

Lesley Thompson PPDIT Adv, UDip CTBM

Personal Details		Business / Club name and location
PDTI Grade: Professional	Membership Number: 1139	Special Friends Pet Care Services 'The Dog Club'
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PDTI Involvement and PDTI Practical Awards		Club(s) / business involvement
PDTI Advanced Award (2012) Junior Course Tutor (2013)		Owner, Chief Instructor and Advisor
Qualifications (all areas) & Other relevant Awards		Classes and Services
University Diploma in Canine Training and Behavioural Management Level 5 (2013) Member KCAI Scheme, working towards accreditation		Classes: GCDS Puppy to Gold, Rally and Competition Obedience, 1:1 training in the home Dog walking and pet sitting
Lesley's background and personal statement		
<p>I have been instructing since 1988, I started by assisting in pet dog classes in 1984. I started Special Friends in 2008 with dog walking and 1:1 training in the home, and started my own pet-dog classes in 2009. We are GCDS listed and cover the areas of Newton Aycliffe / Darlington, County Durham.</p> <p>I have been involved in Competitive Obedience since 1984 as a handler, judge and steward. I currently work Alfie (re-homed from the prison service) and Kibo my young bitch in Novice and A. Alf has also competed and been placed in Agility. As a KC Obedience judge, I have also examined for the GCDS since 2008 Bronze to Gold.</p> <p>My past life experiences include working for local authority, a local newspaper, also Breast Cancer Care, delivering talks and presentations, teaching horse riding and windsurfing, before starting my own business. I am now also a foster carer, which I find very rewarding. I have raised money for many charities with London marathons, Great North runs, abseiling, trekking to Everest Base camp, climbing Kilimanjaro and recently cycling Land's End to John O'Groats in 9 days.</p> <p>I have been a member of Pet Dog Training Instructors for three years, gaining my Advanced Instructors award and being involved as a junior course tutor. Through this involvement I gained a Harper Adams University Diploma (level 5) in Canine Training and Behavioural Management. This academic study and peer support have given structure to the knowledge gained through my practical experience. I now understand the reasoning behind the techniques I have been using and I can see how to apply them more effectively.</p> <p>I love watching the bond grow between the dog and owner, as they begin to understand each other through the pet dog training classes, it can be the start of a wonderful relationship.</p>		