

## About Us

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We are a reward based training school specializing in pet dogs. It is important to us that the dogs behaviour and temperament are paramount throughout any training, as it is pointless to have a dog that can sit, stay, lay and walk to heel, but can't cope with new people or situations.

Both Angela and Chris are members of PAACT (the Professional Association of Applied Canine Trainers) the link supplied will take you to their website. Dogs in Training holds Kennel Club Listed Status which allows us to run Good Citizen award classes where you can attain Kennel Club recognized and registered certificates, recognizing you and your dogs achievements you can find out more about this scheme on the link below.

### Principle Trainer and Behaviourist Angela Wilkins

Angela has had a passionate interest in animals since early childhood, this was fuelled by her Rescue GSD's Shultz and Karl. It was finding out how to help these very special boys that expanded her knowledge and gave her a thirst to learn more.

The proud owner of her three dogs Baldrick (Flat Coated Retriever) Toffee (Yorkshire Terrier/Jack Russell cross) and baby of the family Muppet (Working Cocker)

Angela is a firm believer in looking at individual need of your canine companion, not every dog or person acts in the same way so training needs to be flexible to suit all needs

Over a number of years working with other training schools, researching, and of course learning from all her clients dogs and owners has enabled Angela to build her knowledge base and start her own business. She is available for 1 to one behavioural consultations and is always happy to talk through problems you are experiencing

Chris is a highly talented and experienced trainer always pushing to improve the service we give our clients, she is currently building on her experience by studying with other trainers who have specialist knowledge. As well as owning her 3 SBT's Chris also breeds on a limited scale having had recent successes with her bitch Macy (daughter of Ella) Ella (5) has her Bronze, Silver and Gold Kennel Club Good Citizen awards, and also enjoys agility, Rocky (4) has Bronze and Silver and Baby Macy (18 months) is just about to take her Silver. Staffie's are clever and eager to please but this does not always make them easy to train, as they are easily distracted and excitable. But you would be hard pressed to find a happier or friendlier companion than your Staffie.

Rocky is Chris's only male dog and looks as hard as nails which just proves that looks can be very deceptive as he is sensitive soul who likes nothing better than a big cuddle.

### Our Classes

Our classes are strictly limited to ensure individual attention and to keep a relaxed friendly atmosphere. The lessons fill quickly so you will need to ring the booking line on 01908 691344 (or for individual training Angela on 01234 711074) to confirm availability and hold a place. We will then send a map, booking form and any other relevant information needed to start the course, your place will be confirmed on receipt of your deposit.

The types of classes we are currently holding are:

### Agility

This is a fun activity involving different obstacles including jumps, walk over, tunnels, etc. which is stimulating both physically and mentally for both dogs and owners, this is achieved using only kind motivational methods.

### Starter Agility

For complete novices this course provides a basic introduction to Agility and allows the handler and the dog to ease into this stimulating and enriching sport.

### Puppy

Kennel Club Good Citizen foundation course covering a comprehensive puppy course that gives your puppy the start they deserve. These sessions cover basic positions sit, stay, down, stand, lead work, recall, food manners, bite inhibition, toilet training, care and responsibility, socialization and much more.

Viewing of all classes is welcome by appointment (this is to ensure that we do not have too many visitors at anyone time.)

### Junior

These classes follow the same general structure as the Puppy class, but without the young puppy issues and are tailored to meet the changing needs of young/adult dogs.

### Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards

Our Good Citizen Kennel Club classes are designed to promote responsible dog ownership. All elements are directed at getting your dog to be a well mannered and well behaved pet dog.

Bronze is the first level which covers Cleanliness and Identification, Collar and Lead, Walking on Lead, Control at Gate, Walking amongst people and Dogs, Timed stay, Grooming, Present for Examination, Return to Handler and Responsibility and Care.

Silver is the intermediate level which covers Play with the Dog, Road Walk, Rejoin Handler, Increased timed stay in one place, Vehicle Control, Come away from Distraction, Controlled Greeting, Food Manners, Examination of the Dog by the examiner.

Gold is the final level which covers Advanced Road Walking, Return to the Handler's side, walking free beside the Handler, Stay down in one place both in and out of Sight, and Send your dog to Bed, Stop your dog at a distance, Relaxed Isolation, and Food Manners, Examination of the Dog, Responsibility and Care.

More information about the Good Citizen Award Scheme can be found on the Kennel Club website, please click the link below

[www.thekennelclub.org.uk](http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk)

#### Lead work (3 week course)

This course is designed to deal with pulling on the lead and how to deal with distractions, finishing with the last class as a field trip to amore challenging environment.

#### Trick Training (3 week course)

This is a course for people who want to do more with their dogs; we look at natural behaviour that each individual dog exhibits and turn these into tricks using clicker training.

A sure way to improve your relationship and understanding and understanding of your dog plus being great fun!

Your dog does not have to be a gun dog breed to enjoy this course, it concentrates on retrieving, scent work games and some jumping, and basic off lead recall is required for this class.

Young handlers are very welcome on any of our courses with adult accompaniment

**A YOUNG HANDLERS CLUB WILL BE COMING SOON !**

We regularly post classes that are designed to enrich the lives of both dog and handler so watch this space for our summer specials!