

**Sue A Evans** PPDTI, UDip CTBM, MBIPDT, MIACE, FIAS, FTC, LCGI, PTLLS

Personal Details		Business / Club name and location
PDTI Grade: Professional	Membership Number: 1001	Alpha Dog Training, Finsbury Park, London N4
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PDTI Involvement		Club(s) / business involvement
PDTI Director; Technical Advisor, Course Designer, Tutor and Assessor		1. Director Alpha DTC, Chief Instructor and Advisor 2. Independent Canine Education Specialist
PDTI & other relevant Awards		Classes and Services
PDTI Advanced Award (Merit 2009), BIPDT Graduate. (2000), Agility Club Approved (2002), DTI Examiner (2005)  PTLLS Teaching Certificate (2008), PDTI Level 5 Theory Certificate (2013), University Diploma in Canine Training and Behavioural Management Level 5 (2013)		Behavioural training sessions for handlers and dogs of all ages and levels of ability. GCDS listed status, basic canine activities inc. ring-craft, agility, scent-work, tricks and htm. Educational talks and advice at community events. Individual training, remedial and management advice. Home visits and location training. Also young puppy sessions at 4 local Vet practices.

**Sue's background and personal statement**

I have continually worked in education and with animals since 1969. I have been involved with various aspects of dog training with my dogs since the mid 70's. I have been instructing since 1992 promoting my interest in canine education, and practically on the assessment of relationships and understanding problem behaviour including fear and aggression. Having designed and helped develop both the KCAI (2000) and PDTI (2005) programmes, since 2008, I have worked as an independent Canine Education Specialist, giving personal, career, group and club advice. I have expanded my dog training and behaviour activities, taking more problem referrals and running instructors workshops with the PDTI.

I am Director and Head Instructor of Alpha DTC, which opened in 1994. We have built up slowly of the years and proudly boast excellent instructors, including my daughter Ceri, all committed to help our local and some not-so-local dog owners with their canine companions. I was lead assessor and trainer with the HUB project in Camden, in its' first three years (2008-11), which was set up to take Local Authority dog-related antisocial behaviour referrals, the work also including dog related advice at community events and training of local authority enforcement staff.

My interest in animals started with a childhood menagerie and a common girly vet dream, but being academically lazy, despite studying A level Zoology, that was soon out of my reach. On leaving school, I found myself in a job working at the Royal Veterinary College in Anatomy, following a career I would never regret. I qualified as a State Registered Science Technician, with a Full Technology Certificate (FTC) and with a secondly interest in art, a State Registered Medical Illustrator. In 2000 I was awarded a senior award in Science with 'Licentiate' from the City & Guides (LCGI).

My involvement in dog training and interest in instructor courses led me to consider an advert issued by the Kennel Club at the end of 1999, to help develop a related qualification. I never thought that I would make a career change as I loved my role at the RVC, but the draw of this had my name on it. I was offered the position and spent 4 months researching it and attending Working Party meetings. I re-wrote the programme, introducing the points system, which was adopted and the rest is history. In August, I took the job and spent the next eight years helping to develop it, proudly seeing more that 30 members qualify KCAI. I am looking forward to submitting for my own accreditation in due course.

In 2005 I became involved with devising an Instructor Course for the newly launched PDTI, which fitted well with giving confidence to those working towards the KCAI award. The PDTI outgrew the annual course and in 2010 registered as a company and introduced a Conference, Workshops and a Theory programme. Almost unbelievably this resulted in the University Diploma, which I personally managed to finish on the last day, and graduated alongside 11 of our members in September 2013, joining the 2 who graduated the year before ... a real PDTI achievement.

I love my work, it may be frustrating at times, but overall I feel I am playing a small part in educating the public, both directly and indirectly through other instructors, for the benefit of dogs and other animals.