

DOGSTARS TRAINING

TRAINING MODULES FOR ANIMAL TRAINERS



DogStars Trainer Training Modules

DogStars Trainers Learning Modules - Each module was created by certified trainer Georgina Bradley, by the Certification Council of Professional Dog Trainers since 2005, and working with animals for over 30 years. DogStars Trainers Modules are the first of its kind in the Lower Mainland to offer this competency of training.

MODULE 1: HISTORY OF DOGS & BREEDS

TIME

3 hours

SUPPLIES REQUIRED

Time and pen/pencil and paper

COURSE CONTENT

You will learn about how dogs became where they are now:

- History of dogs
- Categories of breeds
- Breed characteristics
- Intelligence Ranking
- Breed Temperaments

MODULE 2 : ANIMAL LEARNING

TIME

12 hours

SUPPLIES REQUIRED

Time and pen/pencil and paper

COURSE CONTENT

You will learn about how animals learn:

- classical and operant conditioning
- lure training
- praise and play method of training
- extinction of behavior
- timing of rewards
- schedules of reinforcement
- habituation
- counter conditioning
- flooding,
- socialization
- temperament evaluation and assessment
- training approach when training any dog
- what to avoid doing when training

MODULE 3: DOG BODY LANGUAGE

TIME

18 hours

SUPPLIES REQUIRED

Time and pen/pencil and paper

A dog to observe and practice the techniques with

COURSE CONTENT

Cues from dogs are a way for us to understand what they are saying. Combined with your knowledge of basic to advanced training, body language gives you the upper hand with gaining more knowledge about each situation you work with.

You will learn:

- Covering dog body language and the importance of noticing signs.
- Dog body language and the importance of noticing signs
- Calming Signals
- Stress Signals

MODULE 4: DOG PROBLEM BEHAVIOR

TIME

24 hours

SUPPLIES REQUIRED

A dog to train with on a regular basis

Leash

Collar

Treats

Toy

COURSE CONTENT

You will learn: how dogs play and relate to each other and humans in their surroundings

Problem behaviors – from puppies to adulthood

How to re-socialize dogs with positive methods

- Safe handling techniques and how to maintain leadership without physical dominance
- How to alter problem behaviors and preventing them from surfacing.
- Also covered is altering problem behaviors and preventing them from surfacing.
- Such as :
 - aggressive or fearful dogs
 - separation anxiety
 - barking
 - jumping up etc

MODULE 5: BASIC OBEDIENCE THEORY AND PRACTICAL

TIME

24 hours

SUPPLIES REQUIRED

A dog to train with on a regular basis

Leash

Collar

Treats

Toys

COURSE CONTENT

The focus of this module is to improve the students confidence in training and handling of unfamiliar dogs. Practical sessions on your own that are videotaped and sent in for evaluation.

You will learn:

- How to teach your own dog basic commands and how to rectify them easily and effectively. the development of dogs – from puppies to adulthood

You will learn how to teach a dog to: walk with a loose leash, sit, heel, stay, recall, and basic distance and distraction training

- Walk with a loose leash
- Sit
- Heal
- Stay
- Come

MODULE 6 : ADVANCED OBEDIENCE THEORY AND PRACTICAL

TIME

24 hours

SUPPLIES REQUIRED

A dog to train with on a regular basis

Leash

Long Leash – 30 feet long line

Collar

Treats

Toys

COURSE CONTENT

The focus of this module is to improve the students confidence in training and working with dogs outside. Practical sessions on your own that are videotaped and sent in for evaluation.

You will learn how to teach a dog to:

- listen outside from a distance and with distractions
- walk with you off leash
- sit and down from a distance
- heel on and off leash
- stay with distractions working nearby
- proofing the recall
- long line training – distance commands and control

MODULE 7: CLICKER TRAINING FOR FILM & TV

TIME

10 hours

SUPPLIES REQUIRED

A dog to train with on a regular basis

Clicker

Leash

Long Leash – 30 feet long line

Collar / Harness

Treats

Toys

COURSE CONTENT

This specialized course is designed to create a bond between owner and dog where clicker training is the focus.

You will Learn:

- Clicker Training Basics
- Go to a designated mark
- Eye line and looks
- Put toys away
- Take a bow
- Play dead
- Many many more to cover!

MODULE 8: BUSINESS OF DOG TRAINING

TIME

10 hours

SUPPLIES REQUIRED

Time and pen/pencil and paper

COURSE CONTENT

This module will also cover marketing techniques and business strategies for starting a dog training business

You will learn:

- How to structure a puppy group class, basic and advanced group classes and private consultation
- How to maintain records, structure a game plan for clients that work in private settings
- How to complete an intake evaluation form for clients and obtain behavioural and training history and review client goals
- Legal responsibilities will be discussed as well as liability waivers and release forms

MODULE 9 : AGGRESSION IN DOGS

TIME

18 hours

SUPPLIES REQUIRED

A dog to observe and potentially train with on a regular basis

COURSE CONTENT

The focus of this module is to improve the students confidence in training and handling of unfamiliar dogs.

You will learn about

- The various types of dog aggression,
- What are the causes,
- How to prevent and how to rehabilitate.
- How to safely work with aggressive dogs
- Plan a course of training for clients.
- how to re-socialize dogs with positive methods
- about training equipment and how and when to use it