



INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY
FOR DOG TRAINERS AND BEHAVIOURISTS

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To the International Academy for Dog Trainers and Behaviourists





• About Us

The International Academy for Dog Trainers and Behaviourists was created by dog training professionals who hold a wide variety of canine-related qualifications, academic degrees and accreditation, they also possess proven specialist knowledge, skills and a wide range of experience in dog training, course delivery and education.

With over 20 years of delivering high-quality training programmes and over 25 years dog training experience, our instructors and examiners are some of the most accredited, experienced, and qualified professionals in the industry.

We keep ourselves immersed in the industry and work with various organisations around the world, to ensure we are abreast of current research, legislation, training and teaching methods.

• Overview

At IADTB we recognise the importance of quality learning and success but we also know that practical experience is essential to build confidence.

The IADTB is a leading service provider of accredited courses for a dog trainer and dog training instructor qualifications at an intermediate and advanced level. The IADTB work with various organisations globally and have put together the most comprehensive dog trainer, dog training instructor and behaviourist courses available.

Our courses are for those who want to acquire specialist knowledge and skills, alongside a full hands-on practical experience to become effective and confident dog trainers and instructors.

IADTB courses are suitable for all levels of experience, including professional dog trainers, veterinary assistants, dog walkers, dog groomers, dog physiotherapists and general dog owners that want to gain a better understanding of dog training and the opportunity to work closely with experienced and accredited trainers.

All courses include practical days and assessments, with dogs and handlers provided for this element.

For example, students going for their IADTB level 3 Dog Training Instructor qualification can instruct handlers in dog training classes at our dedicated training centre, based in the beautiful Kent countryside.

There is also the option of doing remote practical training sessions, where we can set up a remote observation link with students and their IADTB trainer/assessor for their practical work.
(suitable for students outside of the UK).



Crucially, all our work is underpinned by our highly qualified, dedicated and innovative staff, who are committed to supporting you through your dog training career. Each course also involves a specified minimum of study hours and assignments, supported through our unique virtual learning platform, where students have access to resources and can interact with their IADTB instructors and examiners, as well as submit and gain feedback on assessments.



All Online theory is done at home at your own pace.

Once IADTB students have completed their qualifications, the IADTB can enter you into our database as competent dog trainers, dog training instructors and forward your details on to prospective clients.

IADTB Level 3 Dog Training Instructors can progress on to complete the 1-day IADTB Course Directors course, which will allow you to deliver IADTB courses to your clients, provided you meet the required criteria.



Level 1 IADTB Intermediate Dog Trainer

● Course Details

- Course level: 01.
- Hours: There is also a number of self-directed, online web-based support and formal hours to complete with this course.
- Practical Training Days: 01 **Course fee £450**
- Venue for Practical Training: Please check details on the website <https://www.iadtb.com>.

This course is a combination of distance learning and practical learning and assessment. In this intermediate dog trainer course, you will understand, evaluate, and apply a wide range of knowledge and theory for problem-solving that will allow you to become a confident and effective dog trainer.

The course is split into a series of units, each requiring self-study reading and research before completing a unit test, which consists of varied questions and tasks specific to the unit and level of study. All units can be undertaken at any time and over any reasonable period within a time frame of one year from the date of registration.

● *Units of study*

- Responsible dog ownership and welfare.
- Roles and responsibilities (including legal) of a dog trainer, dog handlers and owners.
- Understanding the basic principles of dog training and the most appropriate and effective motivational training techniques and methods to use.
- Understanding basic dog behaviour and aggression.
(This is more advanced in the IADTB Level 2 Advanced Dog Trainer, Advanced Canine Aggression and the IADTB Level 4 Behaviourist courses)

● *Teaching & Assessment*

Organising your own learning is an essential part of progressing through the units and completing the unit tests. Resources and support are provided via the online virtual learning platform and you will be assigned a unique access code to access your personal area.

IADTB students are not alone and will be assigned an IADTB instructor to guide and support you throughout the course and to complete the unit tests and tasks. The development of a personal portfolio to record and evidence your studies is highly encouraged and supported as part of reflective practice and will allow you to use it as a valuable reference for the future.

The 1 day practical day for this course will consist of 5 parts:

- Organising the training venue (Checklist of necessary equipment) & organising students into the different groups. (Level of abilities, difficult dogs, exercises etc).
- One to one with various dogs, training a variety of exercises (Luring & Shaping).
- Assessing various behaviours (Putting an action plan in place).
- Organising the groups as the day develops reacting to any dynamic changes.
- Putting lesson plans in place for your students and feedback (FBF)

Light Refreshments will be provided on the day.



LEVEL 2 IADTB Advanced Dog Trainer

● *Course Details*

- **Course level:** 02.
- **Hours:** There is also a number of self-directed, online web-based support and formal hours to complete with this course.
- **Practical Training:** **02 days.** **Course fee £750**
- **Venue for Practical training:** Please check details on the website <https://www.iadtb.com>.

This advanced trainer course builds upon the foundation of learning from the intermediate course and is a combination of distance learning and practical learning and assessment. In this advanced trainer course, you will develop a deeper understanding of becoming an effective dog trainer, evaluate theories and methodologies, as well as explore breed-specific psychology, traits and behaviours in order to plan and set up effective training sessions.

The course is split into a series of units, each requiring self-study, reading and research before completing a unit test.

All units can be undertaken at any time and over any reasonable period within a time frame of one year from the date of registration.

● *Units of study*

- Welfare, care and the needs of the dog.
- Training Methodology.
- Understanding dog behaviour and psychology

- Consultations, assessments and breed-specific character tests

- Creating and implementing effective training classes



● *Teaching & Assessment*

Organising your own learning is an essential part of progressing through the units and completing the unit tests. Resources and support are provided via the online virtual learning platform and you will be assigned a unique access code to access your personal area.

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The development of a personal portfolio to record and evidence your studies is highly encouraged and supported as part of reflective practice and will allow you to use it as a valuable reference for the future.

The 2 day practical for this course

1st Day Practical:

- Organising the training venue (Checklist of necessary equipment) & organising students into the different groups. (Level of abilities, difficult dogs, exercises etc).
- One to one with various dogs, training a variety of exercises (Luring & Shaping).
- Assessing various behaviours (Putting an action plan in place).
- Organising the group as the day develops reacting to any dynamic changes.
- Putting together a lesson plan for your students and feedback.

2nd Day Practical:

- Training Methods.
- Clicker Training (How to introduce clicker training with puppies, using clicker training all the way up to competition dogs).
- Positive Reinforcement.

Light Refreshments will be provided on the day.

● *Entry Requirements*

- Minimum of hours 500hrs of evidence training dogs or 250hrs if you have completed the IADTB Intermediate L1 Dog Trainer course.



IADTB Dog Training Instructor

● *Course Details*

- **Course level: 03.**
- **Hours:** There is also a number of self directed, online web based support and formal hours to complete with this course.
- **Practical Training: 03 days. Course Fee £900**
- **Venue for Practical training:** Please check details on the website <https://www.iadtb.com>.

This advanced instructor course follows the completion of the IADTB Intermediate Level 1 Dog Trainer and the IADTB level 2 Advanced Dog Trainer courses and is designed for those aiming to become a dog instructor, rather than a trainer.

It is a combination of distance learning and practical learning and assessment; however, the practical element of the course is intensive and allows progression for the student to go on to complete the 1-day IADTB course directors course which will allow you to deliver the IADTB courses to your clients (provided you meet the criteria).

In this advanced instructor course, you will understand how to confidently advise clients, assimilating your knowledge of key learning methodologies, dog psychology and behaviour and the latest research to deliver effective training plans that evaluate the needs of the client and the dog. This course introduces you to the advanced training techniques for higher-level obedience and focuses on considering your own professional practice and teaching pedagogy.

The course is split into a series of units, each requiring self-study, reading and research before completing a unit test. All units can be undertaken at any time and over any reasonable period within a time frame of one year from the date of registration.



● **Units of study**

- **Unit 1:** Current legislation and the legal, professional, and moral responsibilities of an instructor.
 - Meeting the dogs needs.
 - What are the current laws for keeping dogs and the welfare of dogs.
 - Incidents and Injuries record keeping.
 - Liability.
- **Unit 2:** Training concepts and methodology used in modern dog training.
 - Associative learning.
 - Classical Conditioning.
 - Operant Conditioning.
 - Reinforcement and punishment.
 - Compulsion Praise Training.
 - Group classes vs one to one.
 - How people learn.
- **Unit 3:** Consultations and Assessments and the promotion of your business.
 - Assessments.
 - Consultations
 - Legal Responsibilities.
 - Promotion.
 - Insurance.



● **Teaching & Assessment**

Organising your own learning is an essential part of progressing through the units and completing the unit tests. Resources and support are provided via the online virtual learning platform and you will be assigned a unique access code to access your personal area.

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The development of a personal portfolio to record and evidence your studies is highly encouraged and supported as part of reflective practice and will allow you to use it as a valuable reference for the future.

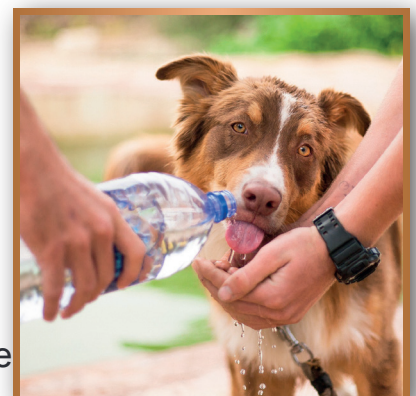
The Practical Days will Include:

- Organising the training venue (Checklist of necessary equipment) & organising students into the different groups (Level of abilities, difficult dogs, exercises etc).
- One to one with various dogs, training a variety of exercises (Luring & Shaping).
- Assessing various behaviours (Putting an action plan in place).
- Organising the group as the day develops reacting to any dynamic changes.
- Putting a lesson plan in place for your students and feedback.
- Training Methods.
- Clicker Training (How to introduce clicker training with puppies and using clicker training all the way up to competition dogs).
- Positive Reinforcement.
- Science-based training.
- Relationship Based Training.

Light Refreshments will be provided on the day.

● **Entry Requirements**

- You must have successfully completed IADTB Advanced Level 2 Dog Trainer. Once students have successfully completed the IADTB Level 3 Dog Training Instructor course they can use the initials IADTBI after their initials.



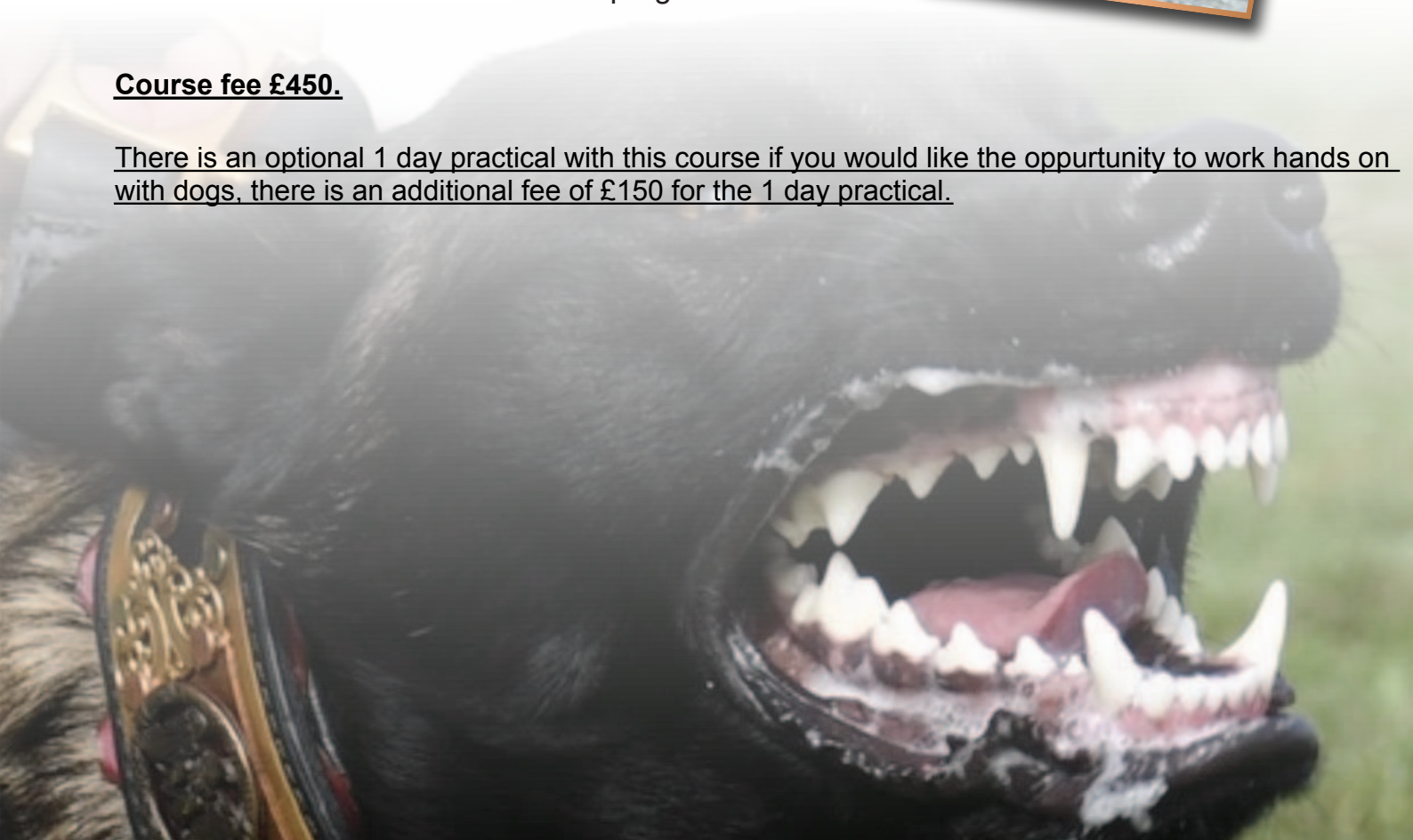
IADTB Advanced Canine Aggression

- This course gives the student an in-depth look at canine aggression such as fear, dominance, territorial, maternal, redirected or also known as misdirected aggression, possessive, pain-induced aggression and many others. The course will have various challenging tasks associated with it so the student starts to build upon their knowledge and their confidence.
- You will delve into the various methods used in a behaviour modification and training programs, so you can confidently deal with these types of behaviours.
- IADTB students will gain knowledge on how to carry out professional consultations and assessments, create templates to gather vital information and use this information in a behaviour and training modification program.
- IADTB students will have a better understanding what habituation, extinction, desensitization, counter-conditioning, response substitution, and shaping means and how to use the various methods in a behaviour modification program.



Course fee £450.

There is an optional 1 day practical with this course if you would like the opportunity to work hands on with dogs, there is an additional fee of £150 for the 1 day practical.



IADTB Course Director

● Course Details

- **Course level : 04.**
- **Hours :** There is also a number of self-directed, online web-based support and formal hours to complete with this course.
- **Practical Training : 1 Day. Course fee £450**
- **Venue for Practical training :** Please check details on the website <https://www.iadtb.com>.

This course allows IADTB Level 3 Dog Training Instructors to deliver IADTB Level 1 to level 3 Dog Trainer/Instructor courses.

There is an IADTB Affiliate Program for organisations that want to deliver our courses at their training centres (IADTB criteria must be met and agreed upon).

You will need a teaching qualification relevant to your country to be eligible to deliver our content and courses



IADTB Level 4 Behaviourist

This course is divided into 3 parts:

- **Part 1:** Canine Behaviour (units 1 - 5).
- **Part 2:** The Behaviourist (units 6 - 8).
- **Part 3:** Practical (3-days). **Course Fee £1500.**

● Unit 01

The Evolution of the Canine and Canine Genetics:

Since the first sequencing of the domestic dog genome in 2005, an explosion of research has revealed fascinating insights into canine evolution and a genetic basis for behaviour. Drawing on the latest studies, this unit explores the origins of the domestic canine and how genetics is linked to behavioural complexity.

Origins of the canine:

- Social structure.
- Current trends.
- Effects of overbreeding.

The genetics of the dog, and how genes can affect behaviour:

- Biological principles; cell division.
- The principles of inheritance of genes.
- The latest studies on the link between the Wolf and the dog.
- How domestication has changed the physical and behavioural characteristics of dogs (Key changes)?
- Cultural perspectives.
- Breeding and types of reproduction.
- What is the concept of the selfish gene theory?

● Unit 02

The Complex Canine Mind:

- Biochemistry of the Brain.
- The differences between the divisions of the nervous system.
- The different neural pathways between voluntary and involuntary behaviour.
- The structure of the nervous system.
- Overview of the brain and the functions of the various parts.
- Neurotransmitters and how they affect canine behaviour.
- The senses of the dog and how they differ from other species.
- A detailed look at the sense of smell and how this affects canine behaviour.

Intelligence and Canine Theory of Mind:

- Do animals think (How can we show they do?).
- Do they experience emotions? If so, what emotions?
- Do dogs recognise themselves?
- Do dogs perceive the emotions of others?
- What is the selfish gene theory?
- What is the scientific research that has been carried out on animal emotions and are they based on science?

● Unit 03

Canine Cognition: An introduction to learning theories:

- How dogs learn (Various concepts)?
- Quadrants of dog training.
- Associative learning.
- Vicarious learning.
- Are we able to define intelligence in the dog (How can we use training to define intelligence?)
- Nature vs Nurture.



● Unit 04

Canine Physiology and Behaviour

The Internal Environment:

- Homeostasis and the normal physiology of the body.
- How health and physiology can affect canine behaviour?
- Various medical conditions are covered, and their behavioural effects.
- The physiological and behavioural effects of stress, and the hormones involved.
- Other biological factors, for example, how hormones or nutrition can influence behaviour.

Pharmacology:

- The classes and types of drugs that are supplied by your vet (Fake drug market the consequences).
- The different medical disorders and in what way they can influence the behaviour of a dog.
- Explore the ways that drugs act on the body.
- Behaviour problems caused by medication.



● Unit 05

The External Environment

The external factors that can affect the behaviour of a dog:

- The environment in which the dog lives (flat, caged, open land) and the experiences it has had.
- The interactions between dogs, with people and the behaviours that can occur with and without these interactions.
- The importance of socialisation in early life (Also what happens when the pup is removed to early).
- The problems that can occur due to poor socialisation or over socialisation this is not commonly talked about.
- What is the latest Scientific research that has been carried out into the social development of puppies?
- How the development of dogs through training are directly related?



- The importance of consistency when training dogs (Pets vs Working Dogs).
- The effects of a kennel environment on behaviour and stress levels, (is it the same if the dogs were kennelled from a puppy as opposed to the older dog).

Emotions of the human vs the dog and their effects:

- Informing behaviour modification techniques.
- Over Stimulation vs under stimulation.



● **Unit 06**

The Behaviourist

Theory of behaviourism:

- What does this mean to the client?
- What does the practitioner understand behaviour is and what are their responsibilities, both ethically and morally?

Responsibilities, Welfare and Care.

Laws and Legislation:

- The Law (Research).
- The Legislation that affects anyone working with dogs and your responsibility for animals in your care and the advice you give.
- Dangerous Dogs Act, Control of Dogs, Animal Welfare Act.
- What law is there regarding the behavioural treatment of animals, and how this relates to other legislation such as Veterinary legislation?



Professional Practice:

- Working with other professionals.
- Insurances.
- Associations.
- Codes of conduct.
- The difficult client.
- Understanding your own limitations.
- Designing videos, banners, social media material for promotion of the practitioner.
- Practical communication skills.



● **Unit 07**

Canine Aggression and Behaviour

Various Types of aggression:

- Fear. • Dominance. • Dog on dog.
- Dog on human.
- What is bite inhibition?
- Why is it important to not encourage through forms of exercise or play?
- Working dogs and developing bite work.
- Working breed vs Pets - what are the key differences?
- What are the behavioural issues that can affect the working breeds of their needs are not met?



Research Science vs Fiction

- Myth vs Science.
- Latest research.

● Unit 08

Behaviour Modification

What is Behaviour modification?

- How can we produce results through behaviour modification?
- Writing a behaviour modification report on the various behaviours such as fear or dog on human aggression.
- Key concepts: Desensitisation, counter conditioning.

Consultations and Assessments:

- The process.
- Being prepared.
- Considering safety.
- Determining key questions.
- Understanding the history of the dog.
- Using BARC for consultations and then for implementing into a behaviour modification program.

Behavioural Diagnostics:

- Understanding how environment, nature, nurture, pharmacological, physiological how more than one of these could be the cause of a problem.
- Diagnosing the cause of behaviour by asking questions and analysing the situation also using the IADTB BARC checklist.
- Designing sheets to use during client consultations (Besides our BARC).

● Practical Training 3 Days

- Understanding the dog.
- Understanding the gait of various breeds (Working vs Pet).
- Training increases the bond.
- Training the dog not the breed.
- The use of force free methods vs Force.
- Language of the dog.
- Analysis of training. (Reality vs Expectation).
- One's own training practices.
- Behaviour modification.
- Understanding the different breed traits.
- And more.





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