

### Why join the Social Paws Club:

The Great Paws Social Paws Club is a place where you can come and build a stronger bond with your dog, working around others with similar goals of achieving a calm, well rounded and polite pooch.

Often with our dogs we end up down the rabbit hole of "socialising" and have a desire for our dogs to run free and be super friendly. However this can come with its own drawbacks. It can result in poor recall, pulling on lead, inability to settle in public, over excitement\*, barking\*, over zealous play styles and more. So as with all smart dog training, prevention is better than cure! So come join me and support your pooch to ensure they can succeed in life.

\* if your pooch already barks, lunges, gets over excited at other dogs, then check out my "reactive" Social Paws club.

### Who is it for?

The Great Paws Social Paws Club is for dogs who currently show no/little signs of over excitement or anxiety/fear (this will be confirmed at your assessment by the trainer) and for whose pooch parents want a fun, safe and relaxed environment to continue to work on those life skills with a variety of distractions. The aim is to create an environment that can help you practice and enable pooch to become more "bombproof" and their skills, more dependable.

### How do I join?

First you will need an assessment and induction (this is for those who have not completed any 1:1 or classes with me). This will allow us to ensure you join the right Social Paws group, understand where to go and what to do for each club session and ask any questions you may have which are not covered in this pack.

You can book these on the website <https://greatpaws.co.uk/social-paws>

Once complete, you will be given access to the booking link and can book your space at future sessions.

If you have already been to my classes or had a 1:1 with me, please click the link on the assessment booking page.

## What is it?

- The Social Paws Club is a 40 minute outdoor social session with just 4 dogs.
- It is a "drop in" pay per session club meaning you can simply book your place in advance through the system so it can fit around your availability.
- You will spend the session working with your dog across 4 skill zones spending up to 10 mins in each.
- The skill zones will contain instructions and equipment for you to learn or advance skills and games with your pooch.
- Your trainer will rotate around the skill zones to give you tips and advice throughout the session.
- It is designed to help your dog learn how to be focused and calm with you around other dogs - ideal for supporting outdoor life such as walking, going to park, cafe, beer garden etc.
- Assessments will be made by your trainer through the session and where appropriate, managed meets and closer working may take place.
- It is a supportive group with like minded respectful responsible pooch parents.

## What it's not!

- An off lead free for all.
- A training class or 1:1 - these sessions can compliment existing learning but not replace it.
- A place to "cure" your dog of "issues"
- A club to ignore your dog or not participate

## Where is it & what are the facilities?

The club takes place outdoors at the new training paddock at the Great Paws venue (<https://greatpaws.co.uk/training-venue>).

On session days, you will be met by me at the car park and instructed where to go. It is a short walk from the training barn down a farm track to reach the paddock.

The paddock has 6ft fencing for safety however dogs must remain on lead at all times including inside the paddock.

As the sessions are held in the paddock, access and the terrain may not be suitable for those with poor/low mobility. You will be able to review this for yourself during the induction.

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There are NO toilet facilities available at this time.

Weather impact.

Being held outdoors, you and your pooch will be exposed to the elements so please dress appropriately. We are pooch parents so being outdoors with our dogs is common for us.

Sessions will only be cancelled when the weather poses a risk to the health and safety of your and/or your pooch.

I ask you to check your emails prior to setting off for your session to ensure no changes.

Extreme weather or weather which may impact a session include but not limited to:

- Extreme heat
- Excessive rainfall making the paddock or access road slippery/boggy
- Snow and Ice
- Strong/Gale force winds

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