



Canine Trainings

Canine Trainings - Part One – Prepare Your Dog for AAI (PYD)

Pre-requisites: None

Duration: 6 weeks/1 hour per week – No Class on Holiday Weekends

Location: Dreamcatcher Ranch

Includes Karen Pryor iClick Clicker & Wrist Band

This class is suitable for all handlers and any dog between the ages of 4 months – 10 years. It is suitable for those hoping to pursue a future in AAI as well as those who simply want a well-trained family pet. It includes 6 hours of hands-on instruction with your dog and covers basic obedience as well as more advanced behaviour training and desensitization, specifically tailored to prepare your dog to pass certification to work in the field of animal assisted interventions.

This class is also suitable for people who may not be sure about entering the field of AAI but would like to learn how to understand their dog and communicate clearly with him/her through positive and effective science-based training methods. It is also recommended for anyone who may wish to have a friendly, well-behaved pet at home and in the community.

Canine Trainings – Part Two – Public Access Skills (PAS)

Pre-requisites: PYD

Duration: 4 weeks/1 hour per week – No Class on Holiday Weekends

Location: Dreamcatcher Ranch

This class includes 4 hours of hands-on instruction with your dog, as well as out-of-class instruction and feedback on recorded training homework. This class covers advanced obedience work and task training that your dog will need to work in AAI settings.

Canine Trainings – Part Three – AAI Activities (AAI)

Pre-requisites: PYD, PAS

Duration: 4 weeks/1 hour per week – No Class on Holiday Weekends

Location: Dreamcatcher Ranch

This class includes 4 hours of hands on instruction with your dog, as well as out-of-class instruction and feedback on recorded training homework. This class covers advanced activities and interactive skills for a dog to be working within in an AAI setting.

Condensed Professional Training Option (PYD, PAS, AAI)

****In development****

Duration: 2 Days

Location: Dreamcatcher Ranch

This class will include required reading, 6-8 hours of webinar instruction, and the submission of video recorded homework to the instructor to review and give feedback on a weekly basis. The course will be completed with 2 days in-person training. Can also include canine screening at the end of this training for additional fee.

Discounted Canine Training Option – PYD, PAS, and AAI

The Discounted Canine Training Option allows the opportunity to purchase all three training components in advance at a discounted rate which exceeds \$80 in savings. Classes must be completed within 1 year of enrollment.

Private Training and Consultation

Private Training, Coaching, and One on One Consultation is available upon request. Please contact the office for more information.



Professional Trainings

Professional Training – Part One - Introduction and Exploration of Animal Assisted Interventions

Pre-requisites: None

Duration: At Students' Pace

Location: Distance Learning

This component of the process entails a Distance Education and Theoretical Learning aspect that is conducted online. It consists of 45 hours of learning about the theoretical and basic foundations of AAI, an overview of the research in the field and an introduction to the ethics and applications of the field. It is equivalent to a 3-credit university course.

Professional Training – Part Two - Ethics in Animal Assisted Interventions

Pre-requisites: Completed Introduction and Exploration of AAI

Duration: At Students' Pace

Location: Distance Learning

This component of the process entails a Distance Education and Theoretical Learning aspect that is conducted online. It consists of 45 hours of learning about the ethics of all aspects of AAI in all models, professions and applications of the field. It is equivalent to a 3-credit university course.

Professional Training – Part Three - Applications of Animal Assisted Interventions

Pre-requisites: Completed Intro and Exploration to AAI & Ethics in AAI

Duration: At Students' Pace

Location: Distance Learning

This component entails a Distance Education and Theoretical Learning aspect that is conducted online. It consists of 45 hours of learning about the different applications of AAI, protocols for each application and setting and detailed information regarding starting or establishing new programs. It is equivalent to a 3-credit university course.

Discounted Professional Training Option – Intro, Ethics, Applications

The Discounted Professional Training Option allows the opportunity to purchase all three training components in advance at a discounted rate which exceeds \$100 in savings. Classes must be completed within 1 year of enrolment.

Introduction to Canine Assisted Interventions Workshop

Pre-requisites: None. Optional

Duration: 2 Full Day

Location: Dreamcatcher Ranch

This 2 day seminar is for everyone interested in pursuing AAI certification with a dog. It is an introduction to the field, as well as the screening and training process needed to become fully certified. The seminar-style class covers the ethology and behaviour of dogs, as well as the science-based learning theories utilized to effectively train them. You will be coached by top AAI animal trainers to build your own observation and training skills, thereby creating a solid foundation to becoming a highly skilled and effective AAI professional. You will also gain important information about the ethics and standards of procedure necessary for incorporating AAI within your scope of practice.



Team Trainings – To Be Announced

Team Training – Part One - Integrating Animal Assisted Intervention Practices

Pre-requisites: Completed all Canine Trainings and Professional Trainings

Duration: 3 Days

Location: Dreamcatcher Ranch or abroad

This is a hands-on and practical application of the learnings of all aspects of the information attained to date. It is intended to ensure that practitioners fully understand and can implement all aspects of AAI in their chosen field as well as fully understand their scope of practice. It will consist of role playing scenarios in the AAI mediums, incorporating all skills into practice and ensuring all ethical obligations are fully understood and adhered to.

Team Training – Part Two – Practicum Canines in Practice

This component is comprised of either working with your own animals in your practices or attending other seminars/learnings in Animal Assisted Interventions. Time spent must be documented and signed off by the course instructor if working with your animals or signed off by approved Animal Assisted Practitioners if working within someone else's practice. If working within someone else's practice, this part may be combined with the Practicum Hours part below. The requirement is a minimum of 60 hours.

Before Certification is Granted, Master's level candidates must submit:

- Proof of education and credentials in a helping profession
- Proof of professional membership in their Professional Regulatory body
- Proof of Professional and Commercial (General) Liability Insurance
- A signed and current Scope of Practice Statement

Undergraduate candidates must submit:

- Proof of education and credentials in a helping profession
- A signed and current Scope of Practice Statement
- Proof of any memberships of any practice organizations they may belong to

All candidates must submit:

- Current Standard First Aid Certification
- Payment of certification fees.

To maintain certification, continuing education will be required.

This certification process will qualify people to work with CANINES in their practices of helping people.

For more information and to register please contact the Office:

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