

THE QUARTERLY DRIBBLE

From your local canine expert

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SPRINGTIME DANGERS

Spring has sprung, the sun is starting to take his hat off and there are crazy people out wearing flip flops already (I must admit, I've never been a flip flop wearer -I trip myself up in them!).

As we start to emerge from winter, stretch our legs (and shave them in some cases) we must keep some information in the back of our minds when it comes to our dogs. There are a number of things that we need to keep an eye out for to ensure our dogs continue to gallivant around like the cute little lambs and stay healthy.

Here is a list I've compiled of some of the main areas to be aware of, but of course do ensure that you do some of your own research if you're visiting a new place or heading off to the garden centre to get some new goodies.

- **Lungworm** – slugs and snails carry this so ensure your pet is protected – Don't forget if you put down slug/snail bait...this is also harmful
- **Ticks** – gross horrible nasty little buggers – ensure you have a tick remover on hand and you can easily deal with them, but if you're not sure pop to your vet and they'll soon sort your dog out.
- **Spring cleaning** – If the mother-in-law is visiting then ensure during your mega clean that any extra bleach and harmful chemicals are well out of the way...sometimes it's easier to keep the mother-in-law away instead.
- **Spring flowers** – Yup, some of those glorious blooms can cause you to have a very poorly pup – see the graphic from the Kennel Club

Finally, it's getting warmer so remember **DOGS DIE IN HOT CARS!**



WHAT YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR...THE COUNTDOWN IS OVER! I FOUND MY MOJO... ...LET ME HELP YOU FIND YOURS!

Too long in the making, but the time is here for me to announce our brand new name, look and growing team!

(Re-)Born: 1st May 2022 – although Established 2016 but in the makings since 2000 (Yes it took 16 years to take the plunge and do it!)

Weight: Never ask a lady that!

Length: Approx. 165cm (depending on what shoes I'm wearing).

Eyes: Wide-eyed with excitement

Over the coming months, there are going to be some incredibly exciting things happening and you're not going to want to miss out.

- New amazing team members to meet
- Even more classes being added with new ones starting EVERY month
- Indoor and outdoor training facilities
- VIP Daycare with a difference (limited to 8 dogs – booking will be required)
- And more!

If you don't want to miss out on what is to come then make sure you're on the VIPup mailing list. You can join it by visiting the website.
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FIND OUT *WHY* SPACES ARE FILLING UP FAST FOR OUR **IMDT PARTNERSHIP CLASSES!**

WHAT ARE **IMDT PARTNERSHIP CLASSES?**

Do you have a new puppy?

What about a new rescue dog?

**Maybe you have a dog that has been busy training
YOU for the past six years!**

It doesn't matter how old your dog is, what breed they are, how big, small or fluffy they are - The IMDT Partnership Classes are for you!

Lots of classes work through basic training but our classes are different.

What makes our classes different?

Exercises are tailored to suit each dog and human partnership to ensure you both get the maximum benefit from each session, helping you both work through your partnership grades.

Working with us on a weekly basis, helps you to stay consistent with your training, gives you a focus for the week ahead and helps you progress through basic training to more advanced behaviours working towards the five IMDT Partnership grades.

You're not just attending a weekly class, you're becoming part of a growing canine community. Guided by experienced and qualified instructors, you're in the very best hands (or paws).

WHAT ARE **IMDT** PARTNERSHIP CLASSES CONT...?

What is taught in Level One?

Sit for 60 seconds

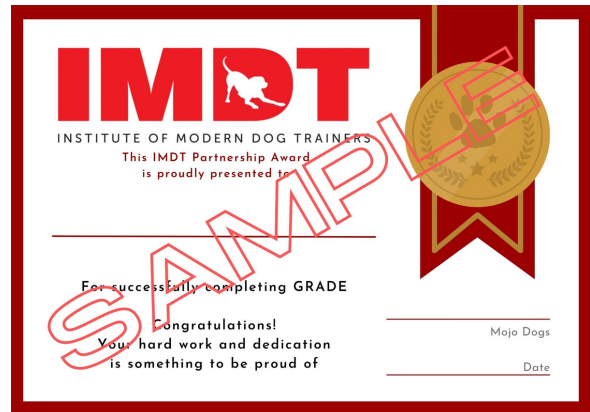
Down for 60 seconds

Loose Lead Walking for 200m

Recall in a controlled environment

Chin Rest for general husbandry skills

Inspection for general husbandry skills



How do I get my award?

Once you and your dog are able to complete all the exercises and are ready for your assessment, we can book you in with one of our IMDT Qualified Assessors. You and your dog attend a session and show off the amazing partnership and skills that you've been working on, if you pass, you'll be awarded your certificate and rosette and you can then progress to the next level.

Why should I do more than one level?

Why wouldn't you? Owning a dog is more than just walking it around the woods once a day, it's about celebrating the tens of thousands of years that they've been by our side. The least we can do with such a long-term relationship is ensure that we're doing all we can to continue to nurture and build on it. One of my favourite sayings is "Aim for progress not perfection". Very few things in life are perfect, but if we can keep progressing then we're on the right muddy path with our woofers right beside us.



How do I book?

Head on over to the website and all available classes are listed. New classes start on the first week of **EVERY** month, places always fill up quickly because people continue their training past the first month - they love it so much - you'll need to book to avoid disappointment.

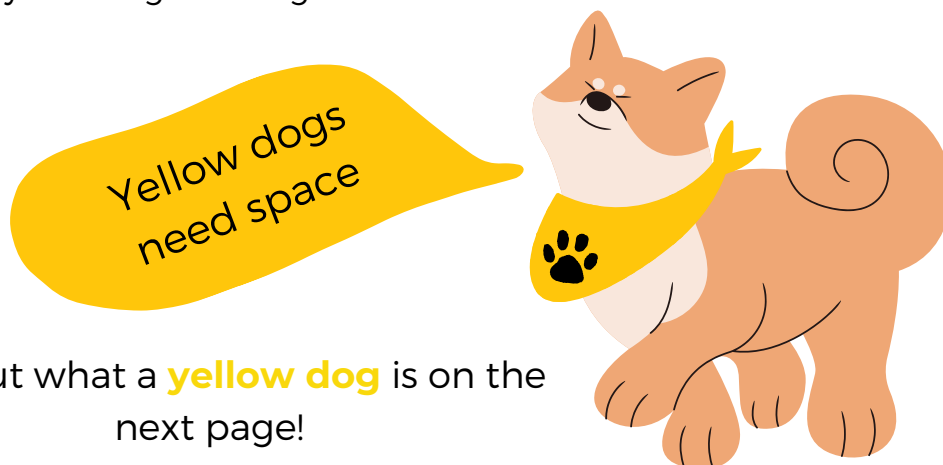
WHAT ARE **IMDT** PARTNERSHIP CLASSES CONT...?

I'm worried about some of my dog's behaviours?

Recently I put out a survey to the local canine community asking them what caused them the most worry about attending a group class – over 50% of you said you were too worried to join a class because of your dog's behaviour. This isn't the same as having a reactive dog, this is that ONE thing you just can't get to grips with -barking, jumping up, over-excitability – these are all COMPLETELY NORMAL and easily remedied with the help of experts, so come to class – that is the point of a class – to LEARN. We are here to help teach and guide you, enabling you to achieve your canine goals, resolve any niggly behaviours and have a dog that your friends are envious of. Our classes are adjusted to suit EVERYONE and we thrive on seeing waggy tails and smiley faces, so don't let your worries stop you from coming along and joining in!

I have a reactive dog, can I attend a group class?

Please contact us directly, as we will need to assess your situation. If your dog is dog / people reactive, they will probably not be suited to a class environment. The majority of reactive dogs will find a class environment stressful and this means they won't be able to learn. As a human, if you put me in a room full of bugs and creepy crawlies I wouldn't learn the simplest of things because I would be so busy concentrating on what is going on around me. If you have any concerns about joining a group class, then please get in touch with one of our experts and we'll be happy to advise you - dog training is not "one size fits all".



Find out what a **yellow dog** is on the next page!

WHAT IS A **YELLOW DOG**?

Yellow Dog UK brings awareness to dogs who need space while training, recovering from surgery, or being rehabilitated.

www.yellowdoguk.co.uk



A **yellow ribbon** or other yellow indicator on a dog lead or body means this dog needs some space

There are many reasons why a dog may need space:



...Nervous



...Post-op



...Puppy in training



...Unwell



...Old & Grumpy



...in Season



Yellow Dog owners appreciate your help and respect!

Please do not approach this dog or its people with your dog.

Maintain a respectable distance or give this dog and his/her person time to move out of your way

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PAWS-AGILITY WINTER SERIES

2021-22

This year the winter agility series was held over six shows, once a month from October 2021 to March 2022. Dogs and handlers competed to gain points across all the shows with the aim of being crowned the overall winner in their height category - there are four height categories in agility - small, medium, intermediate and large (the dogs, not the handlers!).

Huge con-wag-ulations to not just the overall winners but to every single partnership that attended the shows and to those that helped to keep the shows running smoothly,

We are extremely proud to award the following dogs and handlers the title of Winter Series Winner 2021 - 2022.

The Winners!

Large – Laura & Sisi

Intermediate – Linda & Buddy

Medium – Karen & Little Mo

Small – Jo & Jack



Now all I need to do is plan the 2022-23 Winter Series for you all.
Watch this space as even more fun is heading your way!

BRINGING HOME A BADGER!

I swore I'd never do it because I was terrified of failure!

But I couldn't resist helping Badger.

I was contacted by his rescuer for an assessment which I was more than happy to do.

Yes, Badger had a couple of little niggles, but nothing that you wouldn't expect from such a young dog with a troubled upbringing, and nothing that an experienced dog owner wouldn't be able to handle.

Little (Not So Little) Badger had two homes in his first 6 months. He'd been labelled as 'dangerous and aggressive' which meant that there were no offers of foster for the little (NSL) lad.

When I heard that Badger had to be placed in kennels, I felt I had to step in and bring him home for a complete assessment and to learn more about him.

Every day Badger opened up a little more and told me a little more about himself; it really is amazing that if you take the time to listen, our animals really do talk to us. I learnt a lot about Badger; his likes and dislikes and, above all, what worried him the most.

By day five I had learnt so much about Badger that on day six he met his new Mum.

I had originally said to the rescue that I would like to have him for at least a month but, as I know his new Mum well, I was 100% sure that it would be best that he went to his forever home as soon as possible - giving him the stability he needed as soon as possible.



BRINGING HOME A BADGER!

Badger (Now called Raffles) has been with his new family for a number of weeks now. He has three doggy brothers and one doggy sister and literally is living the life that every dog dreams of. He's in the most amazing home, with the most amazing family and I cannot wait to see him again and I even hope that one day I'll see him at either a class of mine or an agility show.

Despite friends teasing me about keeping Badger, I knew when I fostered him that I was never going to keep him permanently. I am not in the position to add to my canine family at the moment -I have a LOT going on with work this year (watch this very exciting space – you may even see some sneak peeks in here) so it was lovely to know I could help him and ensure he was happy and ready to go to his forever home and that he wouldn't be stuck in kennels.

What I did learn about fostering is that all you need to have is love to give, along with understanding and patience to listen. As a foster parent, you gain so much as well as helping a dog in need.

I wish Badger and his family all the very best for the future and to everyone else that has ever fostered, whether failed* or not, huge kudos points to you.



*Note – just in case you're not aware of the term "failed foster" is where the fosterer has failed in fostering and has instead become their forever home and not their foster home

RECIPE CORNER

It can be really hard finding something to suit your dog when it comes to treats. I **ALWAYS** ask students to come to class with something soft and stinky and there's a reason for this!

Soft – because the treat is then quickly and easily swallowed

Stinky – because there are lots of smells at the centre and you need to have something to combat the other smells.

Crunchy large biscuits take too long to chew up and they're boring. Of course, you do need to be mindful of your dog's dietary requirements, but I wanted to share with you my favourite thing to make for Alan – who does have a number of dietary requirements due to allergies.

This recipe is so quick and simple!

Pop the sardines and the oil in a bowl and mash it up a bit then add the eggs and mash it up some more.

Then transfer this into a microwavable dish (I use a rectangle one) and cook until the...sardine omelette as it were is cooked through.

Ingredients

- Tin of sardines in oil
- 2 eggs



It will depend on the size of your tin of sardines and eggs so you will need to use some common sense. Of course, be careful getting it out of the microwave, it will be hot. I then pop the omelette out of the dish onto a cooling rack and, once it's cooled, I chop it up into small cubes ready for the eagerly awaiting fluffy butts that are around my legs in the kitchen.

So simple to make and I know **EXACTLY** what is going into my dog! Remember, what goes in, must come out, so don't feed more than you need or you'll find yourself in a bit of a situation!

My dogs give these treats a 5 lick rating!



NEVER STOP LEARNING!



Never, ever stop learning! Most of you may know the acronym...CPD...for Continuing Professional Development. Well, those three little letters stand for three very big words!

CONTINUING -The team and I are ALWAYS learning and improving on what we know. You will NEVER hear us say that we know it all...if anyone does say that to you...walk away! Learning NEVER stops, it must continue, it will never stay still (much like a twelve week old puppy).

PROFESSIONAL-You will never have anything less than professional, yes there is the odd giggle, and maybe the odd rude word thrown in during a moment of sheer passion and excitement about what you and your dog may have just achieved, but that only shows how committed we are to helping you achieve your goals.

DEVELOPMENT-Everyone needs to grow, develop and find their place in the world. For us, the world means happy dogs and owners enjoying their time together in a bond that has been developing over tens of thousands of years. Whether that is enjoying simple woodland walks or aiming to compete at the highest level in agility we're here to help you ALL with your own CPD...Canine People Development!

So put your hands together, wag those tails and celebrate with the following two achievements in March 2022.

Wendy passing her Agility 1st Instructors exam with a commendation!
Jo being awarded her Kennel Club Accredited Instructors title.



What to learn next?What do you want to learn next?

MEET VIKKI



Vikki was born into a house with a rescue German Shepherd called I's Wolf, carving out a path before she knew it.

Vikki's dad was chairman of a German Shepherd training club, so she grew up accompanying him and was never happier than when surrounded by a room full of dogs.

Through her 30's she studied wolves and canine behaviour at a zoo in Devon and after graduating she got her first rescue dog.

Her most recent rescue is called Hera, a traumatised Tamaskan who put Vikki on the path to studying and becoming a Qualified IMDT Trainer.

Since 2018, Vikki has worked part-time with the wolfdogs as a handler/trainer for a number of film/TV productions. Vikki has a passion for seeing nervous dogs gain that confidence to blossom into their true selves.

As well as a glowing IMDT record, Vikki is on her way to becoming a qualified behaviourist and is a Canine Hoopers World instructor.

All these incredible achievements mean that she is going to be a HUGE asset to the team.

The only thing Vikki cannot do is teach agility... so at least she'll leave me a few things to do around the centre. Please give a very warm welcome to Vikki who is starting in May.

Welcome

CURRENT CLASS TIMETABLES*

***SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Below is a current list of the classes available for booking, please note that these are subject to change depending on demand and availability. It is recommended that you book in advance to avoid disappointment.

New IMDT Partnership and Scentwork classes start the first week of every month and are either four or five week courses depending on the number of weeks that month.

IMDT classes are suitable for ANY* dog

Fun Scentwork is suitable for ANY* dog over four months old

Agility is suitable for ANY* dog over 14 months old

(daytime agility classes are suitable for dogs to start foundations at 6 months old - please contact the team for more information).

Monday mornings - IMDT Partnership Grades

Monday afternoons - Fun Scentwork

Tuesday mornings - IMDT Partnership Grades

Tuesday afternoons - Agility

Tuesday evenings - Agility

Wednesday mornings - IMDT Partnership Grades

Wednesday afternoons - Agility

Wednesday evenings - Agility

Thursday mornings - Agility & IMDT Partnership Grades

Thursday afternoons - Agility

Thursday evenings - Agility

Fridays - special events/workshops/guest trainers and fun shows

Please note that agility classes are extremely popular and there is a waiting list for most classes. Please email for availability and if there is none for your preferred day then you'll be invited to join our waiting list.

*if your dog is reactive, anxious or has another behaviour that concerns you please contact the team before booking a course to see how we can best help you.

Go on! Treat your pup!

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YOUR LOCAL EXPERTS

"Find your mojo, with Mojo Dogs"

How we can help you

When you realise that you need some help with your dog it can be a minefield of searching and suggestions.

The team have many years of experience with many breeds of dogs.

New classes start the first week of each month with the addition of regular events, workshops and more.

Visit our website for up to date information and get in touch if you cannot see what you're looking for.

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New Classes EVERY month!

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