

Positive Reinforcement Training Policy

As a positive reinforcement trainer, I am committed to using humane, science-based training methods that prioritise the wellbeing, confidence, and trust of both dogs and their owners. My approach is centred on rewarding desirable behaviours rather than punishing unwanted ones.

Prohibited Aversive Training Methods

The following aversive training methods and tools are strictly prohibited in my training sessions:

- Aversive Tools: Prong collars, choke chains, slip leads used for correction, e-collars (shock collars, vibrate), anti-bark collars, citronella collars, or any other device designed to cause discomfort or pain.
- Verbal Punishment: Yelling, harsh corrections, intimidation, or any verbal threats directed at the dog.
- Physical Punishment: Lead jerks, alpha rolls, scruff shaking, nose tapping, or any form of physical force or intimidation.

Approved Training Equipment

Only the following equipment is permitted to be used on dogs:

- A flat collar
- A harness (well fitted and comfortable)
- A Dogmatic head collar (must be conditioned correctly)

These tools support a positive, force-free training environment that encourages learning and trust.

Enforcement of This Policy

The use of aversive training methods or prohibited equipment will not be tolerated. If you are found using any of the above mentioned tools or techniques, you and your dog will be removed from training. This policy is in place to ensure a safe, positive, and effective learning experience for all dogs and handlers.