

HOW TO BECOME AN IABTC APPROVED INSTRUCTOR

Step One

Achieve Level 1 via IABTC courses or with evidence of prior learning and experience

IABTC Pet Dog Training – Assistant Instructor (Practical Competence)

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of level 1 the candidate will be able to:

- Assist a more experienced instructor in conduct dog training classes or one to one dog training
- Demonstrate and explain the use of a variety of humane collars, leads and other appropriate equipment
- Demonstrate and explain how to teach basic control exercises using motivational techniques with advice on timing of rewards and cues
- Provide evidence of having trained a dog at least to the level you are teaching
- Give advice on responsible dog ownership
- Explain in basic terms how the dog's mind works and how to gain basic domestic behaviour control
- Be vigilant and follow guidance regarding health and safety regimes at all times

'IABTC Approved Assistant Dog Training Instructor' and/or use the letters IABTC/AA

Step Two

IABTC Pet Dog Training - Instructor (Practical Competence)

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of level 2 the candidate will be able to:

1. Complete all of the learning outcomes identified in level 1. Independently conduct regular dog training classes or one to one dog training (beginner/puppy—Gold GCDS standard)
2. Demonstrate and advise on the suitability of equipment for individuals
3. Demonstrate and advise how to teach exercises to progress training and to keep dog owners interested and motivated to maintain and continue training with links to real life.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of the links between breeds, development stage, exercise, stimulation etc. on behaviour and training. **(Covered in units 1&2)**
5. Give advice on how to avoid problems occurring and how to deal with basic behaviour problems **(Covered in unit 3)**
6. Conduct risk assessments and ensure all concerned adhere to H&S requirements
7. **Attend Unit 4** IABTC Pet Dog Training - Instructor (Practical Competence) successfully complete the linked in course and after course assessment.

You must be able to:

- *teach people independently using methods that will not cause any problem.*
competently teach others all the following:

(We cover all of these via Master Dog Training classes as well as Unit 4 Instructors course – most people need to take time to perfect them and should be able to demonstrate that they have achieved it themselves with at least one dog.)

- All core exercises as detailed at assistant level
- Walking by the handler's side off lead
- Stay off lead and progress to out of sight and longer stay times
- Walk to heel in a variety of situations and or styles (e.g. prep for Gold good citizen or competition)
- Emergency stop at a distance (at least 10 paces away)
- Send the dog to a given point (e.g. bed, marker)
- Recall to heel from static position
- Recall to front from static position to present position
- Control a dog in a vehicle
- Retrieve a toy

And at least one exercise from each of the following complimentary exercise sections:

You can learn more about these via our Master Dog Classes or Activities classes

- Nosework - Search, scent discrimination, tracking, scent games
- Agility – jump a small hurdle, weave, walk a plank/dog walk etc.
- Obedience – retrieve a dumbbell or other article that is not a toy, distance control, finish to heel (left or right)
- Tricks – roll over, give paw, spin, weave through the legs or other simple trick/HTM move

And should be able to give advice on the following basic behaviour problems:

(Covered on IABTC UNIT 3 Essential Solutions for Everyday Behaviour Problems)

House soiling, Barking, whining, howling at home, Puppy biting/mouthing Barking in class, Growling over food, toys etc. Dog running off (failure to recall) Chasing Aggressive show towards other dogs or people Pulling on the lead outside of class (maybe fine in class!) Jumping up (visitors, self, worktops) Stealing, scavenging Controlling more than one dog Introducing a child to a dog Introducing a new baby into the home Introducing a new pet (e.g., Cat) to the home

Once achieving the full award those abiding by the IABTC code of practice may use the term:

'IABTC Approved Pet Dog Training Instructor' and or the letters IABTC/Inst

You may also go on the IABTC website as an approved instructor.
