

# Training your dog –

## Help to choose a qualified, experienced person to teach you how to train and enjoy your dog

CHECK	YES	NO
<p>Experience</p> <p>Does your trainer have experience with working and/or competing with dogs or with rehabilitating rescued dogs?</p>	<p>Excellent:</p> <p>Rescued dogs need patience, understanding and an ability to think of solutions to sometimes deep-rooted behaviour</p> <p>Working dogs such as sheepdogs, gundogs and search dogs work free, but their handler retains control over a long distance, this is the highest level of dog training.</p> <p>Dog competitions where dogs are under close control but are still off lead include agility, working trials and flyball.</p> <p>Showing and canicross requires a measure of obedience but the dog is on a lead or long harness</p>	<p>Take care:</p> <p>Pet Dogs Only</p> <p>They may not know:</p> <p>How versatile and intelligent, even manipulative, a dog can be.</p> <p>How to train and understand this truly remarkable animal.</p> <p>Grooming, Kennels and Veterinary</p> <p>Will have taught them to physically control dogs and treat them appropriately, but not how to teach them</p>

# PHONE AND EMAIL

## Can we work together?

CHECK	YES	NO
<p>Communication and teaching ability</p> <p>Does your prospective trainer make the effort to communicate with you?</p> <p>Do they listen to you?</p> <p>Do they ask appropriate questions to understand the problem and our family circumstances?</p> <p>Do they convey information in a way that is clear and understandable?</p> <p>Do they make suggestions to alleviate the problem immediately, and free of charge?</p>	<p>That's fine</p>	<p>Go somewhere else</p> <p>If they use words that are difficult to understand or talk all the time without listening, they will not be a good teacher.</p> <p>(See common jargon on separate sheet)</p>
<p>Commitment</p> <p>If they say they will ring you back, or email you, do they do so?</p>	<p>Tick the box!</p>	<p>Go somewhere else</p>
<p>Clear terms and payment</p> <p>Is it clear to you what you will pay and what you can hope to achieve?</p>	<p>That's OK then</p>	<p>Go somewhere else</p>
<p>Honesty</p> <p>Do they tell you that the training will take time and effort on your</p>	<p>Sounds good</p>	<p>Go somewhere else</p>

# Useful or confusing?

## Let's understand them

LEVEL	RELEVANCE	TECH STUFF, LEVEL DETAILS
MsC – e.g. in Animal Welfare and Behaviour	To some extent, but are often not exclusively canine (dog) related	NFQ Level 9 QCF/OCN Level 7 EQF Level 7
BsC – e.g. in Applied Animal Behaviour	To some extent, but are often not exclusively canine (dog) related	NFQ Level 7 or (hons) NFQ Level 8 QCF/OCN Level 6 EQF Level 6
Associate/Foundation Degree and Advanced Diploma Levels (e.g. Canine Behaviour Management/ Companion Animal Behaviour and Training) Can legitimately call themselves: 'Canine Behaviour Specialist'	Yes, exclusively canine related	NFQ Level 6 QCF/OCN Level 5 EQF Level 5
CBTT (Canine Behaviour Technician)	Yes, exclusively canine related	NFQ Level 6 QCF/OCN Level 4 EQF Level 5
Diploma (e.g. Canine aggression, Canine Behaviour and Training)	Yes, exclusively canine related	NFQ Level 5 QCF/OCN Level 3