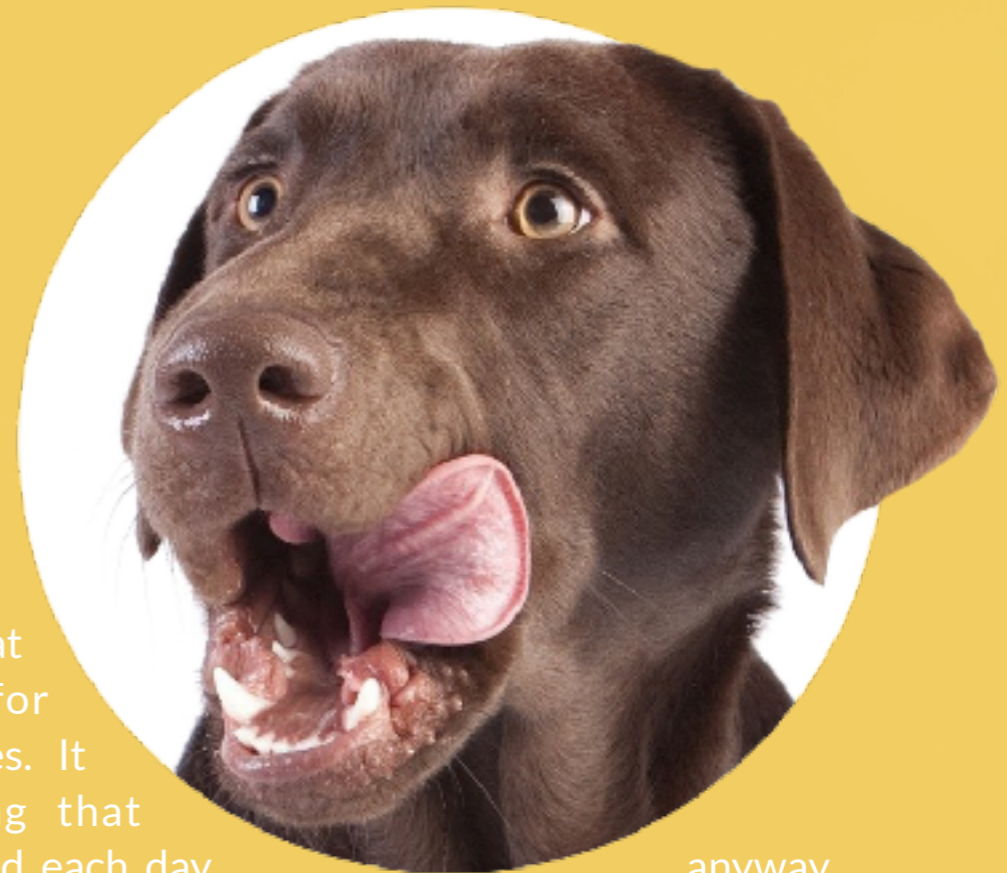
There are a couple of things to keep in mind... What your dog finds motivating and worth working for is going to change depending on the environment, time of day, whether your dog has eaten recently or how much time they have spent playing, among other things. This means that just because your dog loves something one moment, it doesn't mean that they will the next. You need to have a selection of things your dog enjoys when you're training together, so you will always have something to reward them with.

Have fun trying out different treats and games to see

what your dog loves the most.

Food is a great reinforcer for many puppies. It is something that they will need each day anyway, so consider using their food allowance to train with. You will also want to look for higher value rewards for times when distractions are higher.

If at any time you cue your dog to do a behaviour they know well, but they choose to ignore you, have a look around the environment at what is more interesting to them at that moment. Recognise these motivators and think about how to incorporate them into your training sessions. Often behaviours that your dog naturally chooses are the best rewards to use in training.



WHAT DOES A PARTY LOOK LIKE TO YOUR DOG?

HAVE A RANGE OF MOTIVATORS IN YOUR REWARDS TOOLBOX

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The Magic Hand game promotes focus and confidence. Your dog has to focus on your hand to see when the next treat is going to drop from it. It adds value to proximity to you and is a great relationship booster.

It helps your dog ignore distractions.

It's a great game to aid loose lead walking as your dog is too focused on your hand to bother to pull.

You and your dog need to have mastered the catch game to progress to Magic Hand.

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REINFORCEMENT
MAKES THE BEHAVIOUR
MORE LIKELY TO RECUR

STEP 1

- Arm yourself with a handful of treats
- With your dogs head under your treat hand, randomly drop treats for your dog to catch
- Verbally reward the effort and success of the catch
- If your dog starts to sit, move your body slightly to discourage the sit
- Repeat



“YESSS!!”

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STEP 2

You're going to add some movement.

- Arm yourself with a handful of treats
- With your dogs head under your treat hand, drop a treat for your dog to catch
- Verbally reward the effort and success of the catch
- Take a step, randomising the direction
- Repeat



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STEP 3

When you and your dog have mastered moving in random directions, you can try dropping the treats as you move.

- Arm yourself with a handful of treats
- Drop the treats for your dog to catch as you are both moving.
- Verbally reward the effort and success of the catch
- Repeat



STEP 4

- Repeat step 3 with your dog on the lead

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- Start your training sessions in a quiet environment , for example the lounge.
- When you've mastered the exercise in the lounge, start the training session from scratch in a more distracting environment such as the kitchen.
- Gradually increase the distractions in your training sessions.
- If the exercise is new to your dog, or if the environment is distracting, the rewards need to be of higher value.

**REINFORCING A
BEHAVIOUR MAKES THAT
BEHAVIOUR MORE LIKELY
TO HAPPEN AGAIN**

**TEACH YOUR DOG THAT
THERE'S VALUE IN CLOSE
PROXIMITY TO YOU**

- If you're practicing something that your dog already knows you can use part of your dog's daily food allowance with the odd high value reward added .
- Encourage all members of the household to participate in the training.



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