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The Skill Set & Mechanics

- Learn how understanding canine cognition can help you design new training strategies
- Understand the necessity of a solid foundation of skills needed to teach complex and conceptual tasks
- Learn how to effectively use mimicry/social learning to teach complex tasks.

The Behavior

- Copycat. (Mimicry/Modeling – Learner Imitates Handler)

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The Science & Knowledge
- Canine Neuropsychology

- Understand the basic physiology of the canine brain
- Understand the key branches of the nervous system
- Recognize the key hormones within the endocrine system that affect behavior
- Deepen your understanding of the ways in which dogs learn (including associative & operant learning).

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The Science & Knowledge
- Cognition

- Understand the relationship between behaviorism and cognition
- Understand the cognitive approach to learning
- Learn about the 5 Cognitive Dimensions: empathy, intention-reading, memory, reasoning and cunning and understand the different measures of intelligence
- Understand the components of social learning

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