

RENEE ERDMAN, CTC, DIPCBST • BRAVO DOG TRAINING & BEHAVIOUR CONSULTING

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EDUCATION/PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

The Academy for Dog Trainers

CTC, Certificate in Training and Counseling

2015-2017

The Academy for Dog Trainers offers one of the most rigorous, advanced programs in dog behaviour and training in the world. Regarded by many as the Harvard of dog training.

Companion Animal Sciences Institute

DipCBST, Diploma in Canine Behaviour & Sciences Technology

2012-2013

An intensive 500 hour/1 year distance oriented program of study intended to help dog trainers, animal behaviour technologists, or other field professionals upgrade and expand important skills beyond industry standards for their careers in training dogs and helping clients resolve problem behaviours.

Qualified Expert for BC Provincial Court

Has appeared before a judge to speak on dangerous dog cases

2017-current

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

- Fear Free Certified Professional
- Canadian Kennel Club Canine Good Neighbour Evaluator
- VSPDT, Victoria Stilwell Professional Dog Trainer

May 2017 – May 2020

June 2016 - Current

January 2015 – Current

SEMINARS & CONTINUING EDUCATION

Woof 2017

Knottingham, UK

2011

3 day conference including Clive Wynne, Dr Susan Friedman, Chirag Patel, Bob Bailey, Susan Schneider, Kay Lawrence and others

Fear Free Certification

2016-2017

8 Module online training program that includes:

- Reduce or remove anxiety triggers that can cause pets to become fearful at home, in transport, and at the veterinary hospital
- Help owners deliver calm pets to the veterinary hospital
- Increase compliance

UC Davis, Veterinary Medicine, Use of Psychotropic Medications and Alternatives

Online Seminar

2016

In depth seminar outlining psychotropic medications for behavioural issues

Chirag Patel: Giving Dog Training Back to the Dogs

Vancouver, BC

2015

Seminar featuring husbandry and body handling techniques, counter conditioning and desensitization

Institute of Modern Dog Trainers, 5 Day Advanced Behaviour Course

Hertfordshire, UK

Nov 2015

5 Days of intense training for behaviour consultants and trainers focusing on client compliance, behaviour issues such as dog to dog aggression/fear

CFHS National Animal Welfare Conference

Richmond, BC

2015

2 days of seminars focusing on animal welfare including speakers such as Dr Marc Bekoff, Dr. Rebecca Ledger and Dr. Sara Dubois

Nicole Wilde, 2 Day Dog-Dog Play & Separation Anxiety Seminar

Burnaby, BC

2014

2 days seminar focusing on dog-dog play, body language and separation anxiety

Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT)

Spokane, WA

10/23/2013

4 Day Conference with a range of speakers discussing dog aggression and behaviour challenges

Ken Ramirez, Dr Simon Gadbois, Ken McCort, Dr. Ian Dunbar

Dr Ian Dunbar 3 Day Seminar

Nanaimo, BC

3/9/2013

Lecture topics included: We Continue to Waste Puppyhood, Verbal Control with a Distance and Distractions and Reliability Testing and Training

WORK EXPERIENCE

Bravo Dog Training & Behaviour Consulting, North Vancouver, BC

Owner/Operator

2015 – current

Private training, behavior consulting and group classes. Primary line of work is addressing behaviour issues with reactive/fearful/aggressive dogs, coaching clients and designing training plans to address these issues.

Whistler WAG Shelter

Behaviour Modification and Staff Training

2016 – current

I provide pro-bono support and training for the shelter. Often times this shelter takes dogs with severe behaviour issues and will also take dogs from the dog meat trade in Asia. Staff training and education is also provided throughout the year

Squamish Animal Control

Shelter Support

2016 – current

I provide pro-bono support for the shelter, conduct behaviour assessments and work with clients post-adoption that have acquired dogs with behaviour issues

Mosquito Creek Veterinary Clinic

Veterinary Assistant

2015

Assisting vets with procedures as well as client care and education.

Dizine Canine, Vancouver, BC

Partner

2014 – 2015

Assisting and teaching group training classes. Some private consulting work addressing fear and aggression

In Partnership With Dogs

Mentorship

2014-2015

While studying with Companion Animal Sciences Institute I mentored with Valerie Barry and observed classes as well as private consultations.

Falconview Veterinary Clinic, Durham, NC

Veterinary Assistant

2010-2011

Assisting vets with procedures as well as client care and education.

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Kennel Club
- Pet Professional Guild
- Pet First Aid Certified
- Fear Free Certification