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CANINE TRAINING AND BEHAVIOUR EDUCATIONAL COURSES

Dog Training and Behaviour Certificate

Information, Terms and Conditions, Course Outline and
Enrolment Form

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1. Who can enrol?

The course is open to those both with experience, and those without any experience at all, in the companion animal/training industry.

Participants will need a good level of literacy and IT ability and be self-motivated and disciplined.

Participants will need a reasonable level of fitness and be free of injuries or health conditions that might impede participation in practical assessments. If unsure, consultation with personal General Practitioner should be sought.

Individuals may choose to enrol in the course for their own education, but choose not to participate in practical aspects, or not complete assessments; in which case they will not be eligible for certification.

Participants will be conducting training with boarding dogs at Calabash Boarding Kennels and Cattery, located at 27 Calabash Road, Arcadia, NSW. Our aim is to provide experience outside the participants' current level of experience with dogs. We hope to have access to a range of breeds, sizes and temperaments of dogs.

It is preferable that participants own a dog/s for completion of various practical tasks and assessments, outside of practical sessions. Participants are welcome to bring their dog/s to practical sessions but it is not necessary for their dog/s to attend. Dogs attending Calabash must have a C5 Vaccination Certificate, be free of parasites and will be charged a discounted daily fee.

Those participants who do not have a dog/s in their home suitable for practical tasks, will need to source suitable dog/s for such purposes. Suggestions for sourcing suitable dogs include: neighbours, friends, relatives, colleagues, Facebook post, wanted ad in local paper, sign at local off-lead parks, vets, grooming salons, doggy day-care centres, dog welfare groups.

2. Course Materials

Participants will be provided with course materials on a USB stick, forwarded to their nominated postal address by registered mail. Materials will include recordings of

subject sessions, power-point presentations, session support notes, links to various applicable footage, various print resources, quizzes and assessment documents. This portion of the course is self-delivered by the individual participants – it will require a good level of self-motivation and discipline.

Subjects 1 – 12 (see Programme) must be completed prior to attendance at the practical days. Remaining subjects should be completed between the two sets of practical days.

A minimum of 60 hours will be required to complete the course materials on the USB stick and required reading. Additional personal research is also required.

3. **Practical lessons** (Calabash Boarding Kennel and Cattery, 27 Calabash Road, Arcadia)

Participants will be conducting training with boarding dogs at Calabash Kennels. Our aim is to provide experience outside the participants' current level of experience with dogs. We hope to have access to a range of breeds, sizes and temperaments of dogs.

It is preferable that participants own a dog/s for completion of various practical tasks, at home, outside of practical sessions. Participants are welcome to bring their dog/s to practical sessions but it is not necessary for their dog/s to attend. Dogs attending Calabash must have a C5 Vaccination Certificate, be free of parasites and will be charged a discounted daily fee.

Those participants who do not have a dog/s in their home for practical tasks, will need to source suitable dog/s for such purposes. Suggestions for sourcing suitable dogs include: neighbours, friends, relatives, colleagues, Facebook post, wanted ad in local paper, sign at local off-lead parks, vets, grooming salons, doggy day-care centres, dog welfare groups.

Please note that your own dog may not be appropriate for all practical assessment purposes. For example: Assessment 4 – Retrieve. In this assessment you will be required to demonstrate that the dog used for this assessment has not been trained previously to retrieve or has an existing natural retrieve.

There will be ten practical days in total, conducted in two sets of five days. Participants must attend every practical day in entirety, to be eligible to receive certificate on completion.

Specific dates for practical days will be provided at time of enrolment. Once enrolled, requests for deferment to later practical dates, for any reason, will incur a fee.

Participants must wear freshly laundered, neat and tidy clothing that will comply with WH&S standards.

There will not be time to attend local shops during the practical days. Participants will need to bring their own lunch, cold drinks and snacks. Coffee and tea facilities will be available.

4. Fees

Enrolment fee is \$3630 (including GST) by direct bank transfer to our company account at IMB Bank : Glentoe Pty Ltd, BSB 824000, A/C No 33010827.
Tax Invoice/Receipt issued on request.

Deposit of \$800 will hold a place in an upcoming scheduled course class, with the remaining balance falling due two weeks before the commencement date of the class. The deposit will be forfeited where less than two weeks' notice of cancellation is provided, unless the class is fully booked and a replacement can be allocated from the waiting list.

Changing or deferring of practical days is problematic as we have based our financial structure on having ten participants in each practical session. We have aimed to keep practical classes to a maximum of ten participants to ensure a good learning experience for all. We hope you understand that requests to change or defer practical dates will incur fee/s:

Request to defer either set of practical dates (five days):

- If a replacement can be found for the cancelled practical days, a fee of \$220 (inc GST) will be applicable in order to transfer to later practical days.
- If a replacement cannot be found for the cancelled practical days, a fee of \$880 (inc GST) will be applicable in order to defer to later practical days.
- Non-attendance or cancellation, without attendance at a later date, does not incur a fee. A refund will not apply.

Non-attendance of individual practical days due to sickness, etc.

- All practical days must be attended in their entirety to gain eligibility for certification. Attending the missed day/s with a later group will be dependent on availability and will incur a fee of \$220 (inc GST) per day.

Requests for assessment of practical assessments outside of allocated practical days will be dependent on availability of assessor and will incur a fee of \$220 (inc GST).

Fees can be paid by direct bank transfer to:

IMB Bank, Account name: Glentoe Pty Ltd, BSB: 824000, A/C No 33010827

Tax invoice/receipt available on request.

Refunds

Cancellation of enrolment in the course and full refund of course fees paid, are available up to two weeks prior to the commencement date of the course. The course commencement date will be at least four months before the first practical session; it is the date that course materials will be forwarded by registered mail.

Full or part refund will not be considered after the commencement date ie after the course resources have been posted.

5. Eligibility for Certification

Participants will be eligible to receive certification from Austins' Dog Training Education (Steve and Vicki Austin) when all course requirements have been met within 16 weeks of Day 10 practical.

Due to the generous timeframe allowed for completion of course requirements, extensions will not be granted without extenuating circumstances being proven and will be at the discretion of Steve and Vicki Austin.

Course requirements:

- Viewed/completed all subject matter and quizzes contained on the USB stick.
- Attended all ten practical days in their entirety.
- Completed required reading: *Excel-erated Learning* by Pamela J Reid, *The Culture Clash* by Jean Donaldson, *Dogs* by Raymond and Lorna Coppinger and *Dog Language* by Roger Abrantes.
- Achieved a minimum score of 80% in the written assessment.
- Achieved competency in all practical assessments.

I have read and accepted the information, terms and conditions outlined herewith and would like to enrol in the Dog Training and Behaviour Certificate course.

I give permission for my supplied email address to be shared with my enrolled classmates for the purposes of group communication.

I give permission for recordings of class webinars, which may include my image and/or voice, to be accessed by my enrolled classmates.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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| 01. Course Introduction |
| 02. Animal Welfare |
| 03. Workplace Health & Safety (WH&S) |
| 04. Science of Learning and Behaviour – Part 1 Habituation |
| 05. Science of Learning and Behaviour – Part 2 Pavlovian/Classical Conditioning |
| 06. Science of Learning and Behaviour – Part 3 Operant Conditioning |
| Live Webinar – Vicki Austin Q & A – Science of Learning, Parts 1, 2 & 3 |
| 07. Steve's "Motivating Miracles" |
| 08. Scent Detection and Canines for Conservation |
| Live Webinar – Steve Austin Q & A – Motivating Miracles and Scent Detection |
| 09. Dog Breeds and Groups |
| 10. Dog Behaviour and Body Language |
| 11. The Importance of Play |
| 12. The Luring Technique – Part 1 |
| 13. Day 1 Practical Introductions Working in a kennel environment: Procedures, record keeping, WH&S Identifying individual dogs by location, kennel card and microchip reading |

Applying the NSW Companion Animal Act 1998

WH&S Activity

Observation of canine body language and social cues

Initial assessment of dogs from outside enclosures

Introducing yourself to a dog

Correct fitting of flat collar and lead

Correct fitting of head-halters and walking harnesses

Correct fitting of martingale collars

Assessment of the dog on lead

General handling of the dog

Physical examination of the dog

Creating learning readiness

Loose-lead walking

Calabash Boarding Kennels and Cattery, 27 Calabash Road, Arcadia

Tel. 0296551624 www.calabashkennels.com.au

14. Day 2 Practical

The Luring Technique – Part 2

- Sit and stare
- Recall
- Drop – teaching phase

15. Day 3 Practical

Establish clicker association

Hand Target

Free Shaping – Thinking Game

Practice luring exercises: sit and stare, recall and drop

Leave-it exercise

16. Day 4 Practical

Luring – Part 3

- Progress drop (teaching to training phase)
- Stand
- Stay

Commence class instruction skills

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| <p>17. Day 5 Practical</p> <p>Techniques for shaping behaviour:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to place • Introduction to scent association • Retrieve • Discussion of forced retrieve <p>Correct fitting of check chains</p> |
| <p>18. Science of Learning and Behaviour – Part 4</p> <p>Aversive techniques</p> |
| <p>19. Science of Learning and Behaviour – Part 5</p> <p>Premack Principle, Chaining, Conditioned Inhibition</p> |
| <p>20. Treating Fears, Phobias and Anxiety</p> |
| <p>21. Treating Aggression</p> <p>Aggression Directed Towards Dogs, Aggression Directed Towards People, Resource Guarding</p> |
| <p>22. Puppy Raising</p> <p>Sensitive phases, Socialisation, Environmental Conditioning, Development of Independence and Resilience, De-sexing</p> |
| <p>23. Problem Behaviour</p> <p>Part 1 – Digging, destructive behaviors, barking, jumping up, hyper-excitement</p> |
| <p>24. Problem Behaviour – Part 2</p> <p>Eliminative Behaviour, Appetitive Problems, Toilet Training</p> |
| <p>25. Day 6 Practical</p> <p>Review progression of practical assessments</p> <p>Class instruction progression</p> <p>Training with long lines</p> |
| <p>26. Day 7 Practical</p> <p>Habituation, desensitisation and counter-conditioning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head-halters • Sound Proof Puppy app |

27. Day 8 Practical

Practical assessments:

- Equipment
- Teaching Phase – Basic Life Skills
- Scent Detection
- Retrieve

28. Day 9 Practical

Class instruction progression

Competition obedience

29. Day 10 Practical

Class Instruction assessment

Finalise all practical assessments

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| Name | |
| Mob No | |
| Email address | |
| Postal address | |
| Emergency Contact Details | Name: Mobile No: |
| Current/past occupation/s | |
| Current dogs owned (breed, sex, age) | |
| Industry experience (if any) | |
| Existing qualifications (include any titles achieved in dog sports) | |
| Medical conditions, medications, allergies, etc | |