

PDTI presents a series of new workshops for 2017

Sunday 23rd April (one day) Choose between

'Analysing Instructing Skills' OR **'Puzzle Solving & Enrichment'**

Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th April (two days)

'Precision Clicker Training'

Venue: Harper Adams University, Newport, Shropshire TF10 8NB

Our Practical Teaching Workshops aim to provide a variety of exciting activities to suit all instructors, handlers and dogs of any ability. They follow our annual Conference where Professor Daniel Mills will be talking about how pain, social organisation and emotion influence behaviour. All our workshops include background theory on the practices involved, highlight safety and self-control issues, promote positive reinforcement, rewards, motivation and play, to help with understanding of how dogs live and learn.

'Analysing Instructing Skills' led by Sue Evans, focusing on the effectiveness of what and how we teach. Dog training is a unique and challenging area of instructing, as besides working with the full range of dogs and people (ages, types and learning abilities), it is two-fold - teaching novice handlers to teach novice dogs. Over the last twenty years, the face of dogdom in the UK has changed and so has our technical understanding of how dogs learn. Educating the public and explaining canine behaviour is a balancing act with training specific exercises, tricks and life-skills, and we need to ensure we continue to learn and adapt our teaching to meet the demands of society today.

'Puzzle Solving and Enrichment' with Elinore Vickery & Tamsin Durston, exploring the Dog-Human Partnership through a series of fun relationship-building interactive games and activities. Examining how your dog prefers to communicate with you, and giving consideration to how you best work together as a team, you will undertake physical, sensory and mental challenges. Learning together, teaching new skills and solving problems will build and strengthen the connection between you and your dog, and, in-turn, create enrichment for both of your minds, bodies and hearts.

'Precision Clicker Training' with Clare Russell, who with simple strategies for planning, developing and progressing will encourage more detailed thought to your training.
DAY ONE: 'Seeing clicker basics with new eyes' - core behaviours, building key skills, using play, designing training plans suited to individuals, and learning how to practice effectively.
DAY TWO: 'Furthering & challenging your skills' - exploring clicker use in various disciplines, progressing skills to achieve goals, then challenging you further with some fun clicker-tastic team activities for you and your dog. "The strategic decision about what skill to define is the essence of teaching". Clare comes highly recommended for her tutoring skills by her mentor Kay Laurence. She holds a COAPE Advanced Diploma and is a Co-founder of 'Positively Excellent'. With over 15 years experience, she has a keen interest in building relationships, and developing new behaviours rather than suppressing unwanted ones.

Please email info@pdti.org for booking form as all places are strictly limited.

Tickets: 1-day workshops £55 (RCDTBP Signatories & KCAI members £50, PDTI members £45)

Or 2-day workshop £100 (RCDTBP Signatories & KCAI members £90, PDTI members £80)

On-site B&B available at £52 per night, or camping+breakfast at £22 per night.

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