

# **Ethical Affiliate Marketing**

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## **Blogger Breakthrough Summit Podcast Transcript**

#### [00:00:00.17] - Liz Stapleton

Welcome back to the Blogger Breakthrough Summit podcast, where we share snippets from the annual Blogger Breakthrough Summit that help you take your blogging game to the next level. I'm your host, Liz Stapleton, and today we're diving into the exciting world of finding those perfectly aligned affiliate opportunities with help from Alex. Trust me, we're about to make affiliate marketing feel a whole lot less sleazy and a lot more fun. Ready? Let's get into it.

#### [00:00:28.10] - Alex Okell

So how do you actually find these aligned affiliate opportunities? This is our step one in our three-step framework. So affiliate marketing can be sleazy like anything in business. So like I've said, always recommend products you've used yourself or would use, do your research, and disclose. When we lead with value, Our affiliate links should be secondary. So it's not necessarily like we're going in and we're just thinking, Okay, how can I get this affiliate link in? And I will shoehorn it into anywhere, even if it doesn't fit. All of our content should be leading with value. If you are someone who creates articles for your website, you will already know that if you lead with value, Google rewards you. They want to put the people who are creating the absolute best content online at the top of their Google search. Instagram. It's exactly the same thing. Tiktok What is leading with value? What is entertaining? What is educational? What's informative for your audience? Lead with that and then affiliate links can come secondary. Always lead with value, and never just because you like the look of the commission. There's one way to think about this is to start by thinking, what products or services are you already recommending?

#### [00:01:36.02] - Alex Okell

If you're someone who helps people create courses, you might be thinking, Well, I recommend Teachable and Kajabi, so I'm going to go in and see if they have an affiliate program. Hint, they both do. What recommendations do people ask from you? Someone might be saying, if you're a dog groomer, what brush are you using? Because I could do this in between sessions. There you go. There's one thing that you can already do. What products or services would complement the work you already do? This is similar to the example I was using before. Let me do a different one. Say, for example, you are a personal trainer and you know that people come in and you are not qualified to do sports massage. We know some people come in complaining that they've got some niggles. Could you join up with a physiotherapist or a sports masseuse and promote their products. These are all ways we can go about this. Could you look at foam rollers? Could you look at those massage guns? There's so many different ways that we can think It's just taking some time and maybe getting a big piece of paper or getting a notion board going and just brainstorming all of those different things that you already recommend in your business, what people ask from you and what would complement your work.

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### [00:02:42.11] - Alex Okell

The really overarching thing here is what products or services would help your ideal client save time, save money, and/or achieve their goals. You can cross out what's not relevant here to you and your business.

#### [00:02:54.16] - Liz Stapleton

All right, that's a wrap on today's episode for the Blogger Breakthrough Summit podcast. I hope you're feeling pumped and ready to find those aligned affiliate opportunities that make sense for you and your audience. Don't forget to subscribe, leave us a review, and share the podcast with your fellow bloggers. Until next time, keep blogging and keep thriving.