



WESTOVER
VETERINARY CENTRE

FACTSHEET

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Ann Corcoran
AB Canine Behaviour and Training Specialist

I have always been passionate about dogs and wanted to learn and understand what makes dogs do what they do; hence I have recently completed an Advanced Diploma in Canine Management Behaviour to provide me with the academic qualifications to be a Canine Behaviourist. I have been working with dogs on a practical basis for the previous three years to gain experience in the major causes of their behavioural issues.

This practical experience has been supplemented through hands on training course run by Sarah Whitehead BA (Hons), Msc from the Clever Dog Company and Director of Alpha education. Sarah is a member of the Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors and also of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers.

Whilst training with Sarah I have successfully completed courses in the use of clicker training for dogs that have behavioural issues including separation anxiety and aggression, and also the use of clickers for dogs of all ages including puppies.

When working with dogs I am passionate about the use of positive reinforcement a behavioural psychology technique that relies on the marking of the desired behaviour and rewarding it with a high value treat. While working with the dogs it is important to ensure that the owners are also made to feel at ease as the success comes through team work. At all times it is important for the owners and their dogs to be treated as individuals with the goals and timelines tailored to suit.

I run puppy pre-school classes for those between 8 and 14 week, and these are then followed by more structured classes for puppies up to 23 weeks. During these classes the following areas are examples of what we cover:

- Owner education, how dogs learn
- socialisation
- habituation
- bite inhibition
- training for control
- Prevention of problems

In addition I run specialist workshops and small group classes (maximum of 4 dogs) in the following areas:

- junior and Adult dog basic training
- handling and obedience for agility and flyball for dogs that have had no or littler training.
- Specialist breed specific training to meet your dogs needs

I also carry out 1 - 1 consultations for behavioural issues including, separation anxiety, aggression, reactivity, recall, barking, biting and mouthing, fear and anxiety. (Vet referral preferred).

On a personal level I have 4 dogs and two cats, and also foster for SOS Animals UK

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