





Introduction



Mastering Fun, Building Team Knowledge & Skills

- Unique program aimed at increasing training skills and knowledge
- Emphasis on the learner both human and canine

Ready to Learn the Art, Craft and Science of Training Dogs

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Guiding Principles





Pet Professional Guild Members Understand Force-Free to mean:

"No shock, No pain, No choke, No fear, No physical force, No compulsion based methods are employed to train or care for a pet."

http://petprofessionalguild.com/PPGs-Guiding-Principles

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The Skill-Set & Mechanics



- Learn how to maintain a consistent high standard of behaviors.
- Learn how to use several teaching strategies to generalize and strengthen a behavior while creating a versatile learner.
- Learn how to break a behavior down by micro-slicing.
- Understand and master compound linear behavior chains.
- Learn how to improve a behavior chain by practising "fast cueing".
- · Learn how to teach a solid retrieve.



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The Science & Knowledge



- Understand the complexities of behavior chains.
- Understand forwards and backwards chaining
- Understand why and when you should introduce a buffer behavior into a linear chain.
- Understand how and when to fade individual cues from a behavior chain.
- Have a clear understanding of operant conditioning

Trick/Compound Chain: Fetch Me a Drink! (Open door, Hold, Fetch, Release to hand, Close door)

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