

History: PDTI was established in 2005 and held its first practical assessment course in 2006. With the field of dog training and behaviour growing, it has become obvious over the last couple of decades, that the industry is expecting experienced Instructors / Advisors to show that they have sufficient academic understanding of their role too. 2010 saw the PDTI launch a members' register and a theory programme to aid the search for formal recognition of acquired knowledge. Also, following a year of discussions with Harper Adams University, the PDTI, in partnership, supported a new joint initiative, leading to a Level 5 Diploma. This was designed to see PDTI members and graduates well into the future, providing suitable qualifications aligning to any proposed registration of practitioners. 2012 saw government funding cuts to Higher Education, resulting in the loss of the Diploma course for the time being, due to the high costs now involved. The PDTI offers the identical programme for its members with the intention of revalidating the course formally in the future.

Introduction: The PDTI aims to support Pet Dog Training Instructors / Advisors who work with families on day-to-day aspects of ownership in modern society, rather than teaching pure exercises. Like our practical awards, our theory programme aims to develop the skills and understanding required to teach people to teach dogs, discussing assessment of communication, behaviour and relationship issues between dogs and their human contacts.

The PDTI offers Theory Certificates at Levels T1-T5

Level T1 requires: (i) gaining our P1 Introductory Award, (ii) gaining a 50% pass in our level T1 multi-choice quiz, and (iii) a post course reflective log.

Level T2 requires: (i) gaining our P2 Instructors Award, (ii) gaining a 50% pass in our level T2 multi-choice quiz, and (iii) a post course reflective log.

Level T3 requires: (i) gaining our P3 Applied Award, (ii) gaining a 50% pass in our level T3 exam paper, and (iii) a post course reflective log.

Level T4 requires: (i) gaining our P4 Advanced Award, (ii) submission of case studies and gaining a 50% pass mark, and (iii) a post course reflective log.

Level T5 requires: (i) active tutoring of others / presentation of a talk on the practical course, (ii) submission of T5 research and gaining a 50% pass mark, and (iii) a post course reflective log.

For those who have attended practical courses previously, a reflective application form is available, so ex-participants may apply for questioning over the phone for levels T1 and T2 if the appropriate practical awards were gained.

The STANDARDS to be applied to the certificate levels are as follows:

Level T1 Responsible Dog Care:

This PDTI certificate is available for all dog enthusiasts with **no or limited** practical instructing/assisting experience on gaining our P1 Introductory Practical Skills Award. Successful students will have proven able to give satisfactory answers to care, training and behaviour questions at the standard expected of a handler entering the gold GCDS test.

Level T2 Teaching & Advising Dog Owners:

For those with **more** than 1yr/100hrs instructing experience who hold our P2 Instructors Practical Skills Award. Successful students will have proven able to discuss Level T1 topics in more detail, and able to answer questions on their personal and legal responsibilities of providing a service to others.

Level T3 Dog Welfare, Behaviour & Training:

For those with 3yrs/500hrs instructing experience, who gain our P3 Applied Instructor Practical Skills Award. Successful students will have proven able to discuss topics as in the two levels above, plus: identify, define and explain the technicalities of teaching, of how dogs and people learn, illustrated by underpinning practical training and behaviour management experience. Students will also have shown knowledge of the world of dogs and of various canine activities. Equivalent 15 credits at level 4 higher education framework (QHEF).

Level T4 Applied Dog Training and Behavioural Management:

For those with 5yrs/1000hrs experience who gain our P4 Advanced Instructing Award and Level T3 Theory Certificate, proven able to apply their knowledge to critically assess, identify, analyse, correct and advise on teaching, training and behavioural management issues. Equivalent 30 credits at level 5 (QHEF)

Level T5 Advanced Dog Training and Behavioural Management:

For members with 5yrs/1000hrs who have gained our Level T4 Certificate. This stage will involve further tutoring on the PDTI practical courses and the presentation of a dissertation of study and underpinning research. Equivalent to stage three of the diploma gaining the final 15 level 5 university credits.

NB the 3-stage Harper Adams University Diploma in Canine Training and Behavioural Management (60 credits) is not currently available,

however as this was run in partnership with us, we are able to offer PDTI level T3- T5 certificates to our members, with the study and workload over and above the three stages of the Diploma, with the hope of re-validating the programme again in the future. The Diploma has been gained by 16 of our members to date, and several are now willing to tutor others on behalf of the PDTI.

PDTI Theory Certificates will be awarded at one of the following levels:

Pass - the pass mark for this award is set at 50%

Credit - has achieved a pass mark of 65+%

Distinction – has achieved a pass mark of 75+%

Fees for PDTI Theory Certificates:

Level T1 and T2 Certificates are available without charge to PDTI Members. Non-members will be charged a fee of £20 and £30 respectfully.

Level T3 requires self-study and fees are charged to cover learning packs, admin and assessment costs: Members £50, non-Members £100.

Level T4 requires self-study and research based on case studies, with an oral assessment, only available to members with a registration fee of £150.

Level T5 requires self-study and project research with an oral assessment and is available to members at a further £150.

Fees **include** support from PDTI tutors. These levels will allow students to grow in knowledge as they gain experience. Advanced graduates may already have the knowledge and experience to be able to complete all levels very quickly. Further practical course attendance and tutoring is also required to demonstrate application of knowledge in practice.

Additionally, all our theory certificates provide a study programme, and create profile evidence for the Registration Council for Dog Training and Behaviour Practitioners and helpful to those studying for the Kennel Club Accreditation Scheme for Instructors in Dog Training and Canine Behaviour.

FIRST STEP

If you wish to register for these certificates, discuss them in more detail or consider them in comparison to any other academic study options, please give Sue Evans a call on 020 8809 6762.

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Practical Awards established 2005, PDTI Register established 2010

PDTI Theory Certificates

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