



**Congratulations, you are moments away from being part of our Agility and/or Hoopers Foundation Skills Class. Places are limited and accepted on a first paid, first start basis.**

**How to find us - We are based at Newbarn Farm (NN9 6HY) which is a small industrial estate off Brick Kiln Road in Raunds. As you go down Brick Kiln Road from the roundabout, the entrance is on**

**your left-hand side and has a remote-controlled gate. If this is closed, please give me 3 rings on my mobile (07749 285330) and I will open it for you. Follow the road to the very top until you see Coggins Garage, turn right and drive along past the industrial units. On the left you will see a large lorry park with a field behind it, we are in there. You are welcome to park in the field or on the hard standing next to the paddock. Come and say Hi, we're a friendly bunch**

**We use kind, reward-based training methods at BUDS and will not tolerate harsh handling or raised voices. Our aim is to help you to achieve your goals by rewarding what is right and ignoring what is wrong. Dogs soon learn that good things happen when they make the right choices, we want them to be confident to learn new skills, not scared of getting it wrong.**



**Please ensure, as much as possible, that you can attend all 4 sessions. All information is included for the price with weekly challenges that will need to be practised during the week. Please remember, you will only get out of your dog what you put in.**

**The full course costs £40.00 and is payable prior to the start via online payment to: Account Name: Bordertrix Ultimate Dog School, Sort Code: 20-05-73, Account Number: 63939154. Please use the first 3 letters of your dog's name and your surname so I can ensure I can match the online payments. Places are not guaranteed until payment is received.**

**We will post regular videos on the Bordertrix Ultimate Dog School's Facebook Page with handy hints and useful training you can practice in your home. Feel free to post and share your successes.**

**Below we have included the information you need to ensure you get the very most out of your time with us.**

- **Treats and toys – we use both at BUDS because by reinforcing happy association with training means your dog will want to work with you. I use cooked sausages, ham or any cold, cooked meat. Cheese is also good but can upset sensitive tummies, or simply save some meat from your Sunday roast. The tastier the treat the more your dog will want to train. Treating is phased out over time, if trained correctly your dog will eventually do your commands without treats.**
- **We use toys to encourage the dogs to work towards a reward while learning the equipment, tugging toys are the best for this as owners are directly interacting with their dog and can have some control. A squeaky toy will help to keep engagement but will need to be phased out.**
- **Your dog cannot train if it is wearing a harness, coat or anything else that might get caught on the equipment.**
- **When the weather is cold, it is a good idea to bring something for your dog to sit on while waiting their turn.**
- **Dog will not be doing the equipment attached to a lead, so if you do not have a reliable 'Wait' or 'Recall' then this will be your first target to achieve. We can work around it for the first week but this will need to be conquered if you are to be successful.**
- **Please bring poo bags, you will be expected to clear up any faeces and disinfect any equipment that has been weed on. To avoid this as much as possible you are welcome to walk your dog around the perimeter of the exterior field, so the dogs arrive ready and not needing to toilet – however - please ensure you are ready to start your Class on time.**
  - **We do supply water for the dogs, however, we recommend ensuring you have some available. There is an outside tap nearby.**
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  - **Make sure you are wearing suitable footwear - for a field, walking boots, trainers or wellies are best.**



As we all need a starting point it would be helpful if you could try and ensure your puppy/dog has the following basic skills:

- Able to sit on command
- Able to walk on a lead, not necessarily to heel, just in a fairly straight line.
- Able to wait in one position, handler at least 2 steps away and return  Able to take treats kindly

As we need the dogs to have consistency, one handler will train their dog for the entire course.



**\*In brief:**

- Pay £40.00 for the Course fee (Account Name: Bordertrix Ultimate Dog School, Sort Code: 20-05-73, Account Number: 63939154)
- Write dates for classes on your calendar.
- Ensure you get some tasty treats (sausage is best)!
- 2 toys, 1 squeaky
- Collar and lead
- Poo bags
- Water
- Walking boots/trainers/wellies



**\*This is just an advisory list and does not mean owners will not be able to take part if all points are not covered/reached.**