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For those not yet familiar with the Guild of Dog Trainers let me give you an overview of this fascinating and most modern organisation. The Guild has a vision to be the leading professional body for Dog Trainers in the UK and is on course to achieving that success which it will share with the membership.

A MODERN ORGANISATION

We offer a modern organisation with the best trained and qualified membership in Britain today - thereby offering the public a mark of excellence when they choose a GODT trainer.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE. TEACH, THAT YOU MAY LEARN.

The Guild motto is "**Lead by example. Teach, that you may learn**", and we seek to express a commitment to continued professional learning of the behaviour of dogs and their sometimes complex relationships with people. Our cutting-edge dog training methods are rapid, positive and, most of all, practical. The Guild is committed to maintaining and improving the quality of dog training, behaviour and companion dog ownership by working with others to offer professional support and educational development for the future dog-owning community, so sustaining and increasing public confidence in assessment of dog training standards and practices present and future.

UNIVERSITY ACCREDITED COURSES

The Guild's aim is also to inspire and to help those who are to be educated and tutored in dog training. The Guild encourages the development of individual trainers as educators and will support and reward by means of appropriate levels of membership and course development. The Guild is the only organisation of its type in Britain to offer **Middlesex University** accredited courses in dog training instruction



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and the standard is very high whereby the candidate must complete approximately 450 hours' study, incorporating dog behaviour and psychology to underpin the dog training component of the certificate.

EXPERIENCED TRAINERS WELCOME

If you are an experienced trainer with over two years' experience then you can join the Guild having met its rules and regulations.

Master Guild Trainers need at least 7 years experience and other requirements. See the Guild web site www.godt.org.uk .

The experienced trainers who wish to gain our National Instructors Certificate certainly have few problems passing the workshops. We welcome many methods of dog training and we do respect the acquired knowledge and experience that trainers frequently bring into our courses.

OVER 100 NEW INSTRUCTORS

Many new candidates have just passed our hands-on Instructors Certificate and will begin a new career in dog training with the important underpinning canine behaviour knowledge that's so often been missing on other courses. This year alone we expect to qualify over 100 new Instructors who will be eligible to join the Guild of Dog Trainers. These same candidates have also gained 50 credits towards a Middlesex University HE, Diploma or BA Hons Degree if they wish to proceed further in Canine education - the choice is theirs.

INCLUSIVE NOT EXCLUSIVE

In pursuit of those training aims the Guild will seek to be inclusive rather than exclusive in its membership and dog training activities, transcending the traditional boundaries between the different canine disciplines of obedience, agility, working trials, pet dog training and



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others and, particularly, between academic and practically-based dog training.

Many dogs that are identified as problem dogs are in fact dogs which have poor development and social skills and often re-direct their energy into behaviour which causes owners immense distress. Too many dogs are simply bored and this energy is redirected into negative activity behaviour. That's why The Guild Of Dog Trainers support and accept Dog Obedience Club Trainers, Trails, Agility, Fly ball and other professional training disciplines which can excite and promote a life of interesting activity, intellectual stimulation for the pet dog and its owner.

Guild members are required to maintain their quality of work, commitment to customer care and modern level of dog training knowledge.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the Guild of Dog Trainers, its levels and routes of entry please view our web site www.godt.org.uk

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