

PDTI Practical courses cover 'behavioural training', and are of four main types:

### **1. Practical assessment courses** .... Next course 11<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> August 2012

These are suitable for anyone who is currently involved as an instructor or advisor, or is considering getting involved, with the teaching of the dog-owning public, providing pet / companion dog training and behaviour services. The 7-day residential course, which runs annually in August, offers credible peer-assessed 'Instructors Awards' from introductory to advanced level.

This means that you will be showing us 'what you do' in order to be assessed on your current skills. You will spend the week sharing your ideas and learning from others within a mixed ability peer group. You will be looking at your justification of what you do and why, looking at the clarity of your teaching, and your ability to help the handlers and dogs achieve their own goals, learning to be more self-aware, and constructively participating in nurturing less experienced team members.

For those with no or little experience these courses provide a safe environment to be nurtured by their team and course tutors to 'have-a-go', whilst learning through exposure to a mass of accumulated experience. It is rare for anyone to 'fail' at the lower levels and most achieve a merit or excellence during the by this process, giving a huge boost of confidence to build on the experience.

Please see 'Course Prospectus' and 'Booking Form' to download for further details.

### **2. Practical teaching / training workshops**

1, 2 or 3 day workshops are designed to 'teach' you what you need to know – ideal for those thinking of dog training and behaviour as a career or hobby interest, or for those who wish to consider a fresh approach to 'behavioural training'. Tutors will discuss not just methods and techniques, but as how exercises can be used as an assessment tool and to influence the relationship between handler and dog. The tutors will encourage discussion and participation. Please ring the office on 014 6223 0585, or use the 'contact us' page to discuss further.

Next 2-day course will run 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> April 2012, following on from our first annual Conference on Sat 14<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

### **3. Bespoke workshops**

These are designed to work around 'you' – our tutors are available to attend your current classes and constructively discuss the structure of your teaching, to provide you with support, followed by an open workshop to demonstrate options and offer ideas. Costs based on a fee of £50 plus our Tutors travel and arranged accommodation if required.

These can be ideal for those of you who:

- i) have just started up on your own and wish for a confidential peer review
- ii) have attended practical courses and want to safely progress your own or add more ideas
- iii) wish to use a confidential peer review to add confidence to 'what you do'
- iv) wish to create personal portfolio evidence in support of gaining further qualifications

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### **4. Apprentice Programme**

Several of our more advanced members are able to offer the opportunity for interested students to study, attend and with time and if appropriate, assist at their classes under our new PDTI 'apprentice programme'. Services will vary from puppy and adult socialisation to dealing with juvenile and adult problem behaviours, and from the very basics of training to the more advanced and competitive skills. Registration fee £60, inclusive of PDTI membership where discounts apply. You should expect to donate £10/session to individual clubs, until such time as you can assist / volunteer. Please ring the office on 014 6223 0585, or use the 'contact us' page to discuss in more detail.