

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 in my course, Understand Your Dog. I enclose some information on the content of the course and have provided an application form at the end.

Understand Your Dog runs over a weekend 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 4 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 the sessions over the weekend 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. More information on AB can be found at Jan's website <http://janfennellthedoglistener.com> or at her son's (Tony Knight) <https://tonyknightdoglistener.com>.

The table below shows the format for the weekend. Each session will last approximately two hours. Sessions 1, 2 and 4 will be theory-based, without the dogs. Owners will be required to find a safe place where they can leave their dogs for that period. Sessions 3 and 5 will be practical exercises outside working with the dogs. For those owners wishing to leave early, session 5 is optional as it provides an opportunity to practice further what was learnt in session 3. The course will be taught using flip charts, practical demonstrations with the tutor's dog, video and audio media.

Session	When	Subject	Where
1.	Friday 7pm to 9pm	Introduction and Status	Theory inside, no dogs
2.	Saturday 10am to 12pm	Food and Perceived Danger	Theory inside, no dogs
3.	Saturday 2pm to 4pm	Walking on the lead 1	Practical outside with dogs
4.	Sunday 10am to 12pm	The Hunt and Issues	Theory inside, no dogs
5.	Sunday 2pm to 4pm (optional)	Walking on the lead 2	Practical outside with dogs

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.

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Course overview

Session 1 (indoor with no dogs)

1a. Introduction

Introduction to the course and overview of the 5 sessions.

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

1b. Status

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

- Dogs and wolves
- Role of pack leader: protect from danger, provide food, breed.
- Pack hierarchy
- Instinct, learning, language & environment
- Body language, tone, pulse
- Personal space
- Eye contact
- Reuniting and separating
- Separation anxiety
- Recall
- Furniture
- Consequence of Action

Session 2 (indoor with no dogs)

2a. Food

Importance of food to the pack.

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

2b. Perceived Danger

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

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

Session 3 (outdoor with dogs)

Various exercises with dogs on lead in field with other dogs in group.

- Safety first
- Personal space
- Stop, start, change direction
- Reacting to danger
- Protecting the pack

Session 4 (indoor with no dogs)

4a. 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

4b. Issues

Opportunity for owners to discuss issues with dogs in group discussion format.

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

Session 5 (outdoor with dogs - optional)

Further exercises with dogs on lead.

- Personal space
- Stop, start, change direction
- Meeting other dogs
- Any other questions