

This is to Certify  
**James Todd**  
Attended a  
*Four Day Intensive Dog Behaviour  
Practical Training Course*

**Tutor feedback: - An Excellent Pass 91%**

James obviously enjoys being in the company of dogs. He has a calm and soft nature which immediately relaxes the dog. James was introduced to large numbers of dogs over the 4 days through training sessions and day care visits to observe behaviour and he has a natural affinity with them. James is also able to understand and apply the principles of positive reinforcement and force free training. He is able to express himself well with the use of his body language and shows good understanding in communication through the use of hand signals and verbal feedback for the dog. James is naturally suited to working and interacting with dogs. He is enthusiastic, very inquisitive and he asks a lot of questions which is good for his ongoing personal development and understanding. He also has a good basic knowledge of stress and the associated body language which will help him in observing stressful behaviours from the outset. James also attended a behaviour consult with me and he gave good input and listened intently as clients explained the problem they faced with their dog. He observed closely the handling and training techniques and the solutions used to help alleviate owner and dog stress. When faced with hyperactive and problem behaviours James displayed his ability to remain calm and direct this towards teaching alternative and desired behaviours. He is knowledgeable and aware of a dog's individual and specific needs and he knows through observations when not to push things too far and end a session. We visited several day care centres as this is James main area of interest. Here he was also able to observe multiple breeds interacting together and discuss with staff the daily management of working with large numbers of dogs.

James is passionate about working with dogs in the future and his enthusiasm shines through. It was an absolute pleasure to work with him. As he gains in experience I have no doubt that he will be an asset to the welfare and the promotion of positive force free handling of dogs and that he has the ability to run and manage a responsible and enjoyable day care centre. As his tutor, I thoroughly enjoyed the experience with him and I would like to take this opportunity to wish James every success in his future working with dogs.

*Max Muir*

Dog Behaviourist

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