

Intermediate

This 6-week course is a perfect follow on for the puppy course, or for those dogs who are entering classes at older than eight months. We will strengthen and build on the skills learnt in the beginners course and help you to understand how to apply your training skills in the real world, by challenging your dog to work around distractions, increase impulse control and practice calm controlled behaviour in an exciting environment. We also work on your skills as a handler, ensuring your handling and direction is becoming clear and fluid and work on new exercises, including obedience, target training and retrieval exercises to help to develop these training skills.

Advanced

This 6-week course is for those who are hooked with the training bug, or for those dogs that just won't ever tire!

An ideal follow on from the intermediate course or for those dogs who have done plenty of training previously. This course continues to work on your obedience and handling skills, but also dips into gundog training, pre-agility exercises, tricks and distance work.

Courses run in 6-week blocks and classes are 1 hour long.

All classes are held on a Wednesday and Tuesday. These classes take place in the paddock at the back of the Chalfont St Giles surgery.

How to book:

Please contact Laura Ward at <u>mindsalikeatb@gmail.com</u> or 07931 566921 for any questions and to make a booking visit <u>https://animalmindsalike.com/book-online/dog-training/</u> Once you have booked and paid you will receive an email confirmation.

- Dogs must be **friendly** with other dogs and people
- Dogs must have had their primary vaccinations

What to bring with you:

- OUTDOOR clothing/good footwear
- Tasty treats
- A comfortable collar/harness (flexi leads, and choke chains are NOT appropriate)



Behaviour

In line with the **The Canine Behaviour and Training Society** and **Association of pet Dog Trainers** code of conduct, these may be arranged via veterinary referral only. It is vital your pet is health checked first to ensure there are no underlying medical conditions that may be causing or exacerbating the behavioural problem. For example, many endocrine and neurological disorders can affect your pet's behaviour in surprising ways, or it may be something as simple as arthritis or pain or irritation from skin disease that is causing your dog to behave differently.

If you feel your dog or cat is showing signs of abnormal behaviour or behaviour that is difficult for you to live with, please contact your vet who can then refer you to a behavioural specialist.

If you have any questions about behaviour consultations or are unsure if this is the sort of help you are looking for please contact Laura Ward at: <u>mindsalikeatb@gmail.com</u>