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A training instructor teaches other people how to train their dog. They may be training a person train their dog to carry out a certain set of tasks, such as obedience commands, or a skill, such as herding. A dog training instructor combines art of dog handling with the sciences of dog behavior and psychology. Dog Training Instructors employ proven methods of instruction in order to transfer their knowledge to other dog owners so that they can train as well.

Necessary skills for becoming a dog trainer are:

- An understanding of how dogs learn
- Ability to effectively teach others and their dogs
- Creativity in problem solving for correcting problematic behaviors
- Ability to demonstrate and teach various training methods according to personality types
- Ability to adapt and customize training programs to individual dog and owner needs
- Ability to understand dogs and how they communicate
- Ability to communicate effectively with dog all dog owners

Many dog trainers are self-learners, gaining knowledge and experience from handling and training dogs in their own lives. To be effective, a dog training instructor must have exceptional people and communication skills.

Classes in communication and counseling are recommended for this career field. A knowledge of animal learning theory, basic canine communication, and training are necessary for this field.

Careers in dog training and instruction have the potential of providing a comfortable living. The hours are flexible, but dependent on the client's schedule. Dog training instructors can work out of their own facility or at other locations.