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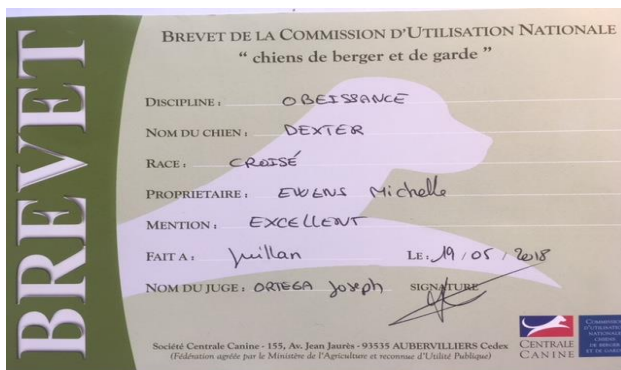
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Daphne looking smart and cool for the summer – toilettage by yours truly.



Coming Soon



ADVANCED TRAINING, AGILITY AND GROOMING

Yes, I've had a busy July. I'm now a qualified groomer and currently investing in some top-quality equipment – it's amazing how much is needed. I also have some agility equipment being made so we can have beautiful dogs enjoying themselves in September. I plan to offer the basic Social Obedience training as we did up to the end of June, plus more advanced training, as well as a class that will include basic fun agility.

Dates to be published soon.

Training reminders – “every day habits”

Training doesn't need to be a chore or take a lot of time.

There are so many things you can do throughout the normal course of the day.

- ❖ To practice “SIT” ask your dog to sit before you give them their food bowl.
- ❖ “WAIT” can also be strengthened by asking your dog to WAIT before you tell him he can eat. So, a simple SIT, bowl down, then WAIT before you say OK is great training.
- ❖ Practice “WAIT” when they are getting out of the car or going through a door in your house.
- ❖ When playing with toys, ask your dog to “DOWN” before you offer the toy or throw the ball. Ensure you give the toy or throw the ball immediately they do what you have asked them to do.
- ❖ Don't forget to extend the position time, wait a few more seconds before throwing the ball or telling them they can eat.
- ❖ Make this into a game. Progress to asking your dog to SIT and WAIT in one room of your house whilst you hide in another. When they find you, make it very exciting and they will want to WAIT again.
- ❖ HEEL walking is always best done after they have exercised. A dog that is desperate to have their first run of the day will not want to HEEL.

Even if your dog is now well trained, always remember to give them lots of praise as they continue to perform well. They then know you want them to continue doing what you have taught them.

Injured dog – getting rid of excess energy



Many of us dog owners have had to deal with injured dogs who are not allowed to go on walks or run around. That's difficult enough with one energetic dog, and often even more difficult when there's more than one dog in the family. Poor Dex has been in the wars lately, 3 weeks ago he jumped and landed badly and seems to have twisted his leg – no obvious damage but the vet said to rest him. This week, another vets “rendez vous” as he seemed to have something stuck in his foot. So it's the “collar of shame” for him and I'm exercising Daphne separately. Dexter is a very energetic intelligent dog, so we are playing mental games in the house rather than physical exercise.

- ❖ Get him to sit and wait in one room and hide the tennis ball in another. Give it a good rub with your hand or with some sausage / ham to help him track it down.
- ❖ If your dog likes toys and will retrieve, teach him the names of different toys – starting with just two, and then ask him to retrieve different ones.
- ❖ Teach your dog to clear up all their toys into their toy basket.
- ❖ Make food and meal times more mentally stimulating – put food in a Kong and freeze it, or use a feeder that makes them have to think how to get to their food. See this Amazon link - https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/aw/d/B0054Q9TMA/ref=mp_s_a_1_10?ie=UTF8&qid=1532518234&sr=8-10&keywords=dog+feeder+toy&dpPI=1&dpID=416kgbG3sHL&ref=plSrch

Adolescence – “All my training has been wasted”

DON'T DESPAIR – BACK TO BASICS AND PERSISTANCE



When your “tiny of ball of fluff” suddenly hits the teenager stage it can be a bit of a shock. This is a necessary development stage and here we will look at some ways to help them learn and grow in a positive way. Teen pups are very much like the two-legged teen variety, but if you’ve not had that pleasure, patience and love will see you through. Smaller breeds can start to mature as early as four months, and larger breeds as late as eight to ten months. The smaller breeds often pack all their growing into their first year, whilst the larger breeds may not be totally mature until they are between eighteen months and three years old. Some puppies sail through this process, others cause havoc, but be reassured that this stage does end. Adolescence can result in “selective hearing”, and “forgetting” how to follow simple commands that they learnt months ago, as concentration and focus is difficult. Nipping, barking and jumping begin or get worse, and they get bossy with other dogs, pets, children and even adults. This is all down to their hormone levels rising dramatically, peaking and then dropping to a stable level.

Bratty behaviours, general disobedience and the odd potty accident are fairly mild issues, whereas picking on a family member or another pet, and resource (toy or food) guarding are more serious problems. For mild disobedience, stay calm and patient, and remain consistent in your training commands.

Here’s some points in how to correct him:

- ❖ Correct him firmly but fairly
- ❖ Don’t shout, hit him or scare him.
- ❖ Once you have corrected him, move on, don’t hold a grudge, dogs live life in the moment.
- ❖ Continue to play games, go for walks and snuggle on the sofa.

Other helpful tactics include trying to stick to a regular daily routine, and giving your pup plenty of exercise - a tired puppy is a good puppy. Make obedience sessions a priority and continue ensuring he gets new socialisation experiences as often as possible.

In the next [Yes You Chien Newsletter](#) we will deal with the more serious adolescence issues and how to handle them.

Autumn Term starting 5th September

So you may have noticed, I now have a name for my business. **Yes You Chien**. Thank you to my “brand consultants” who helped me come up with this. It is designed to send a positive message about your ability to train your dog, plus recognise that we are in beautiful France.

The business is now registered, and I will be spending the remainder of August building my web site, taking another dog first aid course, and working out the schedules for next term. I plan to run 5 or 6 sessions per week, on a Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon, so really look forward to seeing you back for more.

“We have both thoroughly loved and benefited from the lessons....huge thanks to you. You really are great at teaching”.

Social Obedience Training

For those of you that came to the spring sessions, we will be continuing this training plus welcoming new dogs.

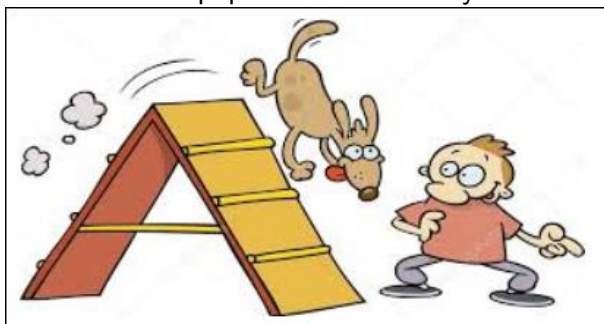
For those of you that have not been for a while due to other commitments please come back – we have been missing you. We can easily pick up where we left off.

600 Euros raised for Les Amis des Animaux – thank you all you dog trainers.

A slightly more advanced course will also be offered for those of you that want to progress. I try to focus on training that will be useful in everyday situations rather than teaching tricks. I am also very passionate about you and your dogs enjoying the training, and keeping the dog doing natural things rather than trying to produce “remote controlled” dogs.

Agility

I am currently having some top-quality agility equipment being built so will be offering “Fun Agility” in the future. This will be available to dogs over one year old and the equipment will be introduced in a slow and controlled way to keep our dogs safe. It’s great mental and physical exercise for any dog. We can adjust the courses and equipment to suit everyone.



Grooming

Yes, I’m qualified after a very intensive course. So I’m ordering all my equipment at present and will advise when I’m ready to beautify your pooches.

I’ll be in touch soon and in the meantime, I wish you all a very enjoyable and not too hot August.

Best wishes

Michelle