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Dog Psychology and Training

Dog Training starts as a puppy, understanding the canine animal's psychology and teaching good behaviour habits for a dogs life.

Course Code	BAG221
Qualification	Statement of Attainment
Payment Options	Upfront & Payment Plans
Delivery	Online & Correspondence
Duration	100 Hours

Course Information

An understanding of canine psychology and behaviour is vitally important for anyone who works with dogs or keeps them as a companion animal.

Do you understand why your dog behaves the way it does?

Understanding canine psychology is crucial for anyone who living or working with dogs or keeps them as a companion animal.

Understanding how the domesticated dog has developed anatomically and physiologically from its wild counterpart, the wolf, will helps us to understand behaviours commonly seen in today's domesticated dog and therefore allows us to provide an environment in which the dog remains a happy and healthy companion.

There are 9 lessons in this course:

1. *Nature and Scope of Canine Psychology*
   o A brief history of the canine evolution
   o Self-domestication
   o Canine industries

2. *Canine Senses*
   o Understanding canine communication
   o Sight
   o Body Language
   o Smell
   o Sound

o Elimination Postures

3. *Understanding Natural Canine Behaviour*
o Social Structure
o Social Behaviour
o Aggression
o Clinical Problems
o Biological Rhythms
o Sleep
o Sexual Behaviour
o Maternal Behaviour
o Parturition
o Suckling and Weaning
o Eating and Drinking

4. *Canine Behavioural Development*
o Nature or Nurture
o Sensitive Periods
o Neurological Development
o Canine Temperament Testing
o How Breeds Differ

5. *Canine Behavioural Disorders*
o Attention Seeking Behaviour
o Excessive barking
o Chewing
o Running away
o Chasing moving objects
o Begging
o Digging
o Separation anxiety
o Aggression
o Phobias
o Excessive compulsive disorders
o Cognitive Dysfunction
o Calming a dog

6. *Basic Dog Training*
o Forming habits
o Conditioning
o Classical Conditioning
o Operant Conditioning
o Socialisation
o House training
o The use of visual signals
o The use of voice commands
o The use of training aids

7. *Dog Obedience Training*
o Practical Training Techniques
o Recall
o Sit
o Stand

- o Drop
- o Leave
- o Down
- o Stay
- o Heel
- o Seek
- o Retrieve
- o Bark on Signal

8. ***Controlling a Dogs Movement***
   - o Territorial nature of dogs
   - o Fencing
   - o Dog doors
   - o Kennels
   - o Exercise requirements
   - o Socialisation requirments
   - o Walking on a lead/leash
   - o Electronic barriers
   - o Microchips
   - o Pet Registration and Licensing
   - o Controlling Killing Wildlife

9. ***Training Working Dogs***
   - o Training for scent discrimination or substance detection
   - o Training for retrieving
   - o Guarding
   - o Hearing dogs
   - o Herding
   - o Tracking
   - o Controlling attacks on animals and people

Each lesson culminates in an assignment which is submitted to the school, marked by the school's tutors and returned to you with any relevant suggestions, comments, and if necessary, extra reading.

Aims:
- Describe how canine animals think and discuss the relevance of understanding canine psychology to people.
- Explain how canine animals communicate and formulate an understanding of possible ways that a human may communicate with a dog.
- Understand behaviours that are natural and predictable in canines and learn to recognise and understand signals that dogs give.
- Explain how dogs develop behavioural characteristics throughout stages of their life.
- Describe commonly occurring behavioural problems in dogs.
- Develop a program for training a new pet dog when it is brought into a household.
- Explain how to train a dog to perform predetermined actions upon command.
- Describe how the movement of dogs can be controlled, both through training and other methods.
- Describe how dogs can be trained to perform tasks required as a working dog, including a sheep dog, tracking dog, blind dog or substance detection dog.

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