



Thank you for your interest in Formal Dogs' Pop Up Specialist Greyhound School.

We practice a contrast approach to dog training. We believe that dog learning is based on mutual respect and unconditional positive regard whilst understanding that as guardians of our greyhounds, we need to show them how to live in a modern humanised world so that they can feel comfortable, relaxed and safe.

We do not believe in aggression or aggressive leadership styles.

We will not tolerate aggression to dogs in theory or practice by humans or other dogs.

Whilst food has a place in dog learning, it is not the basis. As such, you will not be required to bring food to classes.

It is recommended that you bring an outdoor bed for your dog and a chair for yourself. We do like to be comfortable while we are learning, and we all know how much greyhounds like a rest!!

The Training Method taught is based on the principles of the Canine Communication & Lifestyle System, this is a results-based training method developed by Greg Fontana, owner at The Alpha Canine Group.

Please find below some information about what will be covered over the 6 week training period. The cost is \$285.00 per dog, and all dogs must have a current vaccination or a medical exemption from vaccination.

We hope you enjoy your learning with your greyhound! If you have any questions, please contact me on 0438 423 230.

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Week 1

Topics Included:

- Safety in Class
- Leash Handling
- Command Position
- Pattern Learning
- Critical Distance/Threshold
- How dogs Learn to Learn

NB: This class will involve a lot of theory. If you are uncomfortable standing for long periods, please bring a camp chair to sit on and a bed for your dog.

Learning outcomes:

By the end of this class you should be able to work safely in an environment with other dogs & hold your lead correctly, understand the principles of the training method that include the command position, pattern learning.

Students and their dogs should also be able to understand how to work with a dog's critical distance to manage reactive behaviours (including fear, freezing, flight and aggression)





Week 2

NB: Please note you will be given the choice whether to teach your greyhound the static position sit or stand.

Topics Included:

- Review week 1 - command position, lead handling, class safety.
- Random Practice
- Sit/Stand
- Introducing the sit/stand step away
- Walking on Lead
- Seeing other dogs on walks - on and off lead

Learning outcomes:

By the end of this class you should:

- understand the principles to practice a sit/stand step away and how to extend this exercise.
- How to use Duration, Distance, Distraction in training
- Understand how to help your dog walk well on a lead
- How to approach other dogs out and about
- How to manage other dogs approaching your dog out and about
- How to recognise stress symptoms in your dog when greeting other dogs





Week 3

Topics Included:

- Review of Weeks 1 & 2
- - review - sit/stand, step away
- Understanding & recognising freezing behaviours in greyhounds specifically and dogs generally
- Step away - introducing distraction and how to establish critical distance
- Recall (on lead)
- Socialising to new things

Learning outcomes:

By the end of this class you should be able to

- Further your understanding of the principles to practice a sit/stand step away and how to extend this exercise.
- Understand the principles of the recall exercise
- How to safely approach other dogs out and about on lead
- How to safely manage other dogs approaching your dog in public
- How to recognise stress symptoms in your dog when greeting other dogs.





Week 4

Topics Included:

- Revision: Sit/Stand & Step Away; Recall
- Introducing “on your bed”
- Avoidance & Displacement behaviours
- Boundary setting at home and in the car

Learning outcomes:

By the end of this class you should be able to

- Understand how to practice and extend the on your bed exercise
- Understand how to help your dog when s/he displays avoidance or displacement behaviours
- Understand why boundary setting is important and how to implement boundaries for your greyhound.





Week 5

Topics

- Revision: Sit/Stand & Step Away, Recall, Loose lead walking
- Leash reactivity
- Work with your dog's Critical Distance (aka threshold) and how to work towards decreasing it
- "On your Bed" Step Away
- Teach Tricks - Touch & Spin

Learning outcomes:

By the end of this class you should be able to

- understand the principles of critical distances/threshold and work within that distance as well as how to extend the Critical Distance
- understand leash reactivity, its causes and how to recognise it as well as help your dog overcome on leash reactivity
- Be able to practice and extend your dog's drop step away as well as understanding how this is important for behaviour and obedience.
- Understand the concept of shaping in teaching new skills





Week 6

Graduation Week

We will be having a graduation celebration for all participants and use this as an opportunity to teach our dogs how to behave around food as well as practicing all the skills learnt in a practical setting!

To Book Your Spot:

Email us with your dog's vaccination certificate and let us know that you would like to join in! Alternatively, you can book through this link

[Www.formaldogsbookings.as.me](http://www.formaldogsbookings.as.me)

The course cost is \$285.00.

Please Note: Refunds are only available in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of Formal Dogs.

