



# Natural Dog Behaviour Consultant Course Outline

## Section I: Development and Learning

### 110 - Introduction

- The Origin of the Domestic Dog
- The Silver Fox: Domestication Experiment
- Biology: Canis Familiaris
- Human / Dog Companionship
- Dog Behaviour: Glossary of Terms

### 120 - Development of Behaviour

- Critical Period Hypothesis
- Early Development (Reflexive Behaviour)
- Socialization: Learning to Relate and Communicate
- Socialization: Learning to Compete and Cope
- Socialization: Learning to Adjust and Control
- Preventing Behaviour Problems

### 130 - How Dogs Learn

- Myths: Top 10 Things We Get Wrong
- Neurobiology of Behaviour and Learning
- Classical (Pavlovian) Conditioning
- Operant Conditioning (Instrumental Learning)
- Aversive Control of Behaviour
- Learning and Behavioural Disturbances

### 140 - Section Exam

- Exam - Section I (Development and Learning)

## Section II: Assessment and Behaviours

### 210 - History of Applied Dog Behaviour

- Roots of Modern Training
- Science and Behaviour
- Applied Dog Behaviour
- Contemporary Trends in Dog Behaviour

### 220 - Behaviour: Structure of an Assessment

- Assessment: Fact Finding
- Behaviour: Defining a Problem
- Functional Analysis
- Working Hypothesis to a Training Plan
- Classifying Problem Behaviours
- Behaviour: Management vs. Cure Lesson

### **230 - Fear, Phobias and Aggression**

- Understanding: Root Causes
- Attachment, Separation and Related Problems
- Excessive Behaviour
- Aggressive Behaviour
- Appetitive and Elimination Issues

### **240 - Section Exam**

- Exam - Section II (Assessment and Behaviours)

## **Section III: Cynopraxis and Behaviour**

### **310 - Cynopraxis**

- Foundations and Concepts
- Training Theory
- Tools and Techniques
- Training Projects and Exercises
- Ethics and Philosophy

### **320 - Application of Skills**

- House Training
- Compulsion and Hyperactivity
- CDA: Canine Domestic Aggression
- Separation Distress and Panic
- Common Fears and Phobias

### **330 - Case Study**

- Aggression
- Anxiety
- Fear
- Hyperactivity

### **340 - Section Exam**

- Case Study: Assignment

## **Section IV: Career Management Edit summary**

### **410 - Working as a Dog Behaviourist**

- Liability and Basic Structures
- Behaviour vs. Obedience
- Safety, Competency and Confidentiality
- Documentation

### **420 - Starting Your Own Business**

- Developing a Business Plan
- Marketing and Advertising
- Clients and Communication
- Structuring Assessments
- Working with Clients and When to Say No

### **430 - Professionalism and Codes of Conduct**

- Ethics and Professionalism
- Codes of Conduct
- Ensuring Success - No Guarantees

### **440 - Section Exam**

- Assignment (TBC)

## Section V: Review and Final Exam