

## Rory Stevens

Personal Details		Business / Club name and location
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PDTI Involvement and PDTI Practical Awards		Club(s) / business involvement
PDTI Introductory Skills Award 2013		Independent Trainer
Qualifications (all areas) & Other relevant Awards		Classes and Services
ADTB (2008-9 to gold) PDTI Levels 2&3 Theory Certificates (2012-13)		Local Dog Walking General training and behaviour advice 1:1 and local home visits Mobile Microchipping
Rory's background and personal statement		
<p>I first got involved with dogs as a child when my parents had a Collie Cross Lab (it was an older dog when we got her), then at a later stage when that one died they got a Jack Russell, I was into all animals at this stage of my life and loved them all. I worked in a Pet Shop when I left School for a couple years, but after that I did various jobs from Scaffolding, to Taxi Driving, Kitchen Porter etc,</p> <p>I got back into the Pet trade into 1996, eventually running my own pet shop in 1998 for 4½ years. I started a dog walking business from the shop in 1999 - I got the work, paid dog walkers and got commission. When I sold the shop, I kept that part of the business going, but doing most of the work myself, walking small packs of dogs, which I trained to make the job easier for myself and to keep the dogs under better control. From this I got into the Dog Training more formally around 2005, seeing that people did not seem to train their pet dogs very well, I started offering training on a 1:1 basis to help them. By 2007 I was instructing more (but generally only on a 1:1 basis) helping more people with dog training and behaviour problems.</p> <p>To back up my work, I have attended several dog handling and instructor courses, certificated seminars and studied on correspondence courses. These include a John Rogerson's 21 day Advanced Training and Behaviour Course in 2007, the Academy of Dog Behaviour and Training (ADBT) correspondence course in 2008-9 and passed the practical assessment at gold level in 2009.</p> <p>I joined the PDTI in 2012, following the PDTI Conference. I booked on to the August Assessment Course and enrolled for Module 1 of the HAUC Level 5 Diploma. I passed the actual exam but did not fulfil the practical element, being outside my comfort zone at that stage. I am so used to working on my own it has been difficult for me to appreciate group work. I returned to the practical course in 2013 and gained my Introductory Level Award, earning an 'Affiliate' grade, personally benefitting from the vast amount of team support over the standard of teaching required.</p>		