

Welcome to the new website!

I am very happy to be updating our brand & online presence with a new look website & makeover. Welcome to Inspiring Pet Teaching!

Don't worry, the same high level of Pawsitive service, quality & care is still very much here, & getting better all the time 😊



Inspiring Pet Teaching
Pawsitive Training & Education for Pets & People!

Since setting up Pawsitive Pet Teaching in 2012, we've gone from strength to strength – seeing hundreds of pets & their owners every year, as well as teaching the next generation of trainers & providing education of veterinary professionals. I have gained further advanced qualifications, including an Advanced Diploma in Cat Behaviour, attended many seminars & congresses, & am now studying towards becoming an accredited behaviourist – an advanced, graduate-level qualification. Not to mention becoming a faculty member at the Karen Pryor Academy for Animal Training & Behaviour too. It's all go!

Hence the rebrand – I wanted update our name & image to more comprehensively reflect the work we are doing day-to-day: Inspiring learning, teaching Inspiring pets & owners, being Inspired by the humans & animals I teach & learn from – pretty Inspiring stuff all round!

Please feel free explore the new website - I hope you love it ♥ As you will see, training is somewhat of a passion, fuelled by many years of working with animals & striving for the very best welfare standards for them. Over the years, I am lucky to have worked alongside, & learned from, some of the most eminent & qualified veterinary professionals in the U.K. I have (& continue to be) Inspired by the wonderful pets I have worked to help, as well as their owners. And none more so than my cancer patients, many of whom needed to be seen at the hospital often, having multiple procedures on a regular basis. Management of these patients' quality of life was always our top priority - *every day has to be a good day*. For me, seeing what was possible, that's where positive training really came into its own & "lit a fire". Through careful management, it was possible to have a real impact on how hospitalised pets perceived their experiences & learned to willingly accept their treatments. Owners would very often be amazed that their dogs were pulling them *into* the hospital on chemo days!!

So, in 2012, having been a veterinary nurse with a penchant for behaviour for many years, & thinking I was a pretty reasonable trainer, I decided to do the [Karen Pryor Academy for Animal Training & Behaviour's Dog Trainer Program](#). Well, did I have a thing or two to learn! The program was incredible, & very different from any of the qualifications I had done before. It consisted of 8 months of immersion, via the online course, with multiple practical & written assessments & exams, & culminating in a 10 day workshop & final exams near Seattle with the wonderful Terry Ryan, of Legacy Canine & the Karen Pryor Academy's faculty. Of which I am now privileged to be a member & teacher too!

The program put right a lot of things that I thought were gospel, confirmed much of what I knew, but most of all, taught me more than I thought possible about training & behaviour, backed up by the most up-to-date scientific research - & from the best in the world! The Karen Pryor program, & [Susan Friedman's Living & Learning with Animals Course for Professionals](#), which I completed subsequently, gave me a whole new level of understanding & opened my eyes to the possibilities of what is achievable in animal training, as well as the ethics of how it should be done. Positive reinforcement & clicker training are kind, fair & effective ways to teach & communicate with animals, proving traditional-style punitive or dominance-based training techniques to be entirely obsolete. It's consensual, & it's fun! To quote Susan Friedman's mantra: "effectiveness is not enough" – our companion animals deserve so much more than we have traditionally known how to do for them!



To learn more & see how we put it all into practice at Inspiring Pet Teaching, [click here](#). I hope you're feel Inspired too!

Through this website, & my [Facebook page](#), I will regularly bring you training tips, news, ideas & insights – please take a look, I hope you "like" it 😊