

## RESOLVING COMMON DOG BEHAVIOUR PROBLEMS

Although our dogs don't mean to misbehave, what they do can result in lots of stress for their owners. They don't listen, they chew things up, they jump all over visitors, they bark continuously which upsets the neighbours, they hate all other dogs, they don't like the postman or children and they treat the house like a public convenience. All of this is very stressful.

Imagine if you could learn simple techniques to help you resolve these problems. The purpose of this course is to educate dog owners so that they understand why behaviour problems occur and what to do about them. It is made up of 6 modules. Although it is designed primarily to help stressed dog owners it would also benefit people who work with dogs i.e. groomers/dog walkers. Five of the modules deal with specific behaviour problems. The course covers the following:

**Module 1 - What are at the roots of dog behaviour problems?** Many dog behaviour problems begin in puppyhood. Why is puppyhood such an important time in a dog's life? Behaviour problems can also be as a result of mis-communication between dog and owner - did you know that your dog doesn't speak English?

**Module 2 – Dog/Dog Aggression.** How to determine whether your dog is aggressive or just plain scared of other dogs. Why does it happen? Techniques to help you and your dog deal with the problem

**Module 3 – Jumping up/Barking** – these are two of the most common and annoying problems. Why do dogs bark? How can I stop the barking/jumping up?

**Module 4 – Toileting in the house** – why does it happen? What do I need to do to stop it? My dog is an older dog – is it too late to stop him doing this?

**Module 5 – Dog/Human Aggression** - What can I do to help my dog like children/the postman/visitors? Step by step advice to overcome this problem.

**Module 6 – Chewing things up** – Is my dog punishing me by chewing up my things? If not, why does he chew things up? What can I do to stop him chewing up my things?

This course deals only with dog behaviour problems and is not intended to be a dog training course. What is the difference? Dog training is teaching your dog to do something you want it to do e.g. sit, stay, recall whereas resolving dog behaviour issues is teaching your dog to stop doing something you don't want it to do e.g. chewing up your things, toileting in the house, barking, jumping up etc.

This is a human only course. **Please don't bring your dog.** The course includes easy step by step guidance and advice on how to resolve specific behaviour problems. In this instance we encourage you to try it at home.

Course Cost - £10 per module. Overall the course costs £60 for 6 weeks.

My name is Kerry Pain and I live in the South Wales Valleys. My love of dogs started at a very young age and I have had dogs for most of my life.

I have a Practitioner Diploma in Dog Behaviour from the British College of Canine Studies which I passed with distinction. I have had my own dog behaviour business for nearly four years which has provided me with a wealth of understanding and experience. I am also a qualified lawyer (FCILEX) with a real interest in how the law impacts on dogs and their owners.

In addition, I am a Registered Signatory to the CAWC Code of Practice with the Registration Council for Dog Training and Behaviour Practitioners.