

Learning the tricks on how best to listen to your pooch

DOG-OWNERS will be able to re-enact the antics of Dr Doolittle following a special workshop to help them understand their pets.

The session, called How to Speak Dog And Understand Nutrition, is being hosted by dog behaviour specialist Hanne Grice who runs Berkhamsted-based pet care company Walk The Dog.

The workshop will help owners understand what their dogs are trying to communicate and how best to deal with any demands or changes in their usual routines.

She said: "Most dog owners will recognise when their dog is fearful or happy. However, the language of dog can be subtle, ranging from a glance, tensing of muscles or a slight shift in the dog's posture to something more obvious, such as a play bow or a loud bark.

"Canine communication can be complex.

"A given gesture may have multiple distinct meanings depending on the situation and the accompanying behaviours, and if we misinterpret these signals, this may lead to misunderstanding and even dog bites."

The workshop is being held from 11am to 1.45pm in the Westwick Room in Leverstock Green Village Hall, Leverstock Green, on Saturday, May 28.

Tickets are £15 and are available from Walk the Dog by calling 01442 878628.