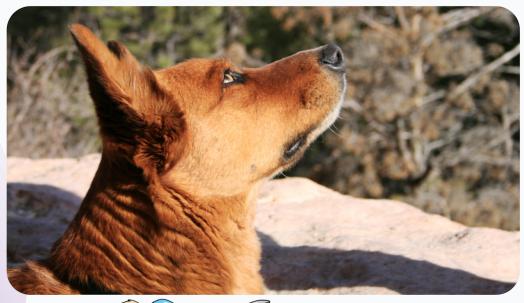


Help your dog to Control The Meerkat B.A.S.E

Foundation skills







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Hello there,

My name is Danielle and I'd like to welcome you to 'Foundation Skills'; part of the 'Control The Meerkat, Rehabilitation Journals'. We all know that life happens and it's not all fairies and puppy tails; despite our best effort!

Therefore, I've created 'Control the meerkat' to help YOU to understand YOUR DOG, and learn all about what you can do to help them to cope, when life happens!

As you may be starting to understand, there is more to our dogs behaviour than just simple training. Our dogs are complex, emotional being that need to understand how to regulate those emotions just like the rest of us. For those that struggle it can become detrimental to both them and you and we're here to help. Rest, sleep, and relaxation is vital for our dogs and we need to ensure we focus on ensure they can rest as much as we do keeping them exercised.

That's what **Control The Meerkat** is all about, we show you how to help your dogs, help themselves. It's not about obedience and telling them what to do; it's about teaching them the skills they need to manage themselves. By doing this our dogs learn how to regulate their own emotions, and calm themselves when they feel excited, frustrated, scared, or overwhelmed. This is where we begin.

Good luck with your training!

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ABOUT THIS JOURNAL



We feel it's important to keep track of progress when rehabilitating our dogs. It's a long jounry with many setbacks and at times isolating and frustrating.

Logging difficult days along with good days can help you to really see the progress, strengths, and weaknesses and spot patterns that you might not have seen otherwise.

We want to make an already difficult jounery as easy as possible for you and your dog and have come up with our journals to help! Over the next few pages you will find tips and different ways that you can monitor and log your progress. We have

- Daily Routines
- Weekly Planners
- Monthly Planners
- Goal Trackers
- Weekly Goal Targets
- Monthly Goal Targets
- Dog Walk evaluations
- Self Evaluations
- Phase planners

These are designed in different ways to suit as many people as possible.



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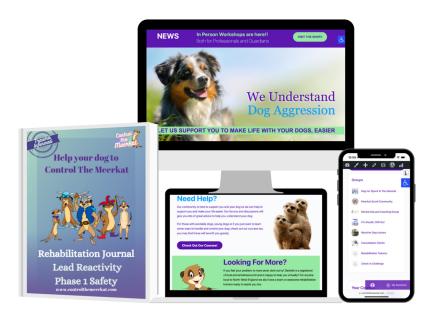


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Self Regulation



Impulse / Self Control and Frustration Tolerance

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Welcome To Control The Meerkat



We believe that dogs are incredible beings that have wonderful brains with amazing capabilities. Here at Control The Meerkat we can help you to understand how your dog's brain affects their behaviour enabling us to work with your dog to make life easier for you both.

We are going to set your dog up for success by managing their environment to prevent them from performing any unwanted behaviours while we build up their confidence to create safety and relaxation.

The best way to do this is to avoid problem areas as much as possible in the beginning. For our lead reactive dogs this can mean not going on a walk for around 2 weeks, sometimes more. It may mean going out in the car to quiet areas, changing the location or time of your walks, or skipping walks completely for now.

For many dogs these situations are just too stressful for them at present, and they need some time to feel safe and confident before starting any training. It's important for us all to have a destress holiday. Not taking your dog for a walk can be difficult as we feel our dogs need a walk, but for many dogs they'd rather stay at home where they feel safe.

Sometimes only going to certain places where you can avoid other people, and dogs, can be a great compromise. Many areas have secure fields that are ideal for building confidence when outside again. Some cemeteries can also be a great compromise if you don't find them too spooky!







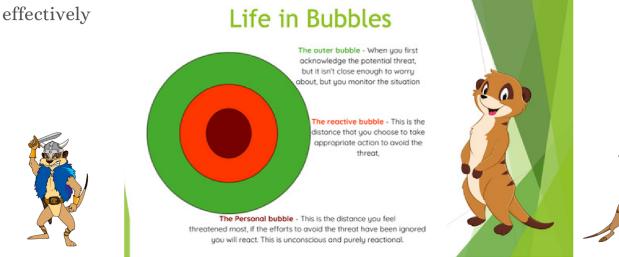
When living with a reactive or sensitive dog it's difficult to always understand their point of view. We can't always figure out why they're reacting the way they are; it can be so frustrating. During the Meerkat course 'Dog-ter Spock & The Meerkat' we discussed why your dog can't always have control of their own actions, as they get hijacked by their emotional Meerkat. We need to understand exactly what is going on for your dog so we can help them to 'Control The Meerkat'. It's important that we remember this when they do react, it's often not within their ability to control themselves yet. If they react it's because they're not ready for that situation yet, we need to advocate for them and help build their confidence and emotional control so they can cope in these situations. The first things we need to be aware of when living with these dogs is distance from the 'threat', duration exposed to the 'threat', and other distractions in the

environment.

These distractions can include changes in weather, temperature, illness, pain / discomfort, fireworks, over excitability, people jogging, livestock, sounds from a school yard. Anything that will increase your dog's arousal or sensory levels will make it harder for them to focus, more so if they have an overactive Meerkat. You will notice that your dog is often able to take food and focus in some situations but not others or may even start to snap at the food, spit it out, or ignore you completely. They may be able to take food at one moment and listen, then stop. This is often due to how close they are to something they feel threatened or overwhelmed by. If they get too close their brain shuts down and their emotional Meerkat takes over! The longer something is present for can increase that threat level for your dog rather than lowering it.



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with them. We want to keep your dog in the green zone, as much as possible to help support your dog. All animals live within a series of bubbles, which are used when we feel threatened. These bubbles will change in size depending on the situation. For example, when walking down a busy street during the day you won't feel too threatened by the people passing you by, unless they come within your personal bubble.

However, if you walked along the same street at night you will notice people walking towards you sooner and you may even start to feel threatened before they get close. When they reach your reactive bubble you may choose to cross the street.

This assessment of threat is normal behaviour for every species and the distances at which we feel threatened are fluid and will change depending on the context of situation. In the above example, the only part that changed was the time of day.



It's important that during this time we keep your dog mentally and physically stimulated in other ways. This stress break allows us to teach our dog new coping behaviours and to increase your bond so they feel safe and secure with you.

We will be teaching them, in a safe environment, what they are expected to do in the situations they struggle in and reward them for doing so, gradually working through the rehabilitation until they can do this in other areas. Safety and relaxation will be a huge focus for your dog's rehabilitation, as many dogs really

struggle to regulate their emotions and switch off.

This inability to calm themselves down exacerbates their reactions when on lead. If they can't control themselves in quiet places when they're excited, how can we expect them to control themselves when they're reacting?

Helping your dog learn how to relax and chill out helps them to 'Control Their Meerkat' so they can help themselves and think in situations they struggle in. This is how our rehabilitation journey will begin



The management strategies within this journal and within our online membership community, and learning empawrium are to help you and your dog to learn new coping strategies and remain as calm as possible. These techniques will not fix the problem, as you can't remove a learned behaviour, but they will make it easier to manage your dog whilst your are working through the program to have more long term results. As we go through the rehabilitation journal your dog will learn new ways to 'Control The Meerkat', which will help change their behaviour into something more manageable to make your life with your dog easier.

After-all, it's often the underlying emotions that often drive their unwanted behaviours.



The secret to effective rehabilitation is understanding which emotions are driving your dog's behaviour. The consultation enables our Clinical Animal Behaviourists to do just this! Once we understand what is driving your dog's behaviour we can help them to cope and set them up for success!

Everything starts at home. They need a safe **B.A.S.E.** to start from. Then we can create that space with you and you can become their safe place. Once they can control the meerkat in safe environments we can gradually start to expand this to new situations to help them relax and control the meerkat.

We start by managing the environments they're in, to prevent their Meerkat from taking over when they become too scared, frustrated, or overwhelmed. Then we help them to learn how to 'Control The Meerkat', through games, relaxation exercises, and teaching them alternative behaviours and coping skills.

We need to avoid any situations that cause your dog stress in the short term, so they are able to start to relax. So this is where we will start. Until your dog can feel safe and relax they will find it difficult to learn, and utilise their new skills.

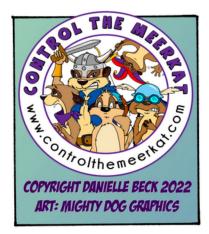


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CREATING SAFETY & BUILDING CONFIDENCE



BONDING



It can be difficult at times to stay connected with our reactive dogs. Every day things happen. We struggle to leave them, walks become a chore that we now start to worry about; it's exhausting. That's ok and it's normal to feel this way, help is here! The first step is stop doing the things that you and your dog find difficult. Then start to enjoy your time together again. Spend time relaxing in the same room, capturing calmness, understanding your dog's body language, playing together with no pressure to actually do anything. Sharing space and relaxing together is a great way to bond and help your dog start their rehabilitation journey.

ADVOCATE



Our dogs need us to use our voice and actions to help them. They're not ready to make the right choices on their own when we keep putting them in situations where they struggle, as they can panic. Their meerkat takes over and accidents can and do happen. Advocating for our dogs means to stand up for them, often to friends and family. Their walks will be different for a while and we need to be more hands off rather than hands on. Many reactive dogs have a history of trauma; therefore pressure and suppression wont help them. We need to ask other people not to approach, keep their distance, and keep their friendly dog away. This is easier said than done but our dogs rely on us to help them in these situations and to get them out of the situation ASAP



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SUPPORT



Although we can greatly reduce their exposure it's a sad fact of life that there will be times where it's not always possible to avoid everything that will trigger or overwhelm our dogs. A situation can't be avoided, or you get closer than you would like, and your dog will react. It's these moments our dogs really need our support to feel safe. They can't learn while they're reacting and having their handler react at them, jerk their collar/harness or shout. This will only affect your relationship, or make them more overwhelmed. We can support them by not making the situation worse. This is not the time for training. This is the time for distractions, comfort, or increasing distance. What ever they need to feel safe.

EMPATHIZE



Trust your dog when they're telling you they're scared, worried, or overwhelmed. Our dogs don't lie. They tell it how it is and it's up to us to listen and show compassion. If they're tensing up their muscles, looking around constantly, holding their ears tightly back, showing the whites of their eyes, or refusing to walk, they are telling you they're not comfortable and need support. So let's put ourselves in their shoes and show some compassion. Yes the scary thing could be a plastic bag, we know it's harmless - they don't. Let's not invalidate them by thinking we know what they're feeling better than they do. Let's guide them and support them to safety.



meet your bogs meerkats!











TO BE CONTINUED ...





The Meerkat is an analogy developed by Clinical Animal Behaviourist Danielle Beck, MSc, to help caregivers to understand how the brain affects your dog's behaviour. Often our dogs react so quickly we lose control, they're like a different dog and the treats just dont work. This emotional highjacking we refer to as 'The Meerkat' and we can show you how to 'Control The Meerkat' so you can train your dog. All dogs have a meerkat hanging out on their dog's collar and it is able to hijack them and take over whenever they feel threatened. Why do some dogs seem to have active meerkats and other calm? This depends entirely on your dog, their personality, genetics, development and breeding history, socialisation, their environment, any trauma they may have faced, and many more factors. You can find out how active your dogs meerkat is by taking our

Meerkat Quiz on the website!

Each Meerkat is based off the fight/flight responses available to your dog when they feel threatened. For many dogs when they are in a situation which they feel is threatening their brain literally changes and they get hijacked by their emotional brain - their Meerkat. Each dog will have access to all Meerkats. However, there is often a primary Meerkat that will be the main Meerkat for your dog and understanding which Meerkat hijacks your dog can really help boost their rehabilitation.

You can find out which alert or active Meerkat hijacks your dog by taking our new quiz!
We want to take the pressure off the dog when training as we can't train our dogs until we can control the Meerkat, and often we can't do that through conventional training. That's where we are different. We can help you to teach your dog how to help themselves!

Meet your dogs Meerkats

FIGHT



For most species this is a last resort as it's very costly, but if all else fails you may be left with no choice. For many dogs with fight, they charge first and ask questions later. The best defence is a good offence. Many appear confident and some are, as this technique has often been tried and tested. These dogs are not nasty and many have a false sense of confidence and bravado as shouting at everything is a reliable way to keep threats at bay,

FREEZE



These dogs are too scared to move so they freeze, hoping the threat may see they're no threat and leave. This response can be misinterpreted as calm and ok. However, their body will be very stiff, you may see lots of nose licks, small lip curls and low vibrating growls. These dogs are not 'fine' or 'calm', they are shutting down and withdrawing. They are often highly tolerant but will react if pushed, which appears to come 'out of the blue'.

FOOL



Dogs that fool are goofy by nature and often unaware if a threat is 'real'. They're often confident in situations they know and 'play up' in others. They will try to avoid conflict through play and distractions, which generally gets them into trouble. They may appear over excitable, or over friendly. They often zoom and start interacting with their environment in a fast way with little thought behind their actions. They are often seen as 'thick' or 'stubborn' when they're actually overwhelmed



Meet your dogs Meerkats

FAWN



These dogs try to calm situations to avoid threat and conflict. Often the play police in group situations, they are often seen being over the top wiggly, often with their bellies close to the floor or rolling onto their back and repeat this. They will lick their nose / mouth, to appease the 'threat', to try to calm them and avoid punishment. They are seen as very biddable and compliant when often they're unsure and have a high need to 'people please' to avoid conflict.

FLIGHT



Avoid the threat, run away and/or hide. These dogs will try to move away, often bolting with their ears back and tight against their head, tail tucked, and panting heavily with large eyes. If they can't run, as they're on a lead or cornered they get scared and frustrated and will start to display more fight type behaviours as they try to intimidate the threat. These dogs are often better off lead and will choose to avoid situation.

How do the meerkats affect your dog?

Take the quizzes at Controlthemeerkat.com to find out!



4 Phases & 4 steps



CREATING SAFETY & BUILDING CONFIDENCE



- Safety
- Relaxation
- Confidence building
- Foundation skills



FOUNDATION BEHAVIOURS & EMOTIONAL REGULATION



- Foundation exercises
- If In Doubt; Chill Out
- Check -In
- Emotional Regulation impulse/self control & Frustration tolerance



DRESS REHEARSAL! PRACTICING IN SAFE PLACES IN THE REAL WORLD



- Can they listen and relax in the home?
- Can they listen and relax in the garden?
- Can they listen and relax in quiet areas?
- Can they regulate themselves?

04

LIVING WITH THE MEERKAT

- Have a plan
- · Be prepared
- Support
- Advocate



PUT IT ALL TOGETHER AND GRADUALLY TAKE ON THE WORLD



B.A.S.E. - PHASE 1

CREATING SAFETY & BUILDING CONFIDENCE

CREATE SAFETY



01

For reactive dogs, especially those who are conflicted, nervous, anxious or fearful, feeling safe is essential for rehabilitation. If they don't feel safe they can't learn and they can't recall from memory. It's our responsibility to ensure they get a stress break and are then reintroduced to situations gradually, at their pace.

RELAXATION



02

For many of us relaxation is hard. We like to be doing things and struggle to swicth off. This can be true for our dogs too, particularly those with anxiety or those that are easily frustrated. If they can't relax and calm themselves down in safe situations they will really struggle to control the meerkat in triggered situations.

BUILD CONFIDENCE



03

For many reactive dogs they don't always have confidence in themselves and their own abilities. These confidence exercises can help them to feel more confident in new situations and with novel objects. By learning how to control themselves in these safe situations they are learning the skills needed for the areas they don't feel safe. Learn a new skill together like scent work, dog parkour, or some tricks. Most of all have some fun. There's more to having a dog than dog walks:)

FOUNDATION SKILLS



04

These are key skills which we need your dog to understand and be able to do in different situations, often without asking. We want our dogs to learn how to manage themselves so they can calm themselves when they start to feel overwhelmed. We can support them through this

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Welcome to Control The Meerkat Foundations!



B.A.S.EFoundation Skills









Foundation Skills



Treat Delivery

How you deliver the treat can affect your dog's performance and focus, There are 3 main ways:

- Mouth delivery
- Floor delivery
- Location delivery/feeding station

Mouth Delivery - Take it and Luring

Teaching your dog to take food without getting your fingers nibbled is the first place to start.

We want our dogs to understand when to follow the food, known as luring, when to focus and when to take. We want to fade the lure after around 3 goes to prevent confusion.

Start with a treat in your hand and wait for your dog to sit. You don't need to ask them to do anything at this stage, we want them to think for themselves and figure it out. Holding the food high above their head can help, too low and they may keep trying to snatch.

Once they've sat give them a treat, with a flat palm, this will ease any frustration and prevent any grabbing at your hand.

Then hold the treat between your thumb and first finger. When you give them the treat turn your palm up and let them take it.

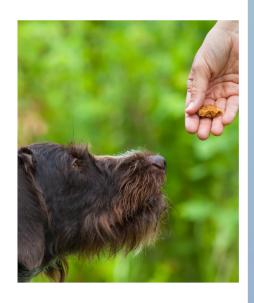
This way they learn to only watch or follow the treat until your hand is palm up. You can also use this exercise to teach a 'release cue' which means 'ok you can have it now you've done what I've asked'. Release cues are great for helping dogs to learn how to be patient and starting self control.



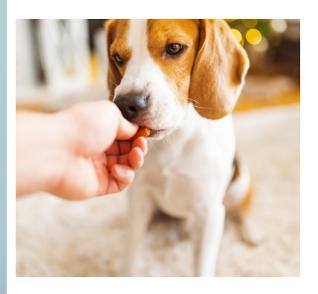


Release Cues

Try to use words that you don't regularly say when talking to others otherwise you might accidentally release your dog from a wait when saying 'ok' to a neighbour. Break, Free, or finish; these work well for most people. Remember dogs don't actually speak our language so use any word you like, just be consistent.



Starting Focus Control



Now we add a bit of self management by holding the treat in your thumb and first finger, then gradually lower it towards your dogs nose. If they move towards the treat, move your hand back, when they move away from your hand quickly give them the treat palm up with your release cue.

Repeat this and you'll soon see them starting to correct themselves, shuffling their paws, trying to keep still as you hold the treat. This is the first stage of them learning how to control their emotions and thus their

meerkat!

We want to start with focus, can they follow the food? Start by slowly moving your hand left to right while stationary, if they can keep their body still and move their head, release, treat, repeat.

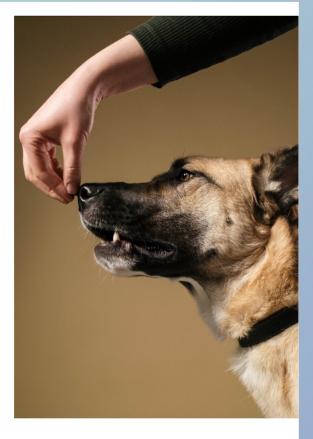


Focus Follow / Luring

Keep the treat between your thumb and finger and encourage them to follow, often we need to adjust our stance or move slightly to get them to follow. When they do, release, flat palm treat and repeat.

If they jump up, move your hand away and go back to stationary, movement can be very exciting!

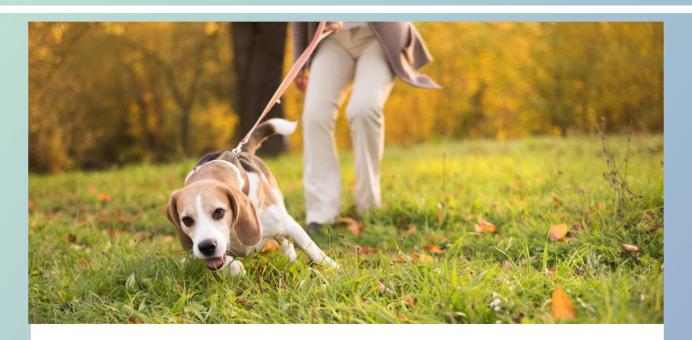
Teaching them to follow your hand is great for walking past distractions like other dogs, people, joggers and we can turn it into a hand target later.



NOTE:

Some dogs find being stationary incredibly difficult, particularly cocker spaniels and their crosses. Allow them some wiggle time after you've released them, then ask 'ready' and wait for them to come back and sit. 'Ready' over time will become a cue for are you able to work right now?





This can really help you understand if anything in their environment is too distracting for them. This exercises help with this as they learn that emotional regulation.

You can increase their self control by adding duration so wait for 5 seconds, 8 seconds, 10 seconds, 15 seconds, building up. Remember this is self control so we're not asking them we want them to learn how to manage themselves.

Deliver to the floor - The foundation of 'auto check in'!

It's important that your dog learns treats can be delivered in different ways, and not always from your hand.

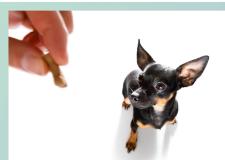
Dropping treats on the floor is a great way to keep those paws on the floor and prevent jumping up. It also all allows them to sniff, which is proven to help calm and regulate the meerkats of reactive or excitable dogs!

For these exercises it's the engagement with you that's important rather than the sit. It builds the basic of that habitual look in your direction that we can utilise in the auto check in

NOTE: Counting out treats can help you manage your training

Aim for 6 treats and 6 repetitions, then a break





Treating fast will provide accurate feedback that your dog's doing the right thing and reduce any frustration or anxiety around training that your dog may have. To maintain a position, delay the treat gradually by 2 seconds, then 4, 6, 8 etc If they struggle build up the lower seconds for longer. There's nothing wrong with going back to these foundations to build them up again.

Practice delivering treats from one hand, by having 6 in your hand and rolling them towards your palm with your thumb. This technique is great for fast treat delivery when out and about so practise at home. If possible try with both hands and different treat types. It's a mechanical handling skill that's worth building up



Location / Feeding Stations

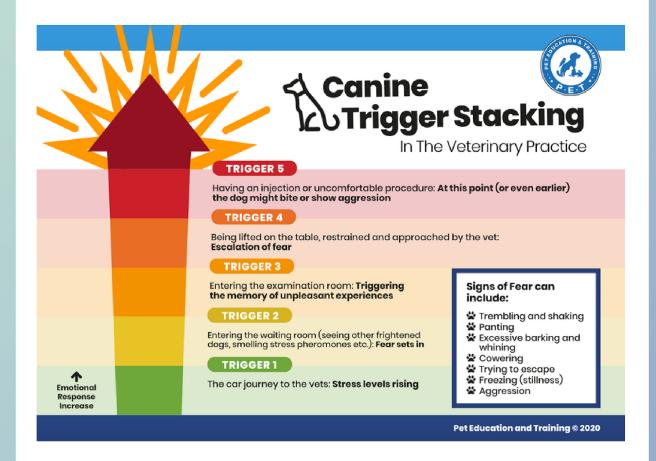
Always having food in our hand can be useful but, if overused, our dogs will only start to pay attention if we have food in front of them. This is more like bribery than reward, and something we want to avoid. We want to reward behaviour not bribe them for it.

We can do this by having food in a treat pouch, tubs around the house, or specific bowls that we get our rewards from, or more advanced we send our dogs towards to get their treat. This takes a lot of self control but these exercises are how we start





Foundation Exercises



Have a go at the foundation exercise in different places and with different distractions with your dog. Are there places where they can focus better? What if people are eating? dancing? other dogs are playing?

Monitoring your foundation exercises progress

How long does it take for them to focus on you?





How long do they focus on you for?

How does this vary? time of day? location etc.

How is this affected when they see/hear/smell things?



Final Thoughts

aaaaaand relax

You did it, you reached the end! You should be well on your way to being able to understand your dog and think about the ways you can help them to feel safe and supported by you. First in calm situations and slowly building up to more stimulating situations, rather than your dog getting overwhelmed at not knowing what to do. Being safe allows them to think, then you can use our program to help them make the right choice or be able to listen to your guidance.

If you are still struggling, there may be more going on than we originally thought, and your dog may be experiencing more emotional difficulties than previously believed, or even something worth discussing with your vet.

There's lots of advice and courses to try in our learning empawrium at controlthemeerkat.com plus a community forum where you can meet and talk to other owners with reactive dogs, and get some peer support, or book a session with Danielle or a member of the Control The Meerkat



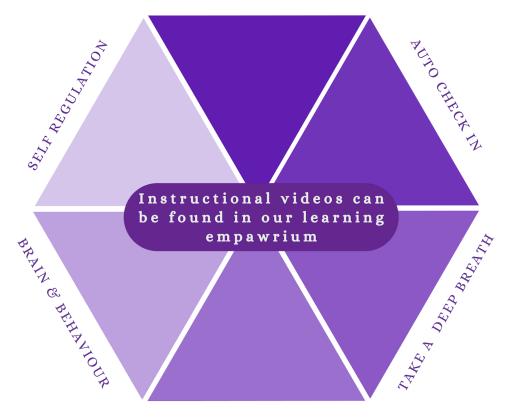


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IF IN DOUBT; CHILL OUT



FOUNDATION EXERCISES

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Sooo, what should I do next?

Well you've come such a long way, are you curious what else you can try with your dog? Would you like them to be more responsive? Are you still struggling and finding your dog can settle inside, but struggles outside as they are reactive on their lead? Do you just want to be able to take them out for a walk without them barking and lunging? Or be able to actually leave the house, as they struggle when left or even take objects off them without conflict? Then the 'Control The Meerkat' series is for you!

I love it! Who is this for exactly?

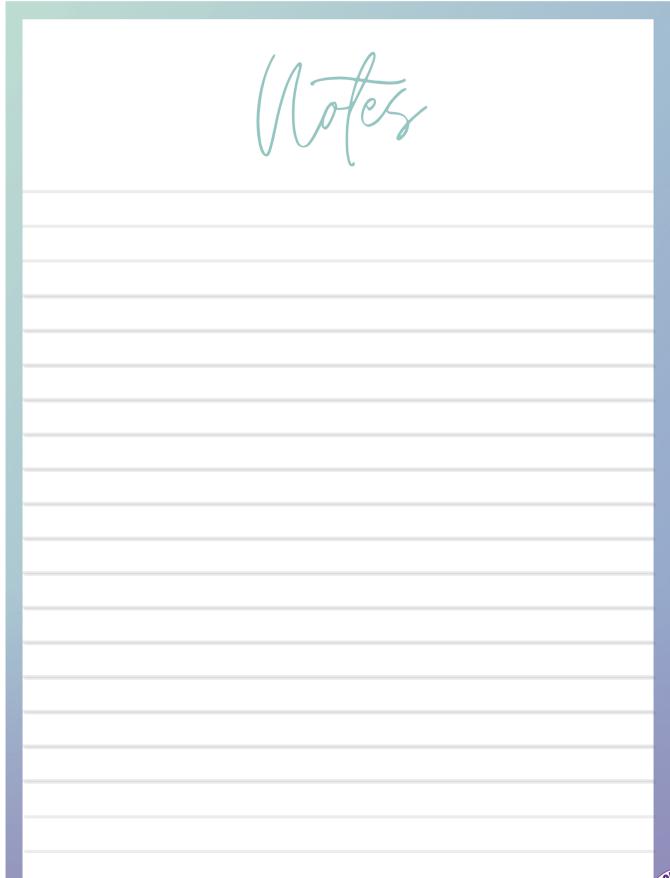
Control The Meerkat is for all people who want to understand and help the reactive dogs that share their lives. It's a community built to help owners to meet others in the same boat, and learn how to help their reactive dogs help themselves. There are private forums, learning resources like this, instructional videos and webinars too

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