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Do you wish for relaxed walks with your faithful four-legged companion through nature or the city, but the reality looks different? Do you want to finally enjoy calm walks with a loose leash alongside your beloved dog?

When your daily walk with your dog turns into a strain, a source of stress or a challenge, this workshop is tailor-made for you. I would like to help you transform your daily walks into relaxed “heelwork walks” in a very short time.

**Pulling on the leash is one of the most common unwanted behaviors observed in dogs. Why is it so difficult for many dog owners to teach their dog to walk calmly, without pulling or tugging on the leash? Why do dogs find it so hard to walk on a leash without pulling?**

In this workshop, we will discuss the causes and reasons for leash pulling together, and I will also explain them in detail. I would be happy to show you in theory and practice (with your own dog), using many examples and exercises, how you can teach a “leash-puller” to walk calmly beside you with a relaxed, slightly hanging leash. Dogs can learn throughout their lives, and learning or re-learning is possible at any age.

### **What can you expect at the Dog Retreat: Is 'Heel' a Foreign Word?**

You and your dog are a unique team – a one-of-a-kind duo – and I pay special attention to this individuality in my training. I will show you practical training methods that help you and your dog reach maximum calmness on the leash during walks in a short amount of time.

After the workshop you will go home with an “aha!” moment and several new insights. With the training techniques you learn, you will be able to practice at home with your dog without further support and consolidate what you have learned. You will already notice visible and tangible changes and improvements in your daily walks after only a short time.

The aim is for you to be able to enjoy relaxed walks with your four-legged companion in the countryside and in the city. You will also learn how to handle encounters with other dogs on the leash in a calm, stress-free and problem-free way – for both you and your dog.

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### **Who is Sylvia Neumaier?**

With great passion and joy – and a fine sense for the personality of both the dog and its owner – Sylvia Neumaier has been working as an independent, chamber-of-veterinarians-certified dog trainer and behaviour consultant for over 20 years.

The objective assessment of each dog owner's specific problem and the development of suitable solution proposals and training approaches are part of her daily work.

She is a chamber-of-veterinarians-certified dog trainer and behaviour consultant. A permit according to §11 para. 1 no. 8f for commercially training dogs for third parties has been granted by the district office GAP. An aptitude examination for training offered by the Chamber of Industry and Commerce (IHK) was successfully completed.

Sylvia Neumaier trains family and hunting dogs and also supports the training of the search and rescue dog team Zugspitz-/Karwendelregion e.V.

When working with dogs that show behavioural problems or disorders, her extensive specialist knowledge and wealth of experience are particularly beneficial.

For many years she has served as an examiner or association judge at family companion dog tests, dog-handler certificate tests and hunting dog tests.

For many years she has also conducted specialist seminars for veterinary assistants, animal shelter staff, pet-products specialists and dog owners.

Before this, she worked for many years as a state-examination-certified secretary (IHK) in well-known industrial companies.

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## SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

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- From 3:00 pm Individual arrival and room check-in.  
Arriving and unwinding.  
Opportunity to participate in the hotel's varied activity and relaxation programme.  
*Optional dog walk and care service (available for a fee; please arrange your appointment in advance).*
- 5:00 – 7:00 pm Getting to know each other.  
Introduction to the topic.  
Identifying causes and reasons.  
Overview of canine learning behaviour and motivation options.  
Which training aids are available.  
*Meeting point: seminar room (dogs are welcome to attend).*

### MONDAY

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- From 07:00 am Gourmet breakfast buffet
- 09:30 – 12:00 am Building individual training options: concepts are discussed and demonstrated with your dog.  
Difficulty levels of the various exercises are shown using examples.  
Afterwards you will practice the individual elements yourself, under guidance, with your dog.  
Your possible reactions to your dog's behaviour at the "right moment" (timing) are shown and practised.  
*Meeting point: in front of the underground garage at Hotel Das Kranzbach.*
- afterwards Time for yourself.  
*Optional dog walk and care service (available for a fee; please arrange your appointment in advance).*  
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## TUESDAY

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- From 07:00 am      Gourmet breakfast buffet
- 09:30 – 12:00 am      Further training options – tailored specifically to you and your dog – are discussed and demonstrated with your dog.  
We train how to use your own body language in a targeted way.  
We learn how to gain maximum attention from your dog.  
We explore the ways in which you can motivate and reward your dog.  
You will then have the opportunity – and plenty of time – to practise the individual elements yourself, under guidance, with your dog.  
*Meeting point: in front of the underground garage at Hotel Das Kranzbach.*
- afterwards      Time for yourself.  
*Optional dog walk and care service (available for a fee; please arrange your appointment in advance).*  
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## WEDNESDAY

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- From 07:00 am      Gourmet breakfast buffet
- 09:00 – 10:30 am      Reinforcement and repetition of what you have learned. Identifying and eliminating sources of error.  
My recommendations for continuing to train your dog at home.  
*Meeting point: in front of the underground garage at Hotel Das Kranzbach.*
- Till 11:00 am      Room check-out.  
*Optional dog walk and care service (available for a fee; please arrange your appointment in advance).*  
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- From 12:00 pm      Individual departure

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*Between the training sessions there is time to enjoy Das Kranzbach: our cuisine at breakfast, lunch and dinner, the bathhouse with saunas, steam baths and lounging areas, wellness treatments and cosmetics, walks out into nature, and more.*

Reservation and more information at **+49 (0)8823 - 92 8000**  
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