



can you DIG IT?

BRONZE, SILVER AND GOLD CLASSES

The Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme is the largest dog training scheme in the UK. Its aim is to promote responsible dog ownership and in turn, enhance our relationship with our pets and to make the community aware of the benefits associated with dog ownership.

Getting a dog is one of the rare occasions you actually choose a member of your family! So if things are going to work out, your choice must be a good one. So what happens when you find the right dog and bring it home? Will it behave itself in your home? Will it get on with your family and what will it be like when you take it out? These are just a few questions that a new dog owner will ask himself or herself when bringing a dog into the home. How do you learn to live with your new addition?

Methods used

Only kind, fair and effective methods used

Equipment

Please use a broad flat collar, together with a reasonably long lead (3-4ft long)

Rewards

Tasty, moist, high value food treats such as fresh chicken, cheese, sausages or liver usually work very well and although sound extravagant, usually cost less than commercial treats. (Only a very tiny piece of food is used and the tit-bits need be no larger than 1/2 cm square). Only use these 'special rewards' for training.

Please bring your dog's favourite toys as we can use them as rewards as well as food. Fleece tuggy toys are great for agility and are available from the [club shop](#).

Feeding your dog

Depending on the time of your class, you may need to delay feeding your dog or feeding them earlier so that they are not running on a full stomach. They will need at least an hour and a half from eating a meal to doing their class and you may wish to consider giving them a slightly smaller meal than normal so your food treats will be more effective as a reward.



Useful hints

- Please park sensibly on the car park
- Enter the OBEDIENCE ARENA at the top door marked ENTRANCE which opens outwards
- Please arrive early enough to make sure your dog has time to relieve themselves before entering the arena.
- Allow you dog a short walk before arriving at the class to let off some steam and release some excess energy

Socialisation

One of the most common topics we get asked about in obedience classes is socialisation, and at Dig It we think it is one of the most important parts of raising a happy, balanced dog.

While correct socialisation can be a life saver, a lack of or incorrect socialisation can cause dogs to display behavioural issues in future life.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download our guide to Socialisation

And finally..... this is a working farm and therefore dogs must be kept on a lead at ALL times and ALL dog mess must be removed immediately and put in the pooh bins.