



## Behavior Modification Workshop

Living with annoying and unacceptable behaviors can take all the fun out of sharing your home with a dog. Bad behaviors may cause legal and financial issues, and they do destroy the calm of a home.

In many cases the problems are the result of mistakes we make which let dogs practice bad behaviors. Mistakes that can often be fixed.

Other times the dog is accidentally allowed to practice survival behaviors like hunting, foraging, and fighting – in our homes!

The good news is, that there are few truly aggressive and dominant dogs. Dogs want to have fun and share life's experiences with you, and your family.

### Change a Dog's Emotions And You Change Their World

Many problems are caused by not understanding how dogs think.

Learning to Communicate can solve a dog's problems

Anxiety and Fear cause physical and mental pain  
In both humans and dogs

Learned Aggression and Learned Helplessness are real

Treating a dog like a child can have devastating consequences

Hidden Health Problems can affect a dog's temperament

- How does Cortisol, Oxytocin, and Dopamine control my dog's emotions and actions? How do I fix this?
- Why can't dogs think when they are in 'lock and load' mode? What does reactive mean?
- Can Counter Conditioning change my dog's 'survival behaviours' to 'good manners'?
- Can older dogs be re-socialized? Is my dog too old?
- How can I give my puppy the best start in life and prevent behaviour problems?
- Why does behaviour modification work when other training methods do not?
- Can it work for a dominant breed?
- How do I regain control of my dog?

## CANINE LEARNING & BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION WORKSHOP

Session #1 will discuss socializing Puppies and older dogs, how dogs learn, and relate to their environment. It will offer practical tips to help prevent Problems before they start, and discuss different methods of behavior modification

Session #2 Will discuss the science and theory behind Aggression, dominance and reactive behaviors. It will Provide A brief explanation of chemical reactions that affect a dog's behavior, and make them reactive/aggressive. And help explain why the problem started, and what you can do to help.

This is perfect for the pet owner who wants to help their dog and for the breeder who wants to raise calmer, more social puppies. It may also help breeders make more informed choices when picking new homes.

Date: April 15

Time: 11 - 2

Cost: \$40

Place: SportDogTrainingCenter Aylmer  
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