

UNDERSTAND YOUR DOG



A unique way to communicate with your dog

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Understand Your Dog – Information and Application Form

Hi, thanks for your interest.

I enclose some information on the course, with an application form at the end.

Understand Your Dog runs over a period of 6 weeks, and is based upon Jan Fennell's method, Amichien Bonding (AB). AB helps the owner to understand their dog and have a better relationship with it. At the end of the course the owners will have been taught the needs of a dog and will be provided with tools to help them rebalance their dog's perception of their place in the pack. Should owners be interested in taking the method further other options could be discussed.

The course will cater for up to 10-12 packs and will be led by Dog Listener, Colum Scriven. A pack is a group of up to two adults and two dogs.

Participants will be encouraged to attend all 6 sessions as the method cannot be partially implemented. All attendees should read *The Dog Listener* by Jan Fennell (or watch the DVD) prior to starting the course.

Each lesson will last about two hours. Lessons 1, 2 and 6 will be all theory, without the dogs. Lessons 3, 4 and 5 will be a mixture of practical work with the dogs outside and theory without the dogs inside. The course will be taught using flip charts, practical demonstrations with the tutor's dog, video and audio media.

The cost of the course is £150 per pack (there is a £30 discount for single human packs), which includes free lifetime support. In order to secure your place please send in a deposit of £50 with your application. The balance should be paid before 4 weeks prior to the start of the course. Payment details are on the application form.

I look forward to seeing you on the course.

Regards,



Colum.

Course overview

Week 1 – Introduction (indoor with no dogs)

Introduction to course and overview of the 6 sessions.

- Welcome to participants.
- Introductions
- Overview of course
- Dogs and wolves
- What is different about Jan's method
- The 4 areas
- List of owners' issues – to be picked up through duration of course

Week 2 – Status (indoor with no dogs)

Provides an explanation of the importance of status to a dog in the wild and to a domestic dog.

- Role of pack leader: protect from danger, provide food, breed.
- Pack hierarchy
- Instinct, learning, language & environment
- Body language, tone, pulse
- Space Invaders
- Reuniting and separating – Golden 5 mins
- Separation anxiety

Week 3 – Food

Importance of food to the pack.

- Power of food
- Hierarchy of eating
- Opportunistic eaters
- Gesture eating
- Power GE

Week 4 – Perceived Danger

Role of each member in pack in relation to perceived danger. Role of leader to protect pack.

- Wolf in wild and danger
- Domestic dog and danger
- Thank, Look, Isolate
- Defence: flight, freeze, or fight

Week 5 - The Hunt

The role of the hunt in the pack's life and how the domestic dog does not go for a walk.

- Purpose of hunt
- Who leads?
- Only take dog for walk when happy and in control
- Stop, Start, Change Direction
- Doorways
- Issues: Lead pulling, Running away, Chasing sheep/other animals, no recall

Week 6 – Conclusion (indoor with no dogs)

Concludes course and summarises what was covered. Opportunity for attendees to ask specific questions about their dogs.

- Summary of 4 areas
- Issues with dogs
- What's next?