

History – The PDTI was established in 2005 and held its first practical course at Harper Adams University in 2006. PDTI courses have continued the educational trend of many other instructor courses, and provide awards for competence through peer assessment. 2010 saw the formation of the PDTI as a not-for-profit company committed to education, with a graded membership, teaching workshops and a theory programme to reflect on learning for our changing times. (Please see our website for further details and separate flyers).

Introduction – PDTI courses target Pet / Companion Dog Training / Behaviour Instructors / Advisors who work with families on day-to-day aspects of dog ownership in modern society. The emphasis is on understanding dogs and their role of companions, and the positive practical teaching of good manners and life-skills, rather than the demands of more traditional 'obedience'. This course uses a range of standard exercises whilst highlighting behavioural, relationship and communication issues between dogs and their human families throughout.

Practical work – Students work within mixed ability teams, collectively helping each other nurture the expertise required to teach people to teach dogs. Teams are directed by different PDTI Tutors each day, who also contribute to team learning whilst encouraging a self-awareness of the skills involved with instructing, teaching, assessing and handling.

Assessments – Students are assessed to set criteria each day by different PDTI Tutors (themselves Advanced Instructors) to acknowledge the skill / knowledge level of each, as it is either acquired on the course by those just starting out, or confidently demonstrated by the more experienced. Students receive midweek results and are further assessed on Friday by an external Assessor.

Evidence – This course supports continued professional development (CPD), providing portfolio evidence of participation, skill and knowledge, which in turn, gives greater confidence to those working towards gaining further awards.

Participation – This course requires seven-day (residential) attendance. Students are generally divided into mixed ability teams for practicals and into experience level groups for tutorials. With a packed timetable, the days are divided into 5 x 90 minute time slots (usually 3 practical sessions, a tutorial and a lecture / demonstration). At the end of each day, the course encourages social activities and informal discussions in the bar.

This PDTI Course offers four Awards depending on experience and skill

- Students are asked to state their practical experiences on the booking form, with some background information that will allow for the allocation of balanced teams. In considering midweek results, students will be given the opportunity to discuss / confirm their final assessment for the most appropriate award.

The STANDARDS to be applied to the awards are defined below:

1. Introductory Instructing Skills: For those with **no, or less than** 1 year / 100 hours, practical instructing / assisting experience. This level is designed to give guidance and confidence to those who are just starting out, and to those who wish to take on an instructing role in the future. Successful students will, during the week, have proven able to assist safely with the teaching of most standard pet dog training skills and can explain the rationale behind each.

2. Intermediate Instructing Skills: For those with **more than** 1 year / 100 hours instructing experience. Successful students will have proven able to: teach competently and justify standard pet dog training skills; explain relevant behaviours, show awareness of rules, regulations, guidelines, health and safety issues; show understanding of personal limitations of their own knowledge and experience for referral and further guidance.

3. Instructing Skills: For those with **more than** 3 years / 500 hours of independent instructing experience. Successful students will have proven able to: run pet dog training sessions competently; plan, teach and co-ordinate a series of exercises into interesting sessions which promote good dog/handler relationships; assess dogs and handler capability; identify problems and integrate individual advice without disruption to others; be confident in knowledge of rules, regulations and guidelines; understand the importance of referral and give clear answers to underpinning training and behaviour questions.

4. Advanced Instructing Skills: For those with **more than** 5 years of independent instructing experience, who **also hold** the PDTI Instructing Skills Award (equivalent awards / experiences considered). Successful students will have proven able to: competently run pet dog training sessions at all levels; critically assess, identify, analyse, correct and advise on training and related behaviour issues; show high levels of teaching skill, expertise in training other instructors; consider appropriate referral; demonstrate knowledge /experience of a good range of canine pet, fun and competitive activities.

Award certificates will be presented following the end-of-course dinner, and will be given at one of the following levels:

Attendance - this certificate will **clearly state** that the participant has taken part, but **not** ready to meet the standard set by the award

Pass - has over the week met the standard set by the award

Merit - has consistently met the standard set throughout the week

Excellence - has consistently given an above average and confident performance throughout the week

Our aim through Tutor led and team learning is to develop / enhance the teaching skills which enable people and dogs to achieve the standards expected by society for dog ownership. The course includes puppy, starter-beginner-bronze, intermediate-silver and advanced-gold levels. A Kennel Club Good Citizens Dog Scheme testing session is usually offered and Thursday provides an opportunity to look at different canine activities / specific dog training techniques with options for handler participation.

Course fees for 2016 are set at £635 for on-site accommodation, with options of on-site camping at £435 and off-site overnight at £360. This year we are offering **PDTI Members a discount of £35** if fees are paid in full by 2nd April 2016 (so why not join us and benefit from this reduction?).

Costs are inclusive of breakfast, evening meals and formal end-of-course dinner, which are all integral to the course and attendance is expected. Lunch is NOT included as this is 'free-time' as most students welcome a short break to deal with personal issues. Numbers will be strictly limited according to facilities and the student to tutor ratio. Full payment (or a £150 deposit for the instalment plan which includes a £10 admin charge) must accompany the booking form to reserve your place. On booking you will agree to abide by PDTI / HAU policies. Correspondence will generally be by email. You will be responsible for the behaviour of any dog(s) you bring with you, and their welfare is paramount at all times. Dogs must be able to cope with being left quietly in a comfortable crate or in your car during meals, lectures and tutorials, when you are not with them.

NB. PDTI Management reserves the right to amend and apply rules as and where necessary. Pet Dog Training Instructors and PDTI are trading names of PDTI Ltd, a not-for-profit company, registered in 2010, number 07254416 limited by guarantee. PDTI Directors, Administrators and Tutors also contribute towards their own fees, learning and teaching, benefitting from the management, tutoring and assessing experience.

See Booking Form for further details & payment options. PDTI Ltd

Pet Dog Training Instructors

Practical Awards established 2005, PDTI Register established 2010

PDTI Practical Awards

Instructors Course Prospectus

Saturday 23rd – Saturday 30th July 2016

Harper Adams University Campus, Newport, Shropshire

Course enquiries and bookings via

Jill Hodgson PPDTI Adv

Tel: 014 6022 1240 Email: jill_h@live.co.uk

Please see the booking form for course mailing address

PDTI = promoting, developing, teaching and inspiring

Website: www.pdti.org Email: info@pdti.org

PDTI Ltd. Reg Office: 87 Coleridge Close, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0QY

SECTION 4 Dog care / training experience (as a handler / dog owner)

Please give your background of dog ownership / in-home caring of dogs (inc yrs)

Have you	If so, please give details - include levels, numbers, dates / years etc
... any other relevant working experience (eg kennels / walking / sitting etc)?	
... participated in any FORMAL dog-training / handling classes / activities?	
... ever competed in any dog sport / activity?	
... taken dog(s) through the GCDS?	

SECTION 5 Instructing experience (as an instructor / advisor / assistant)

INFORMALLY, I have been giving advice to others for years. FORMALLY, I have been Instructing for over years, approx contact teaching hours.

Please give details (with dates) as an instructor / advisor: inc hrs/wk, assisting / own sessions / classes / clients, levels of responsibility, clubs, businesses etc:

Have you	If so, please give details - include numbers, levels, dates etc
... joined the KCAI Scheme?	
... taken part in any practical Instructor training course(s)?	
... gained any instructor qualifications?	
... undertaken any canine related academic study?	
... attended a GCDS seminar / passed GCDS Examiners programme?	
... examined for the GCDS?	
... any other judging experience (any activity)?	
... teaching / assessing qualifications/experience	

SECTION 6 Any further Information eg qualifications (any) courses etc						
SECTION 7 Payment Details with B&B, Camping and Local options						
A) Harper Adams (HAU) B&B & eve meals £635		B) Camping, inc. breakfast & eve meals £435		C) Local, inc. breakfast & eve meals £360		
Payments: by cheque to 'Pet Dog Training Instructors' or direct (BACS) transfer to Nat West Bank, Hitchin SG5 1YY: 60-11-10 . Account: PDTI Ltd - 17184258 . Full payment is required with booking form OR deposit and instalments as shown below, which are inclusive of a £10 admin charge:						
Deposit £120 (with booking form)	A) £275, B) £175 or C) £125 by 2 nd April 2016		A) £250, B) £150 or C) £125 by 15 th June 2016			
Special Offer – Discount of £35 for all PDTI Members who pay in full by 2nd April 2016						
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Please note: cancellation refunds before 1 st June 2016 will incur a £50 admin charge. Refunds after 1 st June will incur a further £50 charge. All payments are non-refundable after 1st July 2016 , however substitutes will be accepted up to 15 th July 2016.						
Please tick one box in each line	Cert level	Under one yr	Over one yr	Over three yrs	Over five yrs	
	Options	A) Full B&B	B) Motorhome	B) Caravan	B) Tent	C) Local
SECTION 8 Signed booking forms only (email attachments not accepted).						
Please find completed form with cheque / payment details enclosed to book my place on the PDTI Practical Awards Course for Instructors running at Harper Adams University – arrival Sat 23 rd July – departure Sat 30 th July 2016.						
I agree to abide by the rules set by the PDTI and the University. I have read the current prospectus and I understand that I will be working as part of a mixed ability team and as such I also agree to enter into the spirit of best practice.						
Signed			Date			
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Send completed form as hard copy to: Jill Hodgson PPDTI, Manor Farm Cottage, Manor Farm Close, Tatworth, Chard, Somerset TA20 2SQ						

<h1 style="margin: 0;">PDTI Practical Awards Course</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">Courses established 2005 ... Register established 2010</p>

Booking Form: Sat 23rd July – Sat 30th July 2016

(please read all sections carefully before filling in this form)

SECTION 1 Personal contact details (please print clearly)			
Full Name			
Name you wish to be called / known as			
Address			Postcode
Phone	Land line	Mobile	
Email			
Please note that all correspondence will be sent by email wherever possible			
Have you any special dietary / medical needs?			
SECTION 2 Dogs: Please note that you may bring your own dog(s) to work with during practical sessions, provided they are happy being left during tutorials, lectures and breaks, comfortably crated / left in your car / share of a car. NB Dog(s) are not allowed loose in the rooms when you are not with them. Dog(s) must be healthy and protected from disease. [Please discuss any potential problems before booking].			
Details of all dog(s) that you wish to bring (NB no dogs can be left loose alone in rooms)			
Name	Breed	Age	Sex
SECTION 3 Overall experience – On the 23 rd July 2016, I will have			
been formally involved instructing / advising own classes for over		been formally involved in dog training for over	
	yrs		yrs
owned / worked with / trained / cared for dogs for over			
	yrs		yrs
Please complete Sections 4 & 5 with further details before claiming years in boxes above			
Office use:			