

Professional Dog Walker

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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FALL 2017 COURSES:

Registration for the Fall term opens July 19, 2017

Courses will bring insight into canine behaviour and first-aid, as well as legislation, bylaws, and safety for yourself and your pets. Those working in this industry such as animal care and welfare workers, established and new dog walkers, pet handlers, groomers, and others in related industries will find these course valuable. Grasp new insights into animal interaction and response, and add credibility to your career search, or your business venture. Visit www.langara.ca/pets for current course offerings. Take for personal interest or towards the Professional Dog Walker Certificate. Total cost of program, excluding First Aid course is \$697. More information at www.langara.ca/pets

70788	ALTR 1075	Typical Dog Behaviour	SAT	16 SEP	900-1230	\$ 95	Ledger
70789	ALTR 1076	Difficult Dog Behaviour	SAT	16 SEP	1300-1630	\$ 95	Ledger
70790	ALTR 1079	Dog Walking - Practical Experience	SAT	23 SEP	830-1230	\$139	Ledger
70791	ALTR 1077	City Bylaws and Dogs	WE	27 SEP	1800-2130	\$ 85	Bull
70792	ALTR 1086	Starting a Dog Walking Business	WED	04 & 11 OCT	1830-2100	\$129	Field
70868	ALTR 1103	Risk Management for Canine Caregivers	SAT	14 OCT	900-1300	\$119	Marosevich
70794	ALTR 1094	Dog Walking Exam	SAT	14 OCT	1345-1500	\$ 35	Ramsden
70793	ALTR 1074	First Aid for Dogs	SAT	21 OCT	900-1730	\$149	TBA

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Professional Dog Walker - Certificate Program

Whether you are a dog owner or a canine caregiver, this program will provide the essential components of practical dog walking. Set yourself apart from others in the industry with current, relevant training from instructors who are considered industry experts in their fields. Providing both innovative and advanced knowledge, your certificate as a Professional Dog Walker will offer you a competitive advantage in this growing industry. To provide a high level of flexibility, courses are offered at various times in the year, in a variety of schedule options. Courses may be taken individually or as part of the certificate program.

Typical Dog Behaviour (3.5hr)

Explore basic theoretical and practical elements of dog behaviour and their social structure including breed-specific behaviours, stages of normal development, communication, dominance, and dog pack theories.

Difficult Dog Behaviour (3.5hr)

Learn why dogs develop difficult-to-control behaviours and how to work with them. Topics covered include hostility, predatory chase behaviours, and other aggressive behaviour. *Prerequisites: Typical Dog Behaviour.*

Dog Walking – Practical (4hr)

Visit a local dog park to interpret and assess interactions between dogs as a group. Immediate instructor's feedback and suggestions for implementation are provided. Time will be provided for open question and answers to assist with certification exam. *Prerequisites: Typical Dog Behaviour, Difficult Dog Behaviour,*

Risk Management for Canine Caregivers (4hrs)

Hear about common sense activities, and the less common things that ensure your clients' pets' safety and the safety of yourself. Topics to include: unknown threats outdoors and inside your home or working facility; ingestion hazards; avoiding and keeping safe during dog fights; bedding; transportation; disaster planning; off-leash; escape artists, etc. Students will learn about providing emotional, mental and physical stimulation and environmental enrichment to avoid causing harm to yourself or the animal; and tips for preventing dog bites to yourself. Expanded upon Keeping Dogs Safe course.

Starting a Dog Walking Business (5hr)

Walking dogs is much more than grabbing a leash and getting some exercise. Discover the physical, emotional, and business skills you will need to start a business working with animals. Explore ways to create a niche marketing concept for your business and examine grassroots advertising options to give yourself that initial start to success. This course is offered over two days.

City Bylaws and Dogs (3.5hrs)

As a professional dog walker, or a conscientious dog owner, you need to know about your community and how local legislation and bylaws impact you, your dog, and your business.

First Aid for Dogs (8hrs)

Topics covered in the course including: steps to take in an emergency, how to handle bleeding wounds and bone injuries, poisons, delivering puppies, how to perform artificial respiration and CPR, what to do for poisoning and heat/cold injuries, and more life-saving education and emergency response skills. Note: This workshop is not a substitute for veterinary care. Alternate first aid courses such as Walk'n Wags and DogSafe may be considered for credit. Please see website for details.

Professional Dog Walker Exam: (1.5hr)

You must register and successfully pass the Professional Dog Walker exam which consists of multiple choice and open ended questions covering Behaviour, Bylaws, Starting a Business, and Risk Management. The Practical Dog Walking and the First Aid are testing separately. You have one hour to complete the exam.

CERTIFICATION

To receive your certification you must successfully complete all seven courses and receive a minimum passing grade on the written exam. Additional details at www.langara.bc.ca/pets

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