

School Dog Training

At a glance...

Assessed Customised Provision

Duration Notes:	7x90 minute sessions (2 days).
Delivery Method:	Theory and Practical
Prerequisites:	A dog suitable for training to work in schools.

Introduction

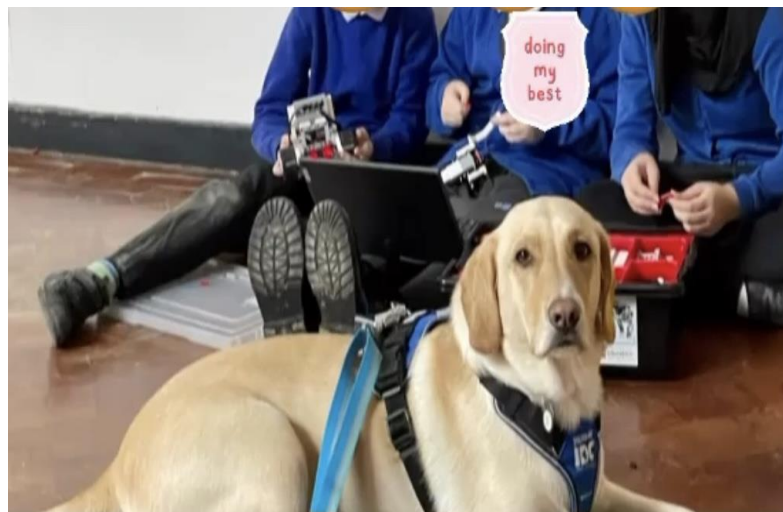
The course will work specifically with the handler in the school or educational establishment to train the dog to become a valuable asset, having a positive effect on the academic, social and emotional wellbeing of all.

Overview in brief

There will be 7 sessions of 90 minutes duration.

Each session will build on the previous one and increase the training of the skills that the dog will need, reinforcing that it is 'working'.

- Train the dog to walk calmly to heel throughout the premises through doors and up and down stairs.
- Train the dog to lie on a mat and stay there until told to move.
- Train the dog to meet unknown adults and children without getting over excited and jumping up.
- Introduce the dog to a variety of situations, e.g. individual children, small groups, assemblies, busy corridors and playgrounds.
- Expose the dog to different sounds, e.g. bells, whistles, fire alarms, children shouting and train the dog to remain calm.



Who should attend?



School dog owners.

What will be covered?



- The dog understands that it is 'working'.
- Walks calmly to heel throughout the school.
- Has good basic obedience.
- Doesn't show any signs of nervousness or anxiety.
- Meets children and adults in a calm, friendly manner without getting over excited or jumping up.
- Enters classrooms quietly and settles in a designated area.
- Doesn't pick up items from the floor.
- Remains calm in various situations (group and individual reading sessions, one – to – one counselling, assemblies, passing children in corridors)
- Doesn't react to different sounds (bells, whistles, fire alarms, children shouting and running)
- Become a calming, supportive help to children with specific needs.
- Has a positive effect on staff moral.
- Help individuals to overcome dog phobias.
- Raises the profile of the school

