

# Professional Dog Walker

## CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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### FALL 2018 COURSES:

These 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 personal business venture. Visit [www.langara.ca/pets](http://www.langara.ca/pets) for current course offerings. Total cost of program, \$746, plus First Aid for Dogs \$149\*. This program is offered in the Spring and the Fall terms. More information at [www.langara.ca/pets](http://www.langara.ca/pets)

*Courses may be taken individually for personal interest or combined towards a professional certificate.*

70440	ALTR 1077	City Bylaws and Dogs	WED	26 SEPT-26 SEPT	1800-2125	\$86	Bull
70442	ALTR 1086	Operating a Dog Walking Business	WED	3 OCT-10 OCT	1830-2055	\$131	Field
70446	ALTR 1074	First Aid for Dogs <sup>+</sup>	SAT	13 OCT-13 OCT	0900-1730	\$149	DogSafe
70437	ALTR 1075	Typical Dog Behaviour	SAT	15 SEPT-15 SEPT	0900-1225	\$111	Ledger
70439	ALTR 1076	Difficult Dog Behaviours	SAT	15 SEPT-15 SEPT	1300-1625	\$111	Ledger
70441	ALTR 1079	Dog Walking - Practical*	SUN**	23 SEPT-23 SEPT	0830-1225	\$151	Ledger
70444	ALTR 1103	Risk Mgmt for Canine Caregiver	SAT	20 OCT-20 OCT	0930-1325	\$121	Marosevich
70443	ALTR 1094	Professional Dog Walker - Exam	SAT	20 OCT-20 OCT	1415-1545	\$35	Marosevich

<sup>+</sup>Dog First Aid - credit may also be given for current certification in other similar courses | <sup>\*</sup>if course is full, please add name to waitlist as we will attempt to open a second offering | <sup>\*\*</sup>date change to prev. flyer

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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 park to interpret and assess interactions between dogs as a group. Immediate instructor feedback and suggestions for implementation are provided. Leash practice work is included. Students are asked to bring a dog with them to this class only. A signed "Informed Consent" form, found on the website, is also required. *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.

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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](http://www.langara.bc.ca/pets)

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## Operating 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.

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