

Claire Bloomfield PDTI Adv, KCAI (CD GC)

Personal Details		Business / Club name and location
PDTI Grade: Professional	Membership Number: 1014	1. Ongar Dog Training Club 2. Epping & District Dog Training Club
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PDTI Involvement and Practical Awards		Club(s) / business involvement
PDTI Advanced Award (2012) Junior Course Tutor (2013)		1. Director and Chief Instructor 2. Instructor
Other Qualifications (all areas) & relevant Awards		Classes and Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University Level 5 Diploma in Canine Training and Behavioural Management (2013) • Various Canine Studies Writtle Ag College (see below) • BIPDT – First Grade Instructors Award • Kennel Club Accredited Instructor in Companion Dog Training and Good Cit Dog Scheme - KCAI (CD GCDS) • GCDS Examiner for Bronze, Silver and Gold 		Training Classes - pet dog obedience - puppy to advanced Kennel Club Good Citizen Scheme - all levels Individual training and behaviour advice and local home visits.
Name's background and personal statement		
<p>I have attended dog training classes for over 35 years with all my own dogs, which have included Border Collies and Golden Retrievers. All my current dogs are gold good citizens and two are working obedience at open shows. I have participated little Ring Craft and I have been a member of the United Retriever Club (Essex) since 2008, attending training days, and in 2013 acting as a Steward. Bertie my Golden Retriever was in the Silver display team at Crufts in 2011. I attended the Novice handler gundog training day held by the Kennel Club in 2013. I have continued to attend obedience classes run by Kim Innes since 2009, and I am competing as regularly as time allows.</p> <p>I started to instruct at Epping & District DTC in 2000, attended a British Institute Professional Dog Trainers course in 2007 - gaining a 1st grade pass. In addition, I achieved KC Accreditation in Companion Dog Training in 2010 and in 2013 I achieved accreditation for GCDS. I have attended three PDTI courses as a student, and having achieved my Advanced Award with 'Professional' Grade membership, I attended the 2013 course as a Junior Tutor.</p> <p>In addition, I started my own club Ongar DTC in April 2011 which is GCDS listed. Three of my members are Young Kennel Club members, all having taken part in competing at open shows. Jan, my assistant at Ongar DTC, competed in the KCGCDS Pre-Beginner Obedience Stakes this year, and at Discover Dogs 2013 gained a place at the finals with Gordie her Tibetan Terrier. The Grand Final will be held at Crufts on Saturday 8th March 2014.</p> <p>Study-wise I participated in courses at Writtle Agricultural College in 2003 and 2004 gaining credits for 'Competitive obedience', 'Take the class' and "How to have an effective puppy socialisation class, 'First aid' (at Level 2 Federation of dog trainers and canine behaviourists), 'Instructors training', 'How to have a perfect puppy', 'Instructors training refresher', 'Grooming' (two day course at Level 2 Federation of dog trainers and canine behaviourists). Gaining City & Guilds awards in 'The dogs in society', 'Psychological and physiological development', 'Health care' and 'Dogs in sport and leisure'. In 2010 I enrolled with the PDTI on the Harper Adams University Diploma course and in 2013 I graduated, gaining my Level 5 University Diploma in Canine Training and Behavioural Management.</p> <p>I have attended many different classes while handling dogs and instructing, many with different ideas, gaining more knowledge and experience to pass on to my own club clients and dogs. I also attend other course and seminars on a regular basic and also encourage my assistant to attend them. These include Animal Aider Course (2008 and 2014), 'Dog Law: what every responsible owner needs to know' (2010 and 2013). Practically, since 2011 I have helped out with the Lhasa Apso stand at Discover dogs and the London Pet Show. I have stewarded and judged at companion dog shows and in 2012 I passed the requirements of an obedience judge, and I am now looking forward to judging at an open show when I qualify to work one of my dogs in novice or above.</p>		