

**History** - The PDTI was established in 2005 and held its first practical assessment course in 2006. With the field of dog training and behaviour growing, it has become very obvious over the last few years that the industry is expecting Instructors / Advisors to show that they have sufficient academic understanding of their role too, so 2010 saw the PDTI launch a members' register and a theory programme to aid the search for formal recognition of acquired knowledge. Also, following a year of discussions with Harper Adams University College, the PDTI presents a new joint initiative, leading to a Level 5 Diploma, which will see PDTI members and graduates well into the future, providing suitable qualifications aligning to any proposed registration of practitioners.

**Introduction** - The PDTI aims to support Pet Dog Training Instructors / Advisors who work with families on day-to-day aspects of ownership in modern society, rather than those who train dogs along the lines of pure obedience. Like the practical awards, our theory programme aims to develop the skills required to teach people to teach dogs, discussing assessment of communication, behaviour and relationship issues between dogs and their human contacts. Additionally, all our theory certificates provide evidence for Section A of the Kennel Club Accreditation Scheme for Instructors in Dog Training and Canine Behaviour

**The PDTI offers stand-alone Theory Certificates at levels 1,2 & 3** and with the appropriate practical award, assessments will be based on a three-part process at each level: (i) a multi-choice and short answer session on the practical course, or by questioning if previously and successfully attended; (ii) contribution to the tutorial sessions and (iii) a post course reflection. For those who have attended practical courses previously, a reflective application form is available on the website.

**The PDTI Levels 3 and 4 Theory Certificates** aim to complement the **Harper Adams University Diploma**. Participants are required to gain the Instructors Award at Level 3 and the Advanced Practical Award at Level 4. Completion of Level 4 also requires active tutoring of others, presentation of a talk on the practical course, Diploma submission of case studies / dissertation and successful oral assessment.

**The STANDARDS** to be applied to the certificate levels are as follows:-

**Level 1. Responsible Dog Care:** This PDTI certificate is available for all dog enthusiasts, and those with **no, or less than** 1 year / 100 hours practical instructing / assisting experience. Successful students will have proven able to give satisfactory answers to care, training and behaviour questions at the level expected of a handler entering the gold GCDS test.

**Level 2. Teaching & Advising Dog Owners:** For those with **more than** 1 year / 100 hours independent instructing / advising experience. Successful students will have proven able to discuss Level 1 topics in more detail, and be able to answer questions on the personal and legal responsibilities of providing a service to others.

**Level 3. Dog Behaviour and Learning Theory:** For those with 3 years / 500 hours experience, and hold the PDTI Instructors Award. Successful students will have proven able to discuss topics as in the two levels above, plus: identify, define and explain the technicalities of teaching, of how dogs and people learn, illustrated by underpinning practical training and behaviour management experience. Students will also have shown knowledge of the world of dogs and of various canine activities. This can be substituted by the first stage of the **Harper Adams University Diploma, with 15 credits at level 4.**

**Level 4. Advanced Dog Training and Behavioural Management:** Only available for those who have opted to study for the **Harper Adams University Diploma** and gained the Level 3 PDTI Certificate **with** 15 credits. On gaining the PDTI Level 4, students will have completed the second stage of the Diploma and gained **30 credits at level 5**, plus the **Advanced** Instructing Skills Award, having proven able to apply their knowledge to critically assess, identify, analyse, correct and advise on teaching, training and behavioural management issues.

**Level 5 Harper Adams University Diploma in Canine Training and Behavioural Management (60 credits):** For students who have gained the Advanced Instructing Award, the Level 4 Theory Certificate and 45 university credits. The final stage with 15 credits will involve further tutoring on the PDTI practical courses and the presentation of dissertation with study and underpinning research. Oral assessments for the Diploma will be conducted by Harper Adams examiner(s).

**PDTI Certificates** will be awarded at one of the following levels:

**Pass** - the pass mark for this award is set at 50%

**Merit** - has achieved a pass mark of 65+%

**Excellence** - has consistently given an above average and confident performance gaining a pass mark of 80+%

**HAUC Diploma** will be given at one of the following levels:

**Pass** - the pass mark for this award is set at 40%

**Honors** - has achieved a high standard throughout

### **Fees for PDTI Certificates and Harper Adams Diploma:**

PDTI Certificates (levels 1-3) are available to PDTI Members without charge. For non-members, a fee of £25 is required at levels 1&2 and £40 at level 3, to cover learning packs, admin and assessment costs. Please note that those who hold introductory / intermediate awards are eligible for levels 1 & 2 respectively, by application and oral assessment. A PDTI Level 3 Theory certificate is available to those who hold the PDTI Instructors / Advanced Skills Awards by self study, project and oral assessment, without university enrolment or credits and therefore without incurring Diploma costs as below.

**The Level 5 Harper Adams University Diploma is only available through the PDTI at £200.** It is designed for those who hold, or those enrolled and eligible for, the PDTI Instructing Skills or Advanced Instructing Skills Awards. This fee **includes** support from PDTI tutors and on-line support from HAUC, via the college's MOODLE facilities. The course will allow successful students to gain PDTI Level 3 & 4 Theory Certificates during the stages of the Diploma over 3 years (max allowance of 5 years). Advanced graduates may have the knowledge and experience to be able to complete earlier. Further practical course attendance and tutoring is also required as part of the Diploma course.

Notes: PDTI Management reserves the right to amend and apply rules as and where necessary. Pet Dog Training Instructors and PDTI are trading names of PDTI Ltd, a not-for-profit company, registered in 2010, number 07254416 limited by guarantee.

See Application Form.

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## **PDTI Theory Certificates**

and Level 5 University Diploma in  
Canine Training and Behavioural Management

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