

Peter Whittaker MBIPDT Adv, LPDTI Adv, UDip CTBM

Peter sadly passed away on the 6th June 2016

PDTI Grade: Licentiate	Membership Number: 1015	We will remember Peter for his active contribution to the PDTI and for his massive commitment over many years towards helping dogs and their families have happy and fulfilling lives in our human society.
PDTI Involvement and Practical Awards		
PDTI Advanced Award (2010), Course Tutor (2011)		
Qualifications (all areas) & relevant Awards		Business / Club name and location
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University Level 5 Diploma in Canine Training and Behavioural Management (2013) • BIPDT Advanced (2010), BIPDT Examiner (2011) 		PELEK9 Training School Newdigate & Beare Green – Surrey/West Sussex

Peter's Story

I have been instructing since 1995 providing classes as above. I started instructing at BAGSD and gained an instructors badge and a 2nd grade from the British Institute of Professional Dog Trainers in the same year. I continued to attend the BIPDT courses gaining a 1st Grade in 1995 and Graduate grade in 1997.

I became involved with the PDTI in 2010 to widen my experience of pet dog training, and found myself enrolling for the Harper Adams Diploma and passing the first module. I gained an Advanced Award with both the PDTI and BIPDT in the same year, which led to being a course tutor for the PDTI and end of course judge for the BIPDT in 2011.

Being a total non-academic, I struggled with the Diploma and amazed myself in getting a pass for module 2. With life getting in the way but plenty of encouragement from the PDTI and Mark at Harper, I made a final push to research what was needed, made it through the final module and proudly took part in the Graduation Ceremony in September 2013.

I competed in Obedience back in 1990's, working a WS and preparing a GSD. I won a pre-beginner and then retired from all forms of competition. My 2 GSD's and WS have all gained the Gold GC award.

PeleK9 is a KCGCDS listed status club and I run classes in two venues at all levels. I limit my classes to 6 dogs as I feel that everyone needs the best attention. I opened an agility class in 2009 for handlers who wanted fun without competition involvement. I offer 1:1 training and home visits for my clients, and I assess dogs with problems as referred by local vets and local District Council. I have examined all levels of GC for other clubs since 1996, including Gold on the PDTI course in 2010 and most recently, two Silver groups this Autumn, as a 'B' list examiner.

I have also provided private one day seminars to groups and clubs who have handlers aspiring to become instructors and want impartial feedback on what is required.