



# Command Dog Training School

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Command Dog Training School (CDTS) is the longest running & most respected professional dog training company in Melbourne. It is often recommended as the school of choice by veterinarians, local councils, pet shops and other pet industry businesses.

Established in 1983 by training director Basil Theofanides, the school has won numerous awards for its outstanding customer service. This success has been achieved through honesty, fairness, commitment to best practices in training methods, customer focus and continuous self improvement. Moreover, the school has won numerous customer service awards including the **Fair Trading Award** (Office of Fair Trading & Business Affairs) and a **Leader Business Achiever** award

They say that the best asset a company can have is its staff. This rings very true at CDTS. Our Instructors are ardent in their work which is reflected in the high standards achieved by dog owners and of course, their dogs. The school's instructors are qualified and nationally accredited by Australia's leading industry bodies, **AAPDT** (Australian Association of Professional Dog Trainers Inc) and **DTA** (Dog Trainers Australia).

Unlike many so-called dog trainers of today who claim they are behaviourists after doing a short course in dog training, CDTS Instructors are all experienced hands-on trainers who have been selected by Basil Theofanides to join the school as Instructors. Furthermore, they have a minimum of 5 years in the industry; have trained their own dogs to Advanced and some to Competition levels. This criterion underpins the quality of training our customers receive. As a customer you can be assured of a qualified industry expert teaching you to understand and train your four legged pal.

There are many other reasons why dog owners choose CDTS over other trainers. As a dog owner if you are looking for a program that is structured, provides clear learning outcomes at each session and small learning groups (class limits a maximum of 8 for our outdoor venues and 6 for our indoor venues) our school is suited to your needs. Training in small groups ensures all participants receive personalised attention and assistance with their dogs and dog problems. Furthermore, unlike other schools or clubs, each class has a dedicated instructor who remains with the group from start to finish. The school is so confident with its service it guarantees\* all its programs.

As a professional dog training educator CDTS understands the importance of improvement. Consequently, it is continually upgrading its instructor skills by holding regular workshops facilitated by Nationally Accredited Trainer Basil Theofanides and through attendance of industry seminars such as *Both Ends of the Leash* with Dr Patricia McConnell & *Foundation Course in Canine Communication* with Jan Fennell (aka The Dog Listener). Additionally, its management systems are audited by DTA ensuring industry best practices are adhered to.

Training director and owner Basil Theofanides who is personally involved in the day to day operations says

*"I am passionate about my work and take it personally if a customer is not happy with our service. When I first started the concept of Command Dog Training School 25 years ago, my mission was to provide high quality training programs to dog owners across Melbourne by employing and training only the best trainers in the industry. Moreover, the school had to be customer service oriented and become a leader in the industry. Having said that, I am proud to say, my mission has been achieved. However, this doesn't mean we will rest on our laurels. Our school will continue to forge its way in this ever-growing industry to ensure you the dog owning public always have a reliable, trustworthy and safe dog training company to service your needs".*



On a final note Command Dog Training School is an Australian family owned business not a franchise or a business run by other companies as with some dog training schools of today.

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\*see terms & conditions on enrolment form (page 4)



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## BASIC OBEDIENCE PROGRAMS

### AIMS

This is our most popular course for the pet dog owner which runs for eight hourly sessions over eight weeks with *guaranteed* results. In this course, you will be able to achieve a fundamental level of control with your dog by learning to communicate effectively, thus creating a greater bond. Socialisation and sociability training is integral to the program. The minimum age of dogs is 16 weeks and must be immunised. All new enrolments will receive a FREE showbag from Nature's Gift Australia!

Unlike the adhoc classes run at other clubs or schools, all our courses are structured. Each week you will be taught a series of new exercises, which you will need to practice each day to become proficient. In this manner you will achieve clear objectives in your training, through simple yet effective means. Class size allows a maximum of only eight to ten people (outdoor venues) and six people (indoor venues). This ensures that each person is given individual help with their problems and exercises. Also, dog owners are taught by the same Instructor each week. Make-up sessions can be organised for any missed and courses can be suspended for up to 3 months.



What you and your dog will learn: **Heel on lead, Social Walking, Sit at Heel, Drop on command with hand signal, Sit and Drop Stay, Recall (come when called), sociability exercises and much more.**

Behavioural problems such as the dog jumping on people, digging holes, pulling clothes off the washing line will also be dealt with throughout the program. Furthermore if your dog is timid, nervous or anxious, you will be advised and taught how to deal with these problems.

### VIP LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP:

If you wish to take advantage of our VIP lifetime membership, please tick the box in the enrolment form and forward your fee of \$ 810.00\* for lifetime training of the dog membership, no more to pay. This means you and your dog can train at all our levels for its entire life. Great value! Memberships are not transferable.

- Basic Obedience Course
- Intermediate Level 1 & 2
- Advanced Level 1 & 2
- Agility Training

### ATTENDANCE ON FIRST LESSON

On your 1<sup>st</sup> lesson only, please attend at least 20 minutes prior to course commencement time. This ensures adequate time for inspection of vaccination certificates & training equipment. **Please note that all participants must have the following equipment correctly fitted & in good working order: Leather or web leash (1.2 metres long), soft training-collar, correction collar or head halter, tug toy & treats. Equipment may be purchased from the school on 1<sup>st</sup> lesson if necessary.**

### STATE GOVERNMENT APPROVED OBEDIENCE TESTER

Command Dog Training School is a member of the AAPDT (Australian Association of Professional Dog Trainers Inc). This association has been approved by the Victorian State Government to allow its accredited members to conduct obedience tests, for members of the public to receive discounted dog registration. All CDTS students who complete a Basic Obedience Course have the option to be assessed for this certificate. The fee for this is \$ 10.00.



### TO ENROL

If you wish to enrol your dog in one of our 8 Week Basic Obedience Courses, please choose from the course list below (page 3) and forward your enrolment form (page 4) to our office by: **Post** - 19 Jeffery Street, Blackburn, Vic 3130; **fax** – 9878 9257; **e-mail** – [info@dogtraining.com.au](mailto:info@dogtraining.com.au) or **telephone** -1300 655 364 for a phone payment or see [page 4](#) enrolment form for EFT info.



## COMMAND DOG TRAINING SCHOOL

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Cert. IV Nationally Accredited

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### OUTDOOR VENUES

#### BASIC OBEDIENCE COURSES COMMENCING FEBRUARY – MARCH 2010

(8 x 1 hour sessions)

| EAST VENUE |               | Blackburn English Language School,<br>Corner of Eley Road &<br>Bonview Crescent |                | BURWOOD EAST<br>Mel Ref Map 61 J5 | Enter from Bonview Cresc. & park at<br>top car park (proceed to shed at city<br>end of training ground to check in) |                     |
|------------|---------------|---|----------------|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| VENUE      | LESSON<br>DAY | START DATE  | LESSON<br>TIME | COURSE CODE<br>BOB 2010           | COURSE<br>COST (incl. GST)  | MAX NO.<br>HANDLERS |
| East       | Wednesday     | 3 February 2010   | 8:00 pm        | 09                                | \$250.00  | Booked Out          |
| East       | Wednesday     | 17 February 2010  | 8:00 pm        | 10                                | \$250.00  | Booked Out          |
| East       | Wednesday     | 17 March 2010   | 7:00 pm        | 16                                | \$250.00  | Eight               |
| East       | Saturday      | 13 March 2010   | 11.30 am       | 14                                | \$250.00  | Eight               |

| SOUTH VENUE |               | McKinnon Secondary College,<br>McKinnon Road, |                | McKINNON<br>Mel Ref Map 68 G11 | Enter from McKinnon Road and<br>proceed to oval at rear<br>(parking not available in car<br>park due to construction) |                     |
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| VENUE       | LESSON<br>DAY | START DATE                                    | LESSON<br>TIME | COURSE CODE<br>BOB 2010        | COURSE<br>COST (incl. GST)  | MAX NO.<br>HANDLERS |
| South       | Saturday      | 27 February 2010                              | 11.30 am       | 13                             | \$ 250.00   | Booked Out          |
| South       | Saturday      | 17 April 2010                                 | 9.30 am        | 18                             | \$ 250.00   | Eight               |

| CENTRAL VENUE |               | Gasworks Arts Park, Corner Graham<br>& Pickles Street |                | ALBERT PARK<br>Mel. Ref. Map 2J G7 | Enter from Richardson Street<br>entrance |                     |
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| VENUE         | LESSON<br>DAY | START DATE  | LESSON<br>TIME | COURSE CODE<br>BOB 2010            | COURSE<br>COST (incl. GST)               | MAX NO.<br>HANDLERS |
| Central       | Saturday      | 27 February 2010                                      | 9.00 am        | 02                                 | \$250.00                                 | 4 places left       |
| Central       | Saturday      | 20 March 2010   | 11.30 am       | 19                                 | \$250.00                                 | Eight               |

**OUR COURSES ARE GUARANTEED!**

### INDOOR VENUE

#### BASIC OBEDIENCE COURSES COMMENCING FEBRUARY – MARCH 2010

(8 x 1 hour sessions)

| RICHMOND VENUE |               | Dog Zone<br>53 – 55 North Street |                | RICHMOND<br>Mel Ref Map 44<br>H9 | INDOOR VENUES: FULLY<br>HEATED & AIR-CONDITIONED |                     |
|----------------|---------------|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| VENUE          | LESSON<br>DAY | START DATE                       | LESSON<br>TIME | COURSE CODE<br>BOB 2010          | COURSE<br>COST (incl. GST)                       | MAX NO.<br>HANDLERS |
| Richmond       | Thursday      | 25 February 2010                 | 6.45 pm        | 11                               | \$295.00   | Six                 |
| Richmond       | Saturday      | 13 March 2010                    | 8.30 am        | 15                               | \$295.00   | Six                 |
| Richmond       | Monday        | 15 March 2010                    | 6.45 pm        | 17                               | \$295.00   | 2 places left       |
| Richmond       | Tuesday       | 16 March 2010                    | 6.45 pm        | 07                               | \$295.00   | Eight               |

