

When I received Pryda, my beautiful red Dobermann puppy on my 18th birthday, I resolved to be the perfect owner. Armed with every book, article, and tutorial I could get my hands on, I thought I was set. Unfortunately, each one had a completely different idea about what was the correct way to train a dog, which confused me, and confused Pryda even more!

So off to dog obedience school we went to try and get a handle on things. The obedience school used food-based training, which was fine except Pryda was more interested in playing with other dogs than in the treats. This meant our walks were a nightmare – my hands were covered in blisters from her leash, and I couldn't even begin to count the number of times I'd tripped over or been dragged through the mud when Pryda saw something exciting and took off.

After months of persevering, I reached my last resort – a dog trainer. It was something I had been putting off, but after my first session with K9 Centre trainer, Alan Thompson, I wished I had contacted him from day one. The Calm Pressure techniques he taught were both simple to learn and easy to implement. I immediately saw a change in Pryda's behavior – for the first time she was actually calm and focused, rather than being scatter-brained and only following commands when it suited her.

An aspect, which I found particularly beneficial, was Alan's inclusion of other dogs in our sessions, as well as doing training with us in the park. This proved as a real test for Pryda (and me!), who was fine at home but lost it the moment we stepped out the door. This allowed us to work together to learn how to manage when faced with high-stimulus situations.

With Alan's ongoing support, being available to answer questions and provide guidance between sessions, Pryda's training has been a great success!

A very big thank-you from Katelyn and Pryda!

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