

Syllabus for Apprenticeship Program

600 hours of Complete study

- **150 hrs of class study, which includes: numerous readings, 1 written essay, 3 assignments (both written and applied), and 2 Exams**
- **350 hrs of hands on training with a variety of dogs.**
- **100 hrs of teaching experience with actual clients; kennel care/work and administrative duties. The teaching portion will include both private lessons, and group instruction.**

PRICE: \$5000 + GST

Class Study

Topics to be covered include; Learning theory, training equipment and training aids, nutrition, preventative health issues and care, case studies, breed profiling, application of learned knowledge, ethical conduct in training dogs, how to work with the human component, book reviews, administrative part of running a business, marketing yourself, networking, putting it all together.

Three Written Assignments

- 1) Researching training equipment and training aids
- 2) Research assignment on different dog breeds and classifications
- 3) Research assignment on Nutrition and preventative Health issues

Readings: *Not included in the course fee. Can be purchased through www.amazon.ca*

The Ethical Dog Trainer by Jim Barry

The Culture Clash by Jean Donaldson

Don't Shoot the Dog by Karen Pryor

Assorted Hand Outs

Dogs Annual 2009

Written Essay

Please write an informative essay explaining and detailing the information below.

- What area(s) of training will you be specializing in?
- What type of training methodology(s) will you be using?
- How will you implement your training programs?
- Where are you intending to work? A Company? Region? Self Employed?
- How will you obtain clients?
- What type of programs will you be running for your clients?

Written Assignment

- Design Private Consultation for new puppies and their owners

- Design Group Lessons for the beginner level

Exam – Midterm

Topics covered on this exam

- Equipment and Training Aids.
- Dog Breeds, Groups and their historic functions.
- Preventative health related issues; nutrition and different food types, routine vaccines, internal and external parasites and controlling them.

Exam – Final

Topics covered on this exam

- Learning Theory
- Problem Solving Techniques
- Application and use of Training Equipment
- Equipment application
- Case Study application (Essay)
- Administrative Work

350 hours of Hands on Training

Areas of hands on training to be covered

Puppies

8wks – 6mons

- Proper Handling/Care
- Mouthing, Jumping
- Teaching Cooperation
- Crate training
- Feeding
- Basic Grooming
- Toilet Training
- Introduction of Leash and Collar to young pups
- Appropriate chew items and toys
- Teaching Foundation Skills
- Teaching Manners

Basic Training

- Teaching and Enforcing Basic Commands
- How to deal with human clients of all types
- Applying use of Basic Commands to the real world

Common Behaviour Problems

- Addressing common behaviour issues and problems

100 hours of Teaching Experience

- Teaching Private Lessons
- Teaching Group Lessons
- Kennel Care/Work
- Administrative Duties

Students must obtain a minimum of 80% on all written assignments and exams and have fulfilled all of the required hours of hands-on training and other duties to be issued a certificate of completion and the title of Obedience Trainer and Instructor. All students will be given an application to the International Association of Canine Professionals, where they can write a regulated exam and video submission for review by the governing body. Students graduating from my program will be able to easily complete the exam and practical requirements of the IACP certification process.