



Leash Lungers Class Information



Reactive Dog Class with Ethical Canine

If you are interested in signing up for the Leash Lungers class for reactive dogs in either Langford or Sooke, read this information sheet first for a complete picture of the class.

- 1) This class is intended for dogs who are reactive (bark, lunge, growl, snap) or fearful towards other dogs and/or people. Dogs who have significant bite histories, extreme reactivity or severe fear will not be suitable for the class and can be seen in one-on-one sessions.
- 2) When you enquire about the class you will be sent a screening questionnaire to determine if the class is a good fit. It's important that you are very honest on the questionnaire. If you're not sure if something should be included, include it.
- 3) If your dog has a bite history you may be required to wear a conditioned basket muzzle in class.
- 4) There are various safety rules for this class to make it a pleasant experience for everyone. These rules are non-negotiable and students who don't comply may not be allowed to attend.
- 5) This class uses treat/food rewards. You will be required to supply them and you will use a lot of them. You must use small, smelly highly palatable treats such as meat, cheese, hot dogs or treat roll.
- 6) Interactions between dogs in the class are highly controlled and different dogs move at different paces. The class will be all on-leash and dogs will be separate at all times.
- 7) The object of the class is not to have the dogs socialize with each other. The object of the class is to give handlers skills they need to improve their dogs' behaviour in the real world and to create positive experiences in an environment with other dogs in close quarters. Your dog will likely get used to the other dogs in the class, but this doesn't transfer to dogs in real life unless you practice.
- 8) There is a lot of homework for this class and you will be expected to read theory, watch videos and do training homework to prep for the next week's class.
- 9) This class does not use any aversive training techniques or tools. Dogs will not be set up to react so we can correct them, they will be set up to succeed.
- 10) This class is a huge amount of fun and extremely rewarding for everyone. Dogs (and their people) love it!