



THE DOG TRAINING COMPANY



The Dog Training Co. offers a variety of training courses, which are open to all dogs, regardless of breed or age. All classes are designed to be non-competitive and to be as practical as possible. Owners may complete courses to whatever level they wish. Completion of all the courses will form an excellent foundation for those wishing to move on and perhaps compete at a higher level in the dog-training world.

Elementary class - this is the entry level for dogs to continue to complete all other courses. This class focuses on socialisation, basic control and responsibilities of dog ownership.

On completion of the Elementary class, all dogs are eligible to attend classes leading to qualification in the **National Code** as laid down by the **British Institute of Professional Dog Trainers (BIPDT)**.

Private Tuition - The Dog Training Company also offers private tuition on a one to one basis, or in small individual groups. Please speak to Keith or John if you are interested in taking advantage of this. Tuition can be adjusted to meet individual needs.

There are three certificates available, **Bronze, Silver and Gold**, they are made up as follows:

- A) **Basic Practical Control Plus Distractions**
- B) **Examination/Grooming, Health And Care**
- C) **Law National And Local**

Preparation For Assessment – Handler will provide the organiser with the following: -

- a) Up to date vaccination certificate.
- b) Indicate that they worm their dog regularly.
- c) Show details of identification required by Law – Name Tag etc.
- d) Have suitable and properly fitting equipment – collar and lead and know how to put them on and take them off.
- e) Have suitable basic grooming equipment (brush, comb etc).
- f) Have a poop scoop or equivalent.

ALL LEVELS OF CERTIFICATES

A. Practical Control

- The National Code is not a competition; it is to demonstrate that the handler/owner has the ability to control their dog while undergoing various practical situations. To assess the dog's response to their handler/owner ensuring the dog is under control and not a nuisance to others.
- Uncontrolled jumping up. Lack of response will be faulted.
- Handlers can use: - Commands, Encouragement, Signals, Minimal use of the lead.

B. Examination And Grooming

- The aim of this section is to teach the owner how to examine their dog in order to Groom, Clean and Maintain their dog in good condition. Regular handling and examination helps owners to get to know their dog, builds respect and helps to form a bond between them.
- Recognising early signs of the dog not being well – **not for home treatment** – but to get veterinary help and advice before symptoms have developed into something serious.
- Reason for checking the physical state and health of the dog is to prevent the spread of disease. Regular examination of the dog gives an early recognition of disorders, which could help prevent them becoming a serious problem. **Before attempting to give or use any medication always obtain veterinary advice and ask for a demonstration on the dosing technique the vet recommends for the medicine prescribed.**
- This is a practical test, demonstrating that the dog will welcome being groomed and examined showing no undue resentment to their owner.

- The examiner will consider the overall condition of the dog, i.e. cleanliness and grooming. The Examiner has the right to check any aspect.

Bronze and Silver – the examination is carried out by the owner, they will have to satisfy the examiner that they are able to examine and groom their dog without resentment, growling or any other sign of objection being shown.

Gold – in addition to the above the dog will also be checked by the examiner.

C. The LAW

- The examiner will ask the owner questions to test their knowledge of national and any local bylaws.

BRONZE CERTIFICATE

This certificate is to encourage the pet dog owner who is just starting to train their dog.

A. Basic Practical Control

1. Getting dog out and into car.
2. Going through a doorway.
3. Control while meeting people, friendly stranger.
4. Reaction to another dog.
5. Controlled walking on lead with handler.
6. Recall and control from free play situation.
7. Change of position – from Sit to Down.

B. Examination and Grooming

1. Coat and skin.
2. Head – Eyes, Nose, Ears.
3. Feet and nails – Front and rear.
4. Rear end – Under tail area.

C. The Law

This section is to make sure that dog owners are aware of National Laws as well as any Local By-laws. This section will be the same for each of the three Certificates.

SILVER CERTIFICATE

This Certificate is to encourage the pet dog owner to progress from the basic course, giving a purpose to the continued training.

A. Basic Practical Control

1. Getting dog out of and into car.
2. Going through doorway.
3. Control while meeting people, friendly stranger.
4. Reaction to another dog.
5. Controlled walking off lead with handler, plus changes of pace, plus approach by examiner to pet dog while dog in the sit position (on lead).
6. Recall and Control from free play situation **plus** distractions.
7. Change of position (off lead) - from Sit to Down –Sit – Down
8. Stay
9. Recall to heel.
10. Hide and seek.

If the owner and dog have already obtained a Bronze Certificate – Examiner can choose one or more exercises from 1, 2, 3, or 4 for retest.

B. Examination and Grooming

1. Coat and skin
2. Head – Eyes, Nose, Ears, Mouth and teeth.
3. Feet and nails – Front and Rear pads, fur between pads.
4. Rear end – Under tail area.
5. Tummy Area
6. Genitals.

The Examiner can discuss various aspects of grooming and care with the owner to test the owner's knowledge.

C. The Law

This section will be the same for each Certificate.

GOLD CERTIFICATE

This Certificate is for the dedicated club member.

A. Basic Practical Control

1. Getting dog out of and into car.
2. Going through doorway.
3. Control while meeting people, friendly stranger.
4. Reaction to other dogs.
5. Controlled walking off lead with handler **plus** changes of pace plus approach by examiner to pet dog while dog in sit position **plus** walking around people with and without dogs.
6. Recall and control from free play situation **plus** distractions.
7. Change of Position off lead – from Sit to Down Sit Stand Down.
8. Stay **plus** distractions.
9. Recall to heel **plus** distractions.
10. Hide and seek.
11. Stop or Drop on Command.

If the owner and dog have already obtained a Silver Certificate – Examiner can choose one or more exercises from 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6, for retest.

B. Examination and Grooming

1. Coat and skin.
2. Head – Eyes, Nose, Ears, Mouth, Teeth.
3. Feet and nails – front and rear pads. Fur between pads.
4. Rear end – Under tail area.
5. Tummy Area
6. Genitals
7. Examination by a stranger.

The handler will have to show they are able to clean, check and be able to handle their dog as if to give some medication.

The examiner will go over the dog in a similar manner as a judge in breed.

C. The Law

This section will be the same for each Certificate.