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Dog Behaviour & Training Methodology Certificate



2021 Information Package

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If you are considering a career with dogs, this is the course for you! Through this course, our goal is to ensure you receive quality, current information on dog behaviour, dog body language, current training techniques and working with people.

The Edmonton Humane Society is the best facility for you to view several dog behaviour issues, while giving you access to experts who work with them. Not only do you get to learn about training and behaviour, but you get to work with dogs hands-on while supervised by our experts.

Opportunities in the course will include the following: question-and-answer and discussion periods, hands-on training and behaviour modification, and handouts and reference materials. Applicants must be a minimum of 18 years old and in good physical health.

Course Content:

- Natural history of dogs
- Dog body language
- Learning theory – including classical and operant conditioning
- Advanced training techniques
- Behaviour modification
- Working with people
- Curriculum development

Course Components:

- Three assignments
- Two quizzes
- 36 hours in classroom learning experience
- 40 hour practicum, including shadowing training classes, private consultations, and doggie daycare
- Written, Oral, and Practical Exams



Frequently Asked Questions

Where does the program take place?

The Edmonton Humane Society; 13620 163 Street NW.

We use both indoor classrooms and outdoor learning areas throughout our facility.

How is this program organized?

Class size is limited to 15 students per session.

There will be time spent in the classroom as well as time spent working with animals in group settings and during training classes. Please wear comfortable, appropriate footwear and clothing you do not mind getting dirty or damaged.



Why should I come to the Edmonton Humane Society instead of taking an online course?

- Opportunity to work with the people who have experience working with dogs who have both common and unique behaviour issues.
- Gain valuable, realistic, practical experience for your new career.
- Practice valuable training techniques for different arousal levels and breeds of dogs.
- Learn how to communicate with people.
- Have a chance to help homeless animals while learning in the shelter environment!

When are the dates for the theory portion of this course?

This course is offered twice a year. Please visit www.edmontonhumanesociety.com for current available dates.

What are the hours for the classroom section of the course?

Classes are held Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30pm-8:30pm for 6 weeks. .

What hours are available to shadow an EHS trainer?

Group classes for shadowing run at 6:15 pm and 7:30pm during the week or weekend sessions between 9:00 am – 5:30 pm. If you wish to shadow more than the required classes, you must get approval from the Head Trainer at the Canine Enrichment Center.

What are the expectations for the onsite behaviour modification?

Students must complete 40 hours of behaviour modification/observation by shadowing Private Consultations and group training classes. Students can sign up for shifts through the Head Trained at the Canine Enrichment Center within their hours of operation and by department availability. Students will gain the best results by completing their training hours right after the classroom portion is complete. Students have 1 year for full course completion.

Are there expectations for doing extra studying at home?

Absolutely! If you are looking to have a career with dogs, you will need to be up to date on current material and always adding new information to your portfolio. Expect to spend personal time reading suggested reading materials that will advance your career.

There are also 3 assignments that you will be expected to complete on your own time.

What is the cost?

The full session course fee is an exceptional value at \$1,900.00 plus GST.

What is considered a passing grade for this course?

You must receive a final cumulative mark of at least 80%, as well as achieve a minimum of 80% on your final examination in order to receive your certification. We require a high grade for certification to ensure a high level of competency from our graduates.

How long do I have to finish the course?

You have one year from the class start date to finish all components and testing. The Head Trainer *may* grant an extension, this will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Do I bring my dog to the course?

No. Instructors will use their own dogs and/or shelter dogs to teach and practice the material.

Is there a fee to re-take the exam?

The fee to re-take the examination is \$50.00 per component.

Why don't you call the graduates "Certified EHS trainers"?

We strongly believe in providing accurate, current information for those looking begin a career with dogs. We have no way of tracking whether a graduate is continuing to utilize the information provided in relation to humane training methods unless they are employed by the shelter.

Why don't you choose one style of training and use that?

We don't believe in one method working for all types of dogs and their people. As a trainer, flexibility is the key for each individual dog, client handling them and outside environmental factors. Having access to several training styles, tools and understanding the mechanics of how they work is how you earn a great reputation and maintain clientele. All our methods fall within the parameters of positive force free training.

What is the best way to sign up for this course?

Applications are processed on a first come, first served basis. Sign up through our website at <https://www.edmontonhumanesociety.com/>

We cannot hold a space in our program until we have received payment.

What is the refund policy?

Refunds will not be available once payment has been accepted. Transfers to a later course start date may be available with more than 48 hours notice before the course start date.

How do I know I'm enrolled in the course?

A confirmation of enrollment will be emailed immediately. A second email detailing what to bring, where to meet, and so on will be sent out approximately one week prior to the start date

