

# South West Dog Skills: Frequently Asked Questions



## 1. Where are you based?

Our address is:

South West Dog Skills Centre, Common Wood, Hunstrete Lane, Hunstrete, BS39 4NT

We are just South of Bristol and Bath, half way between both cities.

<https://www.southwestdogskills.com/contact-us.html#/>

## 2. How much are your classes?

- 6 week courses: £56-65.
- One to one sessions: £40, if you book a block of 4 you save 10%. You also get a discount if you are booked on one of our courses at the same time.
- We also hold a range of workshops that are priced per activity.

<https://www.southwestdogskills.com/prices.html#/>

## 3. What training methods do you use?

We only use positive reinforcement, force free methods.

## 4. My dog is reactive

One to one sessions are suitable for dogs who find other dogs visually stimulating and struggle to work in close proximity to them.

## 5. I'm not very fit – does that matter?

No! Our sessions are tailored to yours and the dog's level so it is enjoyable for both of you.

## 6. Can I try a class before I book a course?

We are sometimes able to offer pay as you go classes if we have a break in our courses however a one to one session is possible if you would like to try an activity first.

You are always welcome to come and watch a class (without your dog). If you would like to, please just get in touch to arrange a time.

#### 7. Can rescue dogs come?

Of course! As with any dog, please just let us know if they have any special requirements.

#### 8. What should I bring with me?

You will receive an email after making a booking with all the information you need but the essentials are to bring lots of smelly treats and a toy – whichever motivates your dog!

#### 9. My dog is deaf

That's not a problem, we can train them using body language rather than verbal cues

#### 10. My dog hasn't got a recall

Don't worry, we only take the dog off the lead once you are both ready. For activities such as agility we have 'pens' that dogs and owners wait in whilst they are waiting for their go so there are minimal distractions for the dog running around.

#### 11. I have additional needs/I use a wheelchair

Our centre is accessible, we have a sand based floor but it is kept wet and is therefore dense.

You are welcome to get in touch to discuss specific needs or any questions you may have and arrange a time to view the centre if you wish.

#### 12. Do you have a toilet on site?

Yes, we have a portaloo available for customers.

#### 13. Do you have on site parking?

Yes, there is free parking on site.

#### 14. I've never done agility/training before

No problem, we specialise in helping beginners! All of our classes are mixed ability and we tailor what we ask each dog and handler to do depending on their learning level – you will be made to feel welcome.