



IABTC Instructor Awards

LEVEL 1

IABTC Pet Dog Training – Assistant Instructor (Practical Competence)

Learning Outcomes

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

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

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Level 2

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.
- 2 Independently conduct regular dog training classes or one to one dog training (beginner/puppy—Gold GCDS standard)
- 3 Demonstrate and advise on the suitability of equipment for individuals
- 4 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.
- 5 Demonstrate an understanding of the links between breeds, development stage, exercise, stimulation etc. on behaviour and training
- 6 Give advice on how to avoid problems occurring and how to deal with basic behaviour problems
- 7 Conduct risk assessments and ensure all concerned adhere to H&S requirements

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Level 3

IABTC Pet Dog Training (Advanced Instructor) (Practical Competence)

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of level 3 the candidate will be able to:

- 1 Complete all of the learning outcomes identified in level 1 & 2.
- 2 Create lesson plans, course programmes and learning materials to meet the needs of a range of clients from puppy/beginner to advanced. (Beyond Gold GCDS standard).
- 3 Support and advise other instructors in teaching classes or individuals
- 4 Conduct interesting classes with embedded behavioural advice and problem prevention.
- 5 Stimulate interest in dog training via other contributions
- 6 Keep current with awareness of up-to-date thinking and views.

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International Animal Behaviour Training College (IABTC)

LEVEL 1

IABTC Pet Dog Training – Assistant Instructor (Practical Competence)

(Satisfy the assessor that you have the ability to run a class safely under the guidance of more experienced instructors)

- Attend a minimum of 4 days practical instructors course
- Pass an IABTC assistant instructors practical assessment

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IABTC Pet Dog Training – Assistant Instructor (Theoretical Competence)

- Complete and pass the after course assessment

To Pass the practical competence test for IABTC Pet Dog Training – Assistant Instructor

Learning Outcomes for Practical

Students will be able (under supervision) to:

1. Advise on appropriate equipment for basic training of pet dogs
2. Demonstrate and teach basic control exercises for life skills
3. Give basic advice on responsible dog ownership

All assistant instructors must satisfy the assessor that they have the ability to teach under supervision the following:

Core Exercises

- Use of various collars and leads,
- Attentiveness to name
- Watch (pay attention)
- Settle in the house
- Socialisation exercises (minimum 2)
- Controlled Greeting – meeting people without jumping up
- Handling, grooming and inspection
- Recall (puppy and from distractions)
- Basic sit, down and stand (minimum 2 methods)
- Walk to heel on a loose lead (minimum 2 methods)
- Stay (up to one minute)
- Leave on command (leave food, items, dogs, people etc)
- Control through a gate or doorway
- Playing simple games (at least 2) with the dog while maintaining control

And should be able to give advice on the following:

- Responsible dog ownership
- Type and timing of rewards
- Basic guide to how the dog's mind works

Prove to the assessor that you have trained at least one dog to a minimum of this level

LEVEL 2

IABTC Pet Dog Training - Instructor (Practical Competence)

To Pass the practical competence test for IABTC Pet Dog Training - Instructor

The instructors must satisfy the assessor that they have the ability to teach people independently using methods that will not cause any problem to possible progression of the dogs. They must be able to competently teach others all of the following:

- 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 cit 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:

- 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:

- 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

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LEVEL 3

IABTC Pet Dog Training (Advanced Instructor) (Practical Competence)

Satisfy the assessor that you have the ability to run a series of classes at various levels up to and including an advanced class, support and advise other instructors, deal with all general (non severe) behaviour problems, be able to give advice on a range of training activities. Also prove to the assessor that you have trained and handled a minimum of 3 dogs (current or past) to a high (minimum gold good citizen or competition or equivalent) level. Have handling and training experience of a range of breeds.

Attend a minimum of 4 days practical instructors course

Gain a minimum pass grade on the IABTC instructors advanced practical assessment

IABTC Pet Dog Training (Advanced Instructor) (Theoretical Competence)

- Complete and pass the after course assessment
- Complete and gain a minimum pass on the IABTC distance learning course 'Instructing Pet Owners' or Canine Behaviour Basics.
- **Or** attended at least one unit from IABTC Behaviour Modification Units 1-7 and complete and pass the assignments.
- **Or** Supply appropriate APL (accredited prior learning) evidence of behavioural knowledge

IABTC Pet Dog Training (Advanced Instructor) Full Award (Having completed both of the above)

Complete and pass both practical and theoretical awards minimum distinction standard

(For those who have already completed higher education in this subject, theory may be covered by equivalent and relevant APL application)

To Pass the practical competence test for IABTC Pet Dog Training – Advanced Instructor

The instructors must satisfy the assessor that they have the ability to teach independently using methods that will not cause any problem to possible progression of the dogs. They must be able to competently meet/achieve all of the following criteria:

All exercises as detailed in both of the levels above (Assistant Instructor and Instructor)

Plan and deliver an effective range of classes

Show a good aptitude for reading dogs and situations – making adjustments where necessary

Show a good knowledge of the behaviour of common breed types (collies, gundogs, guarding breeds, terriers, toy, etc.)

Have at least 5 years experience as an instructor responsible for own classes

Have experience of teaching a range of levels/abilities including puppies, beginners, intermediate, advanced pet dog training

Effectively progress the exercises to an advanced level or in preparation for competition/demo

Demonstrate the ability to introduce pet dog owners to at least one sport beyond a basic level

Effectively evaluate own teaching and show willingness for further CPD

Keep up to date with current thinking in dog training and general behaviour

Advise other instructors on teaching practice

Deal with difficult people and situations effectively

Effectively evaluate and feedback on other's teaching

Advise on a range (minimum 3) of training activities and show up to date knowledge on all

Prove to the assessor that you can train and handle a dog (current or past) to a high level (minimum as above)

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IABTC Behaviour Modification and Training - Awards

Level 4

IABTC Canine Behaviour Instructor (CBI)

To Pass the practical competence test for IABTC Canine Behavioural Instructor

The candidate must satisfy the assessor that they have the ability to teach independently using methods that will not cause any problem to the behaviour or possible progression of the dogs. (Minimum instructor level on unit 4). They must be able to competently teach all of the following:

- Successfully achieve Unit 5 IABTC Introduction to Behaviour Modification course in college or via distance learning
- Attend and successfully achieve Unit 6 IABTC Intermediate Behaviour Modification Course
- Demonstrate an understanding of basic behaviour problems and ways of preventing and dealing with them
- Demonstrate an ability to choose and teach to clients suitable basic control techniques by passing the IABTC unit 4 at instructor level minimum merit.
- Demonstrate an ability to choose and teach to clients complimentary training techniques suitable for specific cases
- Pass the introductory course (unit 5) and more complex (units 6 & 7) behaviour case study assessment at minimum merit standard.

To Pass the theoretical competence test for IABTC Canine Behaviour Instructor

The candidate must satisfy the assessor that they have the to give general behavioural advice, deal with specific cases effectively, keep up to date with current thinking and changes in the industry, work within industry standards (NOS).

- Prove knowledge covered in units 1-3 via IABTC courses or APL
- Discuss with peers a range of case studies and consider the possible problems and outcomes
- Identify and deal with a full range of behaviour problems
- Effectively evaluate own teaching and show willingness for further CPD
- Keep up to date with current thinking in dog training and general behaviour
- Deal with difficult people and situations effectively
- Show an understanding of the protocol when dealing with referral from vets
- Present a sample of a report and modification schedule for a specific case
- Effectively evaluate own teaching

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Level 5

IABTC Approved Advanced Behavioural Advisor

This is the IABTC highest award, those who have achieved this will be sure that they have the skills, knowledge and ability to deal with a full range of training and behaviour challenges, understand when to refer to other professionals.

This award is not given lightly, therefore candidates will need to:

- Meet all of the criteria of the IABTC Behaviour Modification – Instructor (level5), gaining a minimum of a distinction grades in at least 75% of the assignments/assessments.
- Attend Unit 6 and or 7 IABTC Intermediate Behaviour Modification Course as an assistant
- Show evidence of working strictly within NOS.
- Present evidence of working closely with at least one vet when dealing with complex cases
- Present evidence by video of independently dealing with 2 behaviour consultations, plans and follow up.
- Show evidence of supporting other professionals with more complex cases, or take part as an instructor on an IABTC behaviour or instructor course.
- Show evidence of support and referral service.
- Show evidence of continual professional development

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