



## **CANINES CAN CARE CANINE BEHAVIOUR ONLINE COURSE 20<sup>th</sup> JULY to 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2020**

All of us have seen a thin, small lady unsuccessfully digging her heels into the ground as she is dragged along by a huge galloping dog or a tiny fluffy Pomeranian barking savagely as it grabs a visitors leg. Such sights are amusing at best but can be downright dangerous especially to the person at the other end of the leash!

Dogs make wonderful pets but sometimes problems may arise which can put a strain on the dog and the owner. Problems arise due to a variety of reasons, dogs are animals and without proper upbringing they will behave badly. They will soil your house, destroy your belongings, bark excessively, dig, fight with other dogs and even bite you. Nearly all behaviour problems are perfectly normal canine activities that occur at the wrong time or place or are directed at the wrong thing.

Dogs need a lot of time and patience to understand them. Not many dog owners take time to understand that their pets have descended from wolves and despite being very different in shape, size and colour, they have retained about 85% of wolf behaviour patterns and have different needs and abilities to those of humans.

Research has shown that three times as many dogs are abandoned because they have behaviour problems than those that die from cancer.

Over the last 25 years that India's leading professional canine behaviourist – Shirin Merchant has worked with dogs in India, she has realised a growing need to educate and help dog owners understand the true cause of canine behaviour problems and the simple solutions that can turn correct the imbalance in the dog-owner relationship.

Through this – India's only course on canine behaviour, she hopes to educate other dog lovers so that they too may help dog owners and their pets and thus create a happy ending for many of today's dogs that are otherwise abandoned, face euthanasia or suffer harsh treatment at the hands of 'self-made' trainers and behaviourists.

If you love dogs or if your passion is to help canines suffering from behaviour problems, this course is for you.



## **CURRICULUM**

### UNIT 1

#### **INTRODUCTION TO CANINE BEHAVIOUR**

This part of the course details what canine behaviour is all about – the instructor will dispel myths surrounding the topic and give a brief history of how canines evolved, their ancestry and its impact on today's domesticated dog.

- The current situation of canine behaviour in India.
- Why there is a strong need for a canine behaviourist in today's society.
- The domestication of dogs, how the situation has changed in India in the last five years.
- Canine ownership – how the changing trends have created problems for man's best friend.

### UNIT 2

#### **HOW DOES A DOG LEARN?**

This topic will include a detailed study of:

- Understanding the different ways in which a dog learns behaviour.
- Patterns of canine behaviour
- Operant and Classical conditioning and its impact on problem behaviours.
- Positive and negative reinforcement
- Why punishment does more harm than good.
- Learned helplessness
- The role the dog's environment and upbringing plays in its behaviour.

### UNIT 3

#### **DESTRUCTION PROBLEMS**

The different reasons a dog will chew or destroy his home and detailed programmes to correct the behaviour. Some of the causes of destruction discussed will be:

- Attention seeking destruction
- Boredom destruction
- Separation Anxiety
- Insecurity
- Puppy chewing and destruction.

### UNIT 4

#### **ELIMINATION PROBLEMS**

How to put right any toilet training problem, including

- Toilet training a puppy
- Re-training an adult dog
- Submissive urination
- Territorial urination
- Excitement urination

### UNIT 5

#### **BARKING PROBLEMS**

The various reasons why dogs bark and the varied solutions to the problems will be probed in detail.



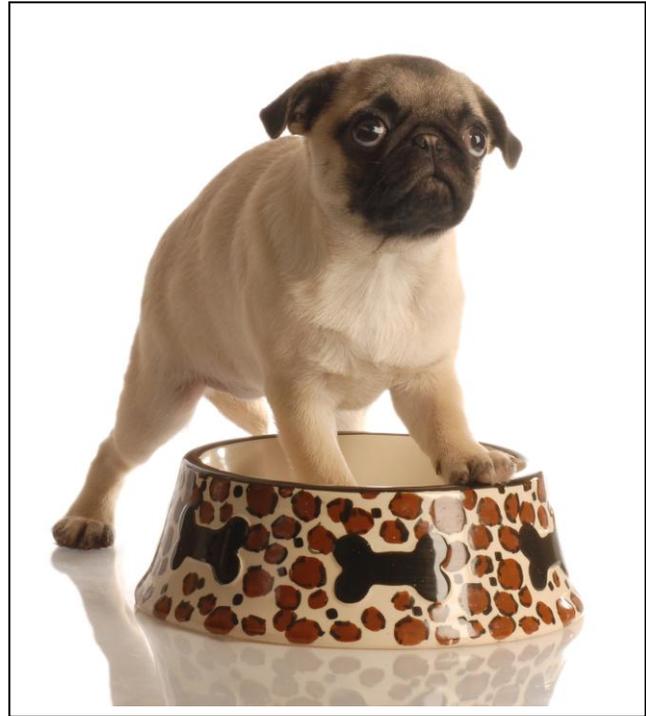
The different causes of barking that will be discussed include-

- Guard Dog barking
- Excitement barking
- Attention seeking barking
- Nervous barking
- Boredom barking
- Frustration-related vocalising

#### UNIT 6

##### **FOOD PROBLEMS**

- Stealing
- Fussy eating habits
- Burying food
- Coprophagia
- Begging
- PICA
- Scavenging



#### UNIT 7

##### **STRESS AND RELATED PROBLEMS**

Research shows that as with humans, many behavioural problems in dogs are stress-related. The course will involve an in-depth study of stress in dogs and how to alleviate it. This topic will also include the fascinating way in which we can learn to speak canine language. Learn how dogs show stress and what you can do to help.

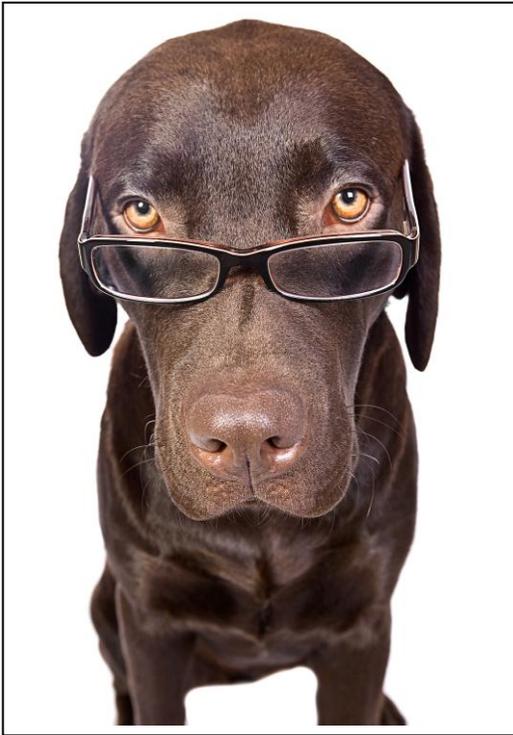
This topic will include:

- The symptoms of stress
- Measuring the levels of stress in a dog.
- The physiological aspect of stress.
- Displacement behaviours
- Stereotype behaviours
- Obsessive compulsive behaviours
- Calming signals and how to use them to reduce stress in a dog
- Reading canine body language and learning how to communicate correctly with any dog.
- Correcting our body posture when interacting with a dog.

#### UNIT 8

##### **FEARS AND PHOBIAS**

- Dealing with the nervous temperament dog. It will take a look at why certain dogs end up being scared of people, inanimate objects or even other dogs.
- Understanding fear – how it starts, ways of measuring fear levels in a dog, the physiological aspect, the side effects, and more.
- Fear of vets, travelling in a car, people or other dogs.
- Detailed programmes to correct the behaviours



## UNIT 9

### **THE ART OF BEHAVIOUR COUNSELLING**

This Unit examines professional approaches to solving behavioural problems in dogs, techniques and assessment.

- The student will learn to use a variety of methods to correct problems behaviours.
- How to format a programme for a problem dog.
- How to read a dog's behaviour during a consultation
- How to conduct a behaviour consultation
- How to deal with the owner during a consult
- Follow up advice with owners
- Writing a case history
- Involving the vet in putting right a behaviour problem.

## UNIT 10

### **THE HUMAN-CANINE BOND**

- How to deal with different kinds of dog owners.
- The different attitudes people have towards companion animals.
- A deep look at pack structure in dogs and how it affects the family.
- Preventing behaviour problems from occurring.
- Gain an understanding of the relationship between dog and owner and how an unbalanced relationship can cause problems.

## **TRAINING FACULTY**

The course will be conducted by India's pioneering canine behaviourist and trainer – Shirin Merchant

Since 1995, she has helped dog owners in England, India and Sri Lanka with behaviour and training problems ranging from dominance, housetraining, chewing, aggression, destruction to boredom and compulsive behaviours. She has trained over three thousand dogs with breeds ranging from the feisty Pomeranian to the shy Samoyed. She is currently renowned as one of the top dog trainers in the world (quoted by John Rogerson – Northern Centre for Animal Behaviour).

In 2013, Shirin gained her accreditation to the prestigious Kennel Club of England Accreditation Scheme for Trainers and became a fully accredited member of the KCAI (Kennel Club of England) holding an accreditation in Companion Dog Training and Behavioural Training at the advanced level. She is the only person outside of Europe to have achieved this distinct honour and is one of nine people in the world to have the accreditation in Behavioural Training. Shirin was awarded the KCAI International Commendation for Trainer of the Year at a ceremony at Cruft's Dog Show in England in 2014.



## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The comprehensive 5 week Canine Behaviour Course will be conducted online.

- The course will include live classes with Shirin Merchant and individual practicals and research work done by the student as homework.
- **The live sessions of the course will be held online every morning from 9 am to 11:00 am**
- Sessions will be interactive - students will be able to discuss and ask questions during the sessions.
- A whatsapp study group will be formed.
- Course will include videos, live sessions, articles to read, case histories to work on, write out programmes, behaviour videos to analyse and research work.
- Students will require a computer and reliable internet.
- Only 10 students per batch
- Students will be emailed a soft copy certificate on completion of the course.



### *DURATION AND DATES*

**20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020 to 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2020**

### **APPLICATION**

The comprehensive course is ideal for anyone keen on furthering their knowledge of canine behaviour – either to expand their own canine communication skills or as the commencement of a whole new career. Students will understand why dogs behave the way they do and how to change a dog's behaviour without resorting to punishment. The detailed course will consist only of theory and is the foundation course for people interested in pursuing a career as canine trainers and behaviour counsellors.

The course will be conducted only in English and students are required to have a good understanding of the language. Applicant must be over 18 years of age. This course is only for those people who genuinely want to learn more about dogs. Only those seriously interested should apply.

### **FEES AND MODE OF PAYMENT FOR THE COURSE**

The fees for this course are Rs. 85,000/- (plus 18% G.S.T) Total- Rs. 100,300/- Payment can be made in the form of cash / cheque / DD in the name of 'CANINES CAN CARE'.

All payments to be made in full before the commencement of the course. Part payments / post dated cheques will not be accepted.  
Registration charges Rs. 10000/- (non-refundable and non-transferable to another course) to be sent along with the admission form (available on request). Registration amount will be adjusted against final payment.

NEFT payments can be made to

Bank Name	STANDARD CHARTERED BANK LTD.
Branch Address	Shivaji Mandir, N.C. Kelkar Road, Dadar, Mumbai – 400 028(INDIA)
Beneficiary	CANINES CAN CARE
Account Number	23605086871
ACCOUNT TYPE	CURRENT ACCOUNT
IFSC Code	SCBL0036055
Beneficiary Address	685 Sunville, Khareghat Road, Parsi Colony, Dadar, Mumbai 400014

**Students must confirm participation on the course by 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2020**

**CERTIFICATION**

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be emailed a soft copy of the certificate.

**For more details, or the application form for the course please E-mail- [k9cancare@hotmail.com](mailto:k9cancare@hotmail.com)**

