

Malvern Hills Trust sheep safe courses in 2018

Teaching dogs to ignore livestock

The 3 week sheep-safe course in Colwall (near Malvern) will continue throughout the summer, each class lasts for two hours.

The aim of the course is to teach dogs to ignore livestock and other moving targets. Training takes place in close proximity to sheep. Dogs need to have basic training to attend.

Dates for 2018:

Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th July

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th August

Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th August

Total of 12 contact hours for each course and each session runs from 2pm to 4pm. This course is subsidized for those living within the Malvern Hills District Council and costs £30. For those living elsewhere the cost is £60 for the whole course.

All teaching carried out by Sue Harper, not an assistant. Participants limited to three.

Open to all dog owners with provisos;

One dog to each handler only, all dogs to be dog and person friendly, and all dogs to already have basic training.

Please see alternatives offered on my website for dogs that do not meet the criteria. Aim is teaching handlers to teach their dogs to ignore livestock and other moving targets.

The training workshop is constructed around; developing good dog/ handler relationship, via numerous enjoyable training games. Selecting and developing desirable behaviour traits that the dog already shows. Re-channelling unacceptable chase behaviour into alternative rewardable behaviour. Convincing the dog that chase behaviour is totally unacceptable, and fun lies elsewhere, (without the use of e. collars, choke chains or striking the dog.)

Participants will take notes as they progress through the four days and will have the confidence, skill, and ability needed in order to maintain the training at home.

Please apply, or make further enquiries on the contact page of my website heading application with '2018 Courses'.