

Steve and Vicki Austin's Dog Training and Behaviour Certificate

- The course will comprise approximately 60 hours of on-line classes and 60 hours of practical sessions (two blocks of five days each). There will also be approximately 20 hours required for completion of on-line quizzes and assessments.
- There will be two blocks of five days for practical sessions, conducted in Sydney. If there is sufficient demand, consideration will be given to conducting practical training sessions in other cities/locations. There will be an additional fee to cover Steve and Vicki's costs of travel and accommodation. Practical sessions will comprise of a maximum of ten participants.
- Participants must attend all sessions, on-line and practicals, in their entirety, to gain certification. NB. On-line presentations will be recorded and will be accessible during the duration of the course for those unable to log-in to the live presentations on any occasion. Practical sessions must be attended on the scheduled dates and times.
- Participants attending practical days must be well presented in clean, professional attire and as per the Workplace Health and Safety Risk Assessment (available on-line once enrolled).
- Participants may bring their own dogs to practical sessions when suitable.
- While it is preferred, it is not necessary to own a dog for this course. Participants will need to source additional dogs local to them to practice various techniques. Possible sources of dogs could include: family, friends, neighbours, work acquaintances, welfare organisations, posting a "Wanted" advertisement, local trading bulletin board, Facebook.
- Access to a device with internet connection and Microsoft Word is required.
- Participants will require a minimum of moderate computer skills and literacy skills.

- On successful completion, participants will be awarded a certificate from Steve and Vicki Austin in Dog Training and Behaviour. This course is a privately-operated programme – we are not an RTO (registered training organisation).

Topics covered in the course will include:

- Animal Welfare
- Workplace Health and Safety
- Canine behaviour and body language
- Correct use and fitting of equipment
- Training plans and record keeping
- Steve’s Motivating Miracles presentation
- Class instructing
- Science of Learning
- Luring Technique
- Preventing problem behaviour
- Addressing problem behaviour
- Successive approximation (shaping behaviour)
- Dog breeds and groups
- Targeting
- Free shaping (clicker)
- Dog aggression
- Scent detection
- Canines for Conservation
- Canine critical or sensitive phases
- The importance of play