

## Home Building & Renovating Courses to **SAVE YOU MONEY** at Home Base Expo

### INTERIOR DESIGN COURSE

Starts  
Mon  
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A professional interior designer will give you the knowledge and confidence to create an interior design scheme that is perfect for your home.

#### Course Outline

- ✓ Colour theory & application
- ✓ Planning kitchens & storage solutions
- ✓ Task and mood lighting
- ✓ Flooring, window treatments & accessories
- ✓ Understanding building plans

**COURSE FILLING FAST!**



*This course includes a comprehensive manual and free colour wheel!*

Date: Monday 2nd August 2010 Time: 6:30pm - 9:30pm  
Date: Tuesday 3rd August 2010 Time: 9:30am - 12:30pm  
Date: Wednesday 4th August 2010 Time: 6:30pm - 9:30pm  
Cost: \$300 per person Duration: Every Mon, Tues or Wed for 6 wks

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### HOW TO READ AND UNDERSTAND HOUSE PLANS

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This interactive workshop will provide you with a good understanding of house plans and the minimum standards you should be expecting of documentation.

#### Course Outline

- ✓ Scale and Foundation Plans
- ✓ Elevations and Electrical layouts
- ✓ Plumbing and mechanical systems
- ✓ Cross sections and details
- ✓ Symbol definitions and more...



Date: Thursday 5th August 2010 Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm  
Cost: \$55 per person or \$88 per double

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### NEW HOMES SEMINAR

*Ideal for the new home buyer*

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Presented by industry experts including a lawyer, registered builder/architect and professional interior designer, this seminar will teach you how to save money and get the most from your builder.

#### Course Outline

- ✓ Choosing your builder
- ✓ Negotiating to save money
- ✓ Understanding building contracts
- ✓ Avoiding costly variations
- ✓ Making the right material selections

*"Very informative, I will definitely recommend this seminar"*



Date: Saturday 7th August 2010 Time: 8:45am - 5:00pm  
Cost: \$132 per person or \$165 per double

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### DIY BRICK PAVING COURSE

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Conducted by an expert brick-paver, this course is designed with the handyman in mind, and will provide you with the brick paving skills to enable you to complete projects around the home with complete confidence.

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**Midland Brick**



Date: Saturday 7th August 2010 Time: 8:00am - 3:30pm  
Cost: \$187 per person

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### CERAMIC TILING COURSE

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This hands-on Ceramic Tiling Course is aimed at saving you money by giving you the skills and knowledge to effectively complete your own wall or floor tiling in your new or renovated home.

#### Course Outline

- ✓ Introduction to Tiling
- ✓ Fixing Tiles to Walls
- ✓ Laying Flooring Tiles
- ✓ Working with Grouting
- ✓ Laying Glass Mosaic Tiles

*Includes a comprehensive Ceramic Tiling manual*

Date: Saturday 21st August 2010 Time: 8:00am - 12:30pm  
Cost: \$300 per person Duration: 4 Saturdays



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### Behaviour-modification techniques can help your pet pooch react favourably when confronted with other dogs

**D**OES your dog hate the sight of other dogs? Many dog owners whose pet pooches cannot stand the sight of other dogs end up resorting to walking their companion at odd hours of the day and night.

While this may be an option, it's not the only one. Using behaviour-modification techniques, it's possible to train your so-called "reactive rover" not to react badly to the sight of other dogs.

*The strategies below will help make the transition smoother.*

\* **Initially, prevent direct contact** In the early stages of your dog's behaviour modification, it's important to build up both your confidence and theirs, so avoid places where you're more likely to come across off-lead dogs who will race up to your dog. Depending on your dog's reactivity level, premature greetings with other dogs can do more harm than good.

\* **Timing is of the essence** Changing your dog's behaviour involves teaching them that when they don't react negatively to seeing other dogs, good things happen. Numerous repetitions of "good associations" in the presence of other dogs, including telling your dog how good they are, aims to boost their confidence and is feedback that they're on the right track. As dogs learn by association, the timing of your reinforcement is an essential component to modifying their behaviour. If you give your dog food after they've behaved badly, your timing skills need improvement.

\* **Food for thought** When away from home, to fast-track your dog's progress, use soft, fresh, moist treats to reward them when they don't react to another rover. Remember, they're outside their comfort zone so bring out the big guns when they're out of their home. Here's a top tip – use food stored in your fridge, not your pantry.

\* **Identify your dog's safe critical distance** If your dog's too close to an unfamiliar dog, you'll know about it immediately as their body

language and behaviour will change within seconds. In such scenarios they often refuse the treats until the scenario is safer for them. Get really good at monitoring your dog's stress levels and help them sooner than later.

\* **Commitment** Dedicating your time and energy to training are important factors in your dog's progress. The frequency of training, the extent of your dog's fears and reactivity level, degree of shyness (occurring due to genetics and early learnt experience), environmental factors, and your skill and timing will determine the pace of progress. Be patient and don't lose your temper – remember that they're just being a dog and need your help.

\* **Tackling challenges** If, despite your best efforts, things don't go according to plan at any stage, initially block your dog's view of the other dog or walk away to a safer distance. Wait until your dog calms down, then turn back facing the other dog. Depending on what your dog does next (or what the other dog's doing), recommence behaviour modification or safely manage the situation. Your job is to reduce your dog's level of reactivity and reinforce good behaviour.

\* **Tools of the trade** The right equipment can make a world of a difference when you're working to change your dog's behaviour as it can help give you control and confidence and stay safe. If your dog's a "slippery little sucker" and backs out of its collar, use a semi-slip collar. For added control, using a head halter with the lead double-connected to both the head halter and collar is highly recommended. In addition, and if necessary, you may want to use a muzzle.

Remember, "reconditioning" a reactive dog can take many weeks or months of behaviour modification.

It's important to have realistic expectations so keep in mind that every dog is different and has a different potential for successful treatment. Good luck!

\* [www.kathysdogtraining.com.au](http://www.kathysdogtraining.com.au)



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