

*Dee Ganley Training Services  
Apprentice Program*



Creating a Happy Eager and fun relationship with your  
Four Footed Friends  
“every interaction is a teaching learning opportunity”

## **Pre-Apprentice – 40 hours**

**Goal:** To assist a prospective dog trainer in evaluation his/her aptitude for, interest in and commitment to being a professional dog trainer or dog training assistant. Upon completion of this course, student should be prepared to make a decision about pursuing dog training as a career goal.

**Prerequisite:** None

**Cost:** \$400

### **Commitment**

Minimum: 3 months, one day per week, 3 hours per day plus 3-hour volunteer shelter behavioral assessment session and 1-hour practical review; optional – assist with Dog Star Canine doggie daycare and boarding as available

### **Curriculum**

15 hours minimum (two full sessions) of Level 1 Class – preparation, observation, assisting, student teaching, wrap up

6 hours minimum observing private training and/or advanced classes

6 hours minimum of discussion and review of class observations, assigned reading, videos

9 hours minimum animal care at DOG STAR Canine in Springfield, NH

3 hours minimum shelter behavioral assessment

1-hour practical review

## **Level 1 Apprentice – 130 hours**

**Goal:** To lay the foundation of skills and information necessary for a competent dog trainer. Upon successful completion of this course, student should be prepared for the position of unpaid or paid training assistant, depending on prior education and experience.

**Prerequisite:** None

**Cost:** \$800

### **Commitment:**

Option #1: 8 months, one day per week, 5 hours per day plus 2-hour written and practical exam

Option #2: 8 months, two days per week, 4hr 2hr hours per day plus 2-hour written and practical exam

Option #3: 10 months, one day per week, 3 hours per day plus 2-hour written and practical exam

(All options: Assist with Woodlawn classes or doggie daycare as available)

### **Curriculum**

48 hours minimum (four full sessions) of Level 1 Class – preparation, observation, assisting, student teaching, wrap up

6 hours minimum teaching under supervision

10 hours minimum observing private training and/or advanced classes, assisting as appropriate

8 hours minimum discussion and review of class observations, assigned reading, videos

20 hours minimum assisting w/shelter behavioral assessments Puppy Angles Rescue\* Warner NH

20 hours minimum volunteering with Puppy Angles Rescue

16 hours minimum animal care/administrative assistance

1 hour – practical observation of you teaching a class with written feedback

## **Level 2 Apprentice – 130 hours**

**Goal:** To build on a trainer's basic foundation of skills and information in preparation for a career as a professional dog trainer. Upon successful completion of this course, student should be prepared for a position as a paid trainer under supervision, or as a head trainer, depending on student's prior background and experience coming into the course, and the degree to which s/he assimilated and can apply the course information.

**Prerequisite:** Completion of Level 1 Apprenticeship or equivalent thereof. Equivalency requirement can be met through a combination of: demonstrated skill handling/training dogs using primarily positive reinforcement methods; submission of documented minimum of two years professional or five years personal/structured dog training experience, and passing of a written equivalency test.

**Cost:** \$1000

### **Commitment:**

Option #1: 6 months, one day per week, 4-5 hours per day plus 2-hour written and practical exam

Option #2: 6 months, two days per week, 4 hours per day plus 2-hour written and practical exam

Option #3: 10 months, one day per week, 4 hours per day plus 2-hour written and practical exam

### **Curriculum**

8 hours minimum (one full session) of Level 1 Class – preparation, observation, assisting, student teaching, wrap up

36 hours minimum (three full sessions) of Level 1 Class – teaching under supervision

16 hours minimum observing private training and/or advanced classes, assisting as appropriate

8 hours minimum discussion and review of class observations, assigned reading, videos

20 hours minimum assisting w/shelter behavioral assessments with **Puppy Angles Rescue**

20 hours minimum helping out **PAR**

20 hours minimum animal care **PAR**

1 hour – written exam

1 hour – practical exam

## **Level 3 Apprentice – 150 hours**

**Goal:** To help the trainer grow and gain confidence in training and behavior knowledge and skills, and prepare for a career as a professional dog trainer. Upon successful completion of this course, student should be prepared for a position as a paid trainer under supervision, or as a head trainer, depending on student's prior background and experience coming into the course, and the degree to which s/he assimilated and can apply the course information.

**Prerequisite:** Completion of Level 2 Apprenticeship or at least one level of the Intern Program or equivalent thereof. Equivalency requirement can be met through a combination of: demonstrated skill handling/training dogs using primarily positive reinforcement methods; submission of documented minimum of three years professional or six years personal/structured dog training experience, and passing of a written equivalency test.

**Cost:** \$1000

**Commitment:**

Option #1: 6 months, one day per week, 5 hours per day plus 2-hour written and practical exam

Option #2: 6 months, two days per week, 4 hours per day plus 2-hour written and practical exam

Options #3: 6 months, one day per week, 4 hours per day plus 2-hour written and practical exam

**Curriculum**

24 hours minimum (three full sessions) of Level 1 & Level2 Class, teaching

24 hours minimum of Level 2/other advanced classes, observing, assisting and teaching as appropriate

12 hours minimum (one full session) of Level 2/other advanced classes, with Dee

10 hours of private behavior work, observing, participating, and assisting as appropriate.

10 hours of discussion, review of: class observations; assigned reading; videos

10 hour working in doggie day care / working with **Puppy Angles Rescue** dogs or puppies

30 hours minimum assisting w/PAR behavioral assessments and creating a training plan for successful adoption

30 hours minimum animal care working in the kennel at Dog Star Canine as a Volunteer

1 – 1 hour discussion written final subject paper

1 – 1 hour practical final exam

**Special Assignments:**

- a) select agreed upon area of special interest in behavior and training, read at least three books and write a 2500 word paper on the subject of operant conditioning training philosophies and practices
- b) set agreed upon training goals and plans to achieve with own personal dog by completion of the course for practical final exam.

Taking the whole program should prepare you be able to take the CPDT-KA certification exam – [www.CCPDT.org](http://www.CCPDT.org)

If taking the whole program fee paid upfront \$2000 or \$2500 if 2 payments ½ paid upfront and ½ halfway through the program.

\*Depending on your experience Dee might modify this program.

**APPRENTICE PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name/Number

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Apprentice Level Applied For: \_\_\_\_\_

Apprentice Program Goal(s):

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Prior Dog Training Experience:

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Current Dogs Owned:

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Days/Hours of Availability: \_\_\_\_\_

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I, the undersigned, do hereby acknowledge that there are inherent risks in handling and training dogs, and agree to hold Dee Ganley harmless in the event of injury to my person during my participation in the Apprentice Program. I also agree to fulfill my commitment to this program, and understand that there is no refund of my apprentice fee should I fail to do so.

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

*Last Updated 1-2011*

Accepted	Date	Level
Rec'd \$ _____	Date	