
Lucy Ward Dog Training - Code of Ethics

At Lucy Ward Dog Training it is our aim to ensure we offer the best and most up to date training advice and support, and to be transparent with our training methods and ethics.

The Lucy Ward Dog Training code of ethics:

- To train only using force free science based techniques. We do not condone physical force used in our training.
- We do not allow the use of any equipment that has been designed to, or may cause pain, fear or suffering to any dog - choke chains, slip leads, haltis, prong collars, shock collars, training collars.
- We actively show dog owners how to train with kindness and without fear.
- To remain qualified and accredited ensuring a kite-mark of excellence for owners in an industry that is unregulated.
- To attend continued professional development for a minimum of 40 hrs a year.
- To continue to work with other pet professionals for an integrated approach to your dog's care.

As a fully qualified member of the Institute of Modern Dog Trainers, we also abide by their code of ethics.

All Members of The IMDT agree to abide by The IMDT Code of Ethics:

- To train dogs professionally with honesty, integrity and in the best interest of the dog, owner, the public and The IMDT.
- Actively provide and promote force-free training methods and actively reject any methods or equipment that may cause physical or mental discomfort.
- Continue Professional development through books, workshops, courses & seminars.
- Respect the privacy and confidentiality of clients.
- Carry suitable professional insurance including public liability.
- Members agree to work within their professional limits and agree to refer owners with needs beyond those limits to a suitable professional.
- Provide and promote science based, proven dog training principles to a high, professional standard.
- Avoid positive punishment as a tool for training dogs.
- Accept IMDT Committee decisions as final.
- Proactively benefit dogs and dog owners.
- Proactively promote The IMDT.