



**CANINES CAN CARE  
10 DAY  
CANINE BEHAVIOUR ONLINE COURSE**

If you have always been fascinated by dogs and wondered why they bark for attention, chew up the new sofa when left alone, toilet inappropriately or even dislike your favourite aunt, then maybe this course is perfect for you. It will help you understand why dogs behave the way they do and how simple solutions can help correct behaviour issues. Over the last 25 years that India's leading professional canine behaviourist – Shirin Merchant has worked with dogs in India, she has realised a growing need to educate and help dog owners understand the true cause of canine behaviour problems and the simple solutions that can turn correct the imbalance in the dog-owner relationship. If you want to understand your dog's issues better, know why dogs behave the way they do and learn simple solutions to these issues, this course is for you.

**CURRICULUM**

**UNIT 1**

**HOW DOES A DOG LEARN?**

This topic will include a detailed study of:

- Understanding the different ways in which a dog learns behaviour.
- Patterns of canine behaviour
- Operant and Classical conditioning and its impact on problem behaviours.
- Positive and negative reinforcement
- Why punishment does more harm than good.
- Learned helplessness
- The role the dog's environment and upbringing plays in its behaviour

**UNIT 2**

**DESTRUCTION PROBLEMS**

The different reasons a dog will chew or destroy his home and how to correct the behaviour. Some of the causes of destruction discussed will be:

- Attention seeking destruction
- Boredom destruction
- Separation Anxiety
- Insecurity
- Puppy chewing and destruction

**UNIT 3**

**ELIMINATION PROBLEMS**

How to put right any toilet training problem, including

- Toilet training a puppy
- Re-training an adult dog
- Submissive urination
- Territorial urination
- Excitement urination

#### **UNIT 4**

##### **BARKING PROBLEMS**

The various reasons why dogs bark and the varied solutions to the problems will be probed in detail. The different causes of barking that will be discussed include-

- Guard Dog barking
- Excitement barking
- Attention seeking barking
- Nervous barking
- Boredom barking
- Frustration-related vocalising

#### **UNIT 5**

##### **FOOD PROBLEMS**

- Stealing
- Fussy eating habits
- Burying food
- Coprophagia
- Begging
- PICA
- Scavenging

#### **UNIT 6**

##### **STRESS AND RELATED PROBLEMS**

Research shows that as with humans, many behavioural problems in dogs are stress-related. The course will involve an in-depth study of stress in dogs and how to alleviate it. This topic will also include the fascinating way in which we can learn to speak canine language. Learn how dogs show stress and what you can do to help. This topic will include:

- The symptoms of stress
- Measuring the levels of stress in a dog.
- The physiological aspect of stress.
- Calming signals and how to use them to reduce stress in a dog
- Understanding trigger stacking in dogs
- Reading canine body language and learning how to communicate correctly with any dog.
- Correcting our body posture when interacting with a dog.

#### **TRAINING FACULTY**

The course will be conducted by India's pioneering canine behaviourist and trainer – Shirin Merchant

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Since 1995, she has helped dog owners around the world with behaviour and training problems ranging from dominance, housetraining, chewing, aggression, destruction to

boredom and compulsive behaviours. She has trained over thousands dogs with breeds ranging from the feisty Pomeranian to the shy Samoyed. Over the years, Shirin has conducted courses in Canine Behaviour for professionals who are currently pursuing successful careers in the field. Shirin understands dog behaviour from the canine perspective and on this course she will share her knowledge and decades of experience with the students. In 2013, Shirin gained her accreditation to the prestigious Kennel Club of England Accreditation Scheme for Trainers and became a fully accredited member of the KCAI (Kennel Club of England) holding an accreditation in Companion Dog Training and Behavioural Training at the advanced level. She is the only person outside of Europe to have achieved this distinct honour and is one of nine people in the world to have the accreditation in Behavioural Training.

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The comprehensive 10 day course will be held entirely online.  
The course will include live classes with Shirin Merchant  
Each session will be for 2 hours.  
Sessions will be interactive - students will be able to discuss and ask questions during the sessions.  
Students will have access to the recordings for 6 months after the duration of the course.  
Students will be given special access to over 30 videos and articles for 6 months to support their learning journey!  
Students will require a computer and reliable internet.  
Students will be emailed a soft copy certificate on completion of the course.

#### **DURATION AND DATES**

21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 to 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (exclusive of Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>)  
TIME: 8 am to 10 am – LIVE ONLINE CLASS

#### **SPECIAL ADDON COURSE FEATURE**

Access to over 30 articles & videos on canine behaviour

#### **IS THIS COURSE FOR YOU?**

The comprehensive course is ideal for anyone keen on furthering their knowledge of canine behaviour – either to help understand their own dog's behaviour, to expand their own canine communication skills or as a stepping stone to understanding canine behaviour as a career.

The course will be conducted only in English and students are required to have a good understanding of the language. If you have struggled to understand your dog's issues, contact professionals, tried various remedies and yet failed, this course will help give you the answers you have been looking for.

#### **FEES AND MODE OF PAYMENT FOR THE COURSE**

The fees for this course are Rs. 15,000/-

#### **CERTIFICATION**

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be emailed a soft copy of the certificate.

For more details, or the application form for the course please E-mail-  
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