

ADVICE FOR BUILDING YOUR DOG'S CONFIDENCE AT THE VETS



DON'T Come On In!!

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When you arrive at the vets, phone reception to let them know you are outside, then give your dog time to use their nose, and explore smells outside while waiting for your appointment. .

Bring all their Creature Comforts

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Bring a blanket your dog is familiar with, and encourage your dog to settle on the blanket. This can be used in reception and the consult room so your dog is reminded to settle down.



2 Focus on Focus!

Bring super tasty meaty treats to the clinic. Get your dogs focus, ask for a simple behaviour, try and pause for a few seconds before rewarding, then slowly try to increase duration of focus. It'll be all over before you know it!

Out Of Their Mind with Worry?

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A frightened dog can be a dangerous dog as when dogs (and people) are overwhelmed their thinking brain slows down. If your dog becomes overwhelmed, protect them,. Give your dog a break and discuss a behaviourist referral.

Practice Makes Perfect

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Play vets at home! Bring home some veterinary scents. If safe to do so, pop your dog on a table. Practice touching areas such as your dogs tail, ears, teeth and nails. Pair each touch with a tasty treat.

Visit the **Association of Pet Dog Trainers Ireland** website to find your local qualified & certified dog trainer.