

Reactive Ruff 101



Christine's Critter Care & Training

Reactive Dogs are dogs that cannot be walked on leash without lunging / barking.

or even growling at changes in their environment. They may bark at other dogs, cats or people while on walks.

Reactive dogs can fall into two categories:

1. Dogs that are reactive and unfriendly with other dogs while on leash OR off leash.
2. Dogs that are reactive on leash but can socialize off leash.

No matter which category you fall into, this class will be right for you.

In this class we will show you how to change your dog's reactive behavior. You'll understand why your dog might be reactive, how to lower stress in your dog, build calmness and attention, train alternate behaviors to reactivity or over-arousal, reinforce the absence of reactivity and most importantly build your dog's confidence and trust in you. You will learn to truly master the dog walk.

There is no longer a need to feel lost or confused when your dog becomes reactive. You will learn how to feel more confident and comfortable in different situations and around other dogs. You will have new skills to utilize in these once-stressful situations so you will realize that you can relax as well since you will know what to do and how to avoid or manage the triggers that were once unpredictable. You will learn to read your dog and communicate on a different level.

In the Reactive Dog Class you will:

- Acquire the tools you need to understand and handle your dog with confidence.
- Learn what your leash-reactive dog is doing, why he's doing it, and how to change it.
- Teach your dog to relax and trust you while out on walks.
- Develop a better working relationship with your dog.
- Learn how to decrease the stress in your dog and teach him / her confidence and focus.
- Work with your dog in a controlled, supportive environment with a small group of dog owners who understand your issues because they share them.

In class, the dogs will be separated from each other by the use of visual barriers. Slowly, as you gain skills and your dog gains confidence and starts to shed fears, the individual dogs will begin to work together from a decreasing distance. The dog and handler team will move at the pace best suited to their individual needs.

The Reactive Dog class is initially held indoors. As the dogs and owners gain skills we move to a secure, fenced area outside and finally graduate to a real-life environment.

This is a 7-week class. The initial class is for owners only to outline the class and practice skills (no dogs). The first class runs 1 hour, with other classes running 1 hour. Sign up for a working spot (with your dog)

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Pictures of our reactive dog fencing and setup

