

# Natural Way Sheepdog Training Intermediate

## At a glance...

### Customised Provision

Duration Notes: 10 weeks

Delivery Method: Online

## Introduction

To introduce intermediate concepts of the Natural Way and to advise handlers how to take advantage of this method in order to get the best out of their working dogs

## Overview in brief

- builds on the Introductory foundation and starts with some revision of concepts and practice
- develops participants' ability to read stock
- develops critical abilities in relation to the reading of a dog's temperament on and off sheep
- develops the ability of the handler to help the dog to feel its sheep
- helps the handler to develop better feel
- helping the handler to help their dog use pressure release on sheep
- explains the concept of a dog's 'method' and how this may be analysed (different types of dog)
- explains how a dog may become dulled to pressure and how this may be rectified
- develops initiative and thought patterns in the dog.
- explains how experience and learning from different terrain develops the dog's mind.





## The finer details

- How it helps the dog gather (and why it is important not to put pressure on command). Revision of Introductory Level Foundation skills – making sure the movement and response of the dog are correct.
- Three levels of flanks – body language and command association
- Importance of handler response to dog's action – dog's response should only be accepted if it is correct
- How to assess the dog's temperament on/off sheep – identifying behaviours/manner that indicate differences between attitude on sheep and attitude off sheep
- How to teach the dog to use pressure-release on sheep
- How to teach the dog to think for itself in work situations
- How to enhance the dog's ability to feel its sheep
- How to judge how much freedom to work is appropriate for the dog's level/ability
- Different types of dog in terms of method
- Reading stock

## Who should attend?

Graduates of the Introduction to The Natural Way

## What will be covered?

- As above on course document.
- Instructional videos, case studies.

