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<p>Drafted in four sections to help interested parties access information. Practitioners need to consider carefully that any support / advice offered is appropriate for them as they learn, grow and commit to providing professional services to others.</p> <p>A) UK-based Membership Bodies & National Course Providers (page 1)</p> <p>B) Working & Specific Activity Groups, Franchise, Individual / Group Course Providers (page 4)</p> <p>C) Veterinary, Assistance, Therapy & Welfare Groups (page 5)</p> <p>D) Related Organisations & Information sites world-wide (page 6)</p>	<p>See footer for the key to all the right-hand columns</p>
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A) UK-based Membership Bodies & National Course Providers (*name denotes formal Affiliation)		Inits	MR	Lp	Ed	Ps	Ev	Gs
Academy of Dog Training & Behaviour http://www.adtb.org/ / http://www.dogtraining-online.co.uk	Founded by Jenny Watson in 2001, offers a set of 6 online study courses whilst gaining experience. Carries out competence assessments prior to placing instructors on their approved list	ADTB	M	Y	Th	Pa		B
Alpha Education http://www.thinkdogs.org	Founded by and run by Sarah Whitehead. Runs the 'Think Dogs' and various training and study courses. Supports and lists successful students with 'Clever Dogs'			N	Ac	Pn Pa	V	B
Animal Behaviour & Training Council http://abtcouncil.org.uk	Promoting practitioners which are approved members of other organisations that have met ABTC standards of good practice in animal training and welfare	ABTC	R	N				N C
Animal Care College http://www.animalcarecollege.co.uk	With David Cavill at the helm, it has been providing accredited distance learning study courses for over 30 years, for dog owners, enthusiasts and canine professionals	ACC			Ac			B
Animal Events UK http://www.animaleventsuk.com	Promoting the science of animal behaviour and training, with webinars, seminars and theory courses. Currently also holding a page for PACT	AEUK			Th		V	B
Association for Education of Trainers & Behaviourists http://www.aetb.co.uk	Run by Shelley Heading, the AETB was formed to host and run educational and practical workshops / seminars and courses for the Pet and Vet Professional and the Pet Owner	AETB	M				V	V
Association of Intuitive Natural Training of Dogs http://www.intodogs.org	Members-only organisation for Dog Trainers, Behaviourists and other dog professionals, promoting positive, kind methods to enhance quality of life for owners and dogs	INTO Dogs	M					V
Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors http://www.apbc.org.uk	Membership body for academically qualified practitioners, with accreditation via ASAB	APBC	M				C	N
Association of Pet Dog Trainers http://www.apdt.co.uk	Membership based on passing assessment of skill and knowledge, with a strong code to cover good kind-fair-effective practice	APDT	M	Y	Th	Pa Pn	V	N
Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour http://www.asab.nottingham.ac.uk	Membership via certification, with a strong code of good practice	ASAB	R	Y	Ac		S	N
British College of Canine Studies http://www.britishcollegeofcaninestudies.com	On-line courses for owners and professionals, including dog walkers and carers, Diploma courses up to Advanced Behaviour at Level 4, accredited by NCFE. Lists graduates	BCCS	R		Ac			B
British Institute of Professional Dog Trainers http://www.bipdt.org.uk	An organisation in two parts, a security section for working dog handlers and a dog training instructors section, it runs established courses for instructors and tests for security dog personnel	BIPDT	M	Y	Th	Pa	V	N
Cambridge Institute of Dog Behaviour & Training http://www.cidbt.org.uk/	Provides Middlesex University accredited and other dog behaviour and training courses to represent the future for professional canine behaviour practitioners. Close association with the CFBA	CIDBT			Ac Th	Pn Pa		B
Canine Behaviour Centre www.caninebehaviour.co.uk	Run by Deborah Bragg, provides a folder of study information for self-study, offering optional marking of work		R		Th			B
Canine & Feline Behaviour Association http://www.cfba.co.uk	Membership body for those learning and for those deemed sufficiently qualified to take veterinary referrals under 'client insurance claims'. Offers study courses through the CIDBT	CFBA	M	Y	Th		V	N
Canine Studies College www.thedoghut.biz	Provides City & Guilds accredited courses delivered by teacher-trained tutors and qualified instructors in their own specialist fields				Ac			B

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COAPE Association of Pet Behaviourists & Trainers http://www.capbt.org	Membership body for graduates of COAPE courses, listing specifically qualified pet behaviourists and trainers, offering a guarantee of quality to pet owners seeking help	CAPBT	M	Y					N
COAPE Centre of Applied Pet Ethology http://www.coape.co.uk	Runs accredited courses for dog trainers, behaviourists and veterinary professionals. Set up CAPBT membership to support its graduates	COAPE			Ac		V	B	
Compass Education http://www.compass-education.co.uk	Under the leadership of David & Delores Montgommery, it provides accredited Distance Learning Courses in Animal Behaviour				Ac			B	
Dog Welfare Alliance http://dogwelfarealliance.com	Founded in 2013 as a not-for-profit organisation for anyone with a commitment to compassionate, force-free training methods	DWA	R						N
Federation of Dog Trainers & Canine Behaviourists www.fdtcb.com	Inactive?? may see letters in use Founded by Ann Derizzio for those completing the City & Guilds accredited college course, which she and others helped devise	FDTCB	M	Y					N
Guild of Dog Trainers http://www.godt.org.uk	Registers experienced dog trainers who fulfil the stated criteria at two levels of membership. It also offers a comprehensive range of education courses for dog training and behaviour practitioners	GoDT	M	Y	Th				N
Institute for Animal Care Education http://www.iace.org.uk	An international organisation that states aims to promote quality education within the animal care industry	IACE	M	Y					N
Institute of Modern Dog Trainers http://www.imdt.uk.com	Founded in 1999 by Steve Mann, offers a selection of educational courses for the public and professionals and practical assessments to register trainers for membership	IMDT	M	Y	Ac	Pa Pn	V	B	
Institute of Pet Behaviour Consultants www.ipbc.com	Inactive?? Currently suspended, included as may see 'letters' in use	IPBC	M	Y	Th				N
International Animal Behaviour Training College http://www.iabtc.co.uk http://iabtc-courses.co.uk	Founded by Angela White, it states that it is dedicated to the education of dog owners and those who are teaching them	IABTC			Ac	Pa Pn	V	B	
International Canine Behaviourists http://www.icb.global	Founded 2015 by Brigitta Barton in the UK as a non-profit organisation promoting education, with webinars etc and offers a membership under a strict code of ethics to ensure 'welfare never compromised'	ICB	M	Y			V	N	
International Dog Behaviour & Training School http://www.sheilaharper.co.uk	Founded and run by Sheila Harper, provides courses, talks, and workshops in canine / human education	IDBTS			Th	Pn	V	B	
International Programme for Applied Canine Studies http://www.sheilaharper.co.uk	Run by Sheila Harper as above (IDBTS)	IPACS			Th	Pn	V	B	
International School for Canine Practitioners http://www.theiscp.com	Lists graduate practitioners promoting positive force-free methods. States that it educates students in the most up to date methods, with a strong emphasis on positive dog training and rehabilitation	ISCP	R		Th		V	B	
International School for Canine Psychology & Behaviour	As above ISAP, course provider				Th			B	
i-Train Dogs http://www.itraindogs.uk	One of a series of registers set up by David Cavill and the ACC for judges, groomers, etc. The National Register of Dog Trainers & Behaviourists is a free listing for those committed to the CAWC Code	I-Train Dogs	R						N
Kennel Club http://www.kennel-club.org	A membership and consultative body, runs a business and Charitable Trust. It holds dog breed and activity registers, runs Crufts, Discover Dogs, GCDS, KCAI, YKC, canine activities and events etc	KC	M						C B V
Kennel Club Accreditation Scheme for Instructors in Dog Training & Canine Behaviour http://www.kcai.org	Run by the KC, the scheme has an educational programme and an assessment-based accreditation award for skill and knowledge, leading to permitted use of letters KCAI with areas of expertise	KCAI	M	Y	Ac	Pn	V	B	
Learning About Dogs http://www.learningaboutdogs.com	Led by Kay Laurence, it offers a range of courses for dog training and clicker training enthusiasts at all levels of experience	LAD			Th	Pa Pn	V	B	

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Learning about Animals http://www.learningaboutanimals.co.uk	Run by Suzanne Rogers, it aims to provide information and promote interest in the welfare and behaviour of animals through seminars and workshops given by a range of experts	LAA					V	B
Pet Education, Training & Behaviour Council http://www.petbc.org	A consultative organisation to represent member organisations, that represent trainers and behaviour advisors	PETbc	R				V	N
Pet Dog Training Instructors http://www.pdti.org	Membership body with grades to acknowledge expertise, runs awards courses to assess instructing skills and canine knowledge, an annual conference and various practical workshops	PDTI	M	Y	Th (Ac)	Pa Pn	V	N
Professional Association of Applied Canine Trainers http://www.paact.co.uk	Created by Stan Rawlinson (Dog Listener) in the belief that modern trainers require behavioural skills and behaviourists must be able to handle and train dogs in obedience and all should continue to learn	PAACT	M	Y			V	B
Professional Association of Canine Trainers Temporary web page at: http://www.animaleventsuk.com/pact	Founded in 2016 by a group of qualified, experienced trainers, to provide theoretical and practical training for people wishing to become dog trainers	PACT			Th	Pn	V	V
Pet Professional Guild British Isles http://www.petprofessionalguild.com http://www.ppgbi.com	Association for Force-Free Pet Professionals, a membership organisation for those committed to results-based, science-based force-free training and pet care	PPG or PPGBI	M				V	V
*QIDTI Association (Qualified International Dog Training Instructors) www.qidti.weebly.com	Founded by John Rogerson 2017 a membership association for those with proven wide-ranging levels of knowledge and skill, and for those that wish to reach the standard set, for support as they learn	QIDTI	M	Y				N
Registration Council for Dog Training & Behaviour Practitioners http://www.reg-council-dtbp.uk	The official body for the registration of all Individuals & Organisations who wish to voluntarily sign up to the nationally-agreed CAWC Code of Practice in regard to dogs, to uphold the standards set by it (2010)	RCDTBP	R					V
Society for Companion Animal Studies http://www.scas.org.uk	Established 1979 to promote the study of human-companion animal interaction and raise awareness of the importance of pets in society	SCAS	M		Ac			N
The Canine Consultant Specialist Group http://www.ccsq.dog	Founded in 2010 by Lez Graham and Ross McCarthy et al. It provides workshops, courses and seminars for canine professionals; nurturing knowledge and promoting excellence	CCSG					V	B
The Canine Training & Behaviour Society http://www.tctbs.org	Society of canine trainers and behavioural therapists rebranded 2014 – previously UK Registry of Canine Behaviourists	TCTBS	M					N
The Dog Safety Education Executive www.dogsee.org	Founded 2011 by Lez Graham and Ross McCarthy, as a consultation group, to provide information on 'safety around dogs' and training for workers, professionals, children and others	DogSEE					V	
UK Registry of Canine Behaviourists http://www.ukrcb.org	Founded 1992 as a membership body of canine behavioural therapists practicing throughout Great Britain Renamed 2014: TCTBS	UKRCB	M					N
Universities & Colleges – government run. Many now offer foundation, higher and degree level Animal Behaviour and or Training Courses. University of Southampton http://www.soton.ac.uk the first post-graduate course in animal behaviour, and Bishop Burton, University of Hull http://www.bishopburton.ac.uk the first to offer canine specific higher courses				H & Deg	Ac			B

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Agility Club http://agilityclub.org	The Club has been in the forefront since the early days of the sport and since 1992, has run a 4-day seminar / examination annually awarding success as an 'Agility Club Approved Instructor' (ACAI)	Agility Club	M	Y		Pn Pa	W	V
Associated Sheep, Police & Army Dog Society / Working Trials Society http://www.workingtrials.info	Founded in 1919, it was fully responsible for the development and running of Working Trials 1924 - the late 1950's. Over the last 35 years, ASPADS has continued running trials all over the country	ASPADS	R				V	V
Assistance Dogs UK http://www.assistancedogs.org.uk	Organisation set up to support and represent various Assistance Dogs charities	ADUK						C N
British Association of German Shepherd Dogs http://www.bagsd.net	Formed in 1933 as an Association of German Shepherd Dog Owners who banded together for the good of the breed. Runs an established structured programme to 'qualify' member Instructors	BAGSD	R		Th	Pa	V	N
British Police & Services Canine Association http://bpsca.net	Formed in 1988, it was dissolved March 2017 due to inability to fill a significant number of positions on the Association Committee, and consequently an inability to meet aims, objectives, and liabilities	BPSCA						V
Bark Busters UK www.barkbusters.co.uk	Bark Busters UK, is part of the international dog training franchise group company founded around 1989. BB trainers work directly with people in their home to build dog-family respect and trust		R					B
The Pet Industry Federation http://www.petcare.org.uk	The PIF, the new name for the Pet Care Trade Association, combines five specialist trade associations, include groomers, pet boarders, pet retailers and manufacturers ... as together the voice is stronger	PIF	M					V
The Clever Dog Company http://www.cleverdogcompany.com	Set up by Sarah Whitehead for successful students of Alpha Education courses, wishing to run classes as part of her national network. Link courses through 'Think Dog' and Alpha Education		R		Th	Pa	V	B
John Rogerson KCAI (WT*Beh*) http://www.johnrogerson.com	Founder of the Northern Centre for Canine Behaviour. John is widely acclaimed as the world's leading dog trainer, having pioneered the majority of techniques that have become standard practice				Th	Pn	V	B
National Association of Security Dog Users http://www.nasdu.co.uk	Aiming to achieve and promote National Standards for all Trainers, Handlers & Dogs used within the Security Industry and for those concerned with the care, health, safety & welfare of dogs used	NASDU						V
National Search & Rescue Dog Association http://www.nsarda.org.uk	An umbrella organisation representing Search Dog Associations in the UK, Isle of Man and Eire. NSARDA holds the standards by which search dogs are trained and qualified	NSRDA						V
National Training Inspectorate for Professional Dog Users http://www.ntipdu.org	Founded in 2002, provides training courses for the canine security industry	NTIPDU						V
Robert Alleyne's Dog Owners Club http://thedogownersclub.co.uk/instructor-course/	Robert gives talks & workshops, and runs a 12-week (min) Instructor's Course in London, designed to help students achieve a level of competence in instructing to run their own training sessions					Pn Pa		B
Puppy School http://www.puppyschool.co.uk	Set up and run by Gwen Bailey to provide training courses for those who wishing to join her network of puppy schools. Gwen supports and lists successful 'Tutors'		R		Th	Pn Pa	W	B
The School of Canine Science https://www.jo-rosie.com	Co-owned by Jo-Rosie and Nando Brown, it is an education provider and currently runs training and behaviour courses across the world for dog trainers, behaviourists and enthusiasts				Th			B
Think Dog http://www.thinkdog.org	Sarah Whitehead set up Alpha Education and runs 'Think Dog' educational training courses, supports and lists successful students, runs the Clever Dog Company and network of trainers				Ac		W	B
Sheila Harper Limited http://www.sheilaharper.co.uk/	Primary purpose to educate, in an ethical way, recognising dogs as individuals. She runs the externally accredited International Programme for Applied Canine Studies (IPACS)				Th	Pn	V	B
Victoria Stilwell Academy https://www.vsdogtrainingacademy.com	Founded to promote healthy, positive relationships between pets & people, whilst empowering dog training professionals with the tools, knowledge and confidence to create thriving, profitable careers	VSDTA	M		Th	Pn	W	B

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C) Veterinary, Assistance, Therapy & Welfare Groups / Organisations			MR	Lp	Ed	Ps	Ev	Gs
Blue Cross http://www.bluecross.org.uk	Besides its veterinary services, it provides useful information / publications for dog owners and professionals						V	C
Bowen Therapy Professional Association http://www.bowen-therapy.co	The largest non-profit making professional organisation of Bowen Technique therapists	BTPA					V	B
British Veterinary Association http://www.bva.co.uk	The BVA is the voice of the British veterinary profession	BVA					V	N
British Veterinary Behaviour Association http://www.bvba.org.uk	Formally CABSTG, exists to facilitate the exchange of information, experiences and ideas between its members and offers advice to other interested groups	BVBA					V	N
BVA Animal Welfare Foundation http://www.bva-awf.org.uk	The veterinary profession's charity committed to improving the welfare of animals through veterinary science, education and debate, funded by voluntary contributions	BVA-AWF					V	C
Canine Partners (for Independence) https://caninepartners.org.uk	A registered charity that transforms the lives of people with physical disabilities by partnering them with assistance dogs	CPI						C
Companion Animal Behaviour Therapy Study Group , now the BVBA http://www.bvba.org.uk	Formed in the mid 90's, exists to facilitate the exchange of information, experiences and ideas between its members and offers advice to other interested groups. Renamed BVBA	CABTSG					V	N
Companion Animal Welfare Council http://www.cawc.org.uk Inactive	Currently inactive? - CAWC was set up to conduct independent studies for government departments into the welfare, care and treatment of companion animals	CAWC						N
Dog AID (Assistance with Disability) http://dogaid.org.uk/	Set up 1992 by Delores Palmer & John Rogerson to supply trainers who can help give pet dog owners the knowledge and skill to train their own dog to assist them and to become a qualified Assistance Dog							V
Dogs for Good https://www.dogsforgood.org	An innovative charity set up in 1986 to provide training for assistance dogs, and explores ways dogs can help people overcome specific challenges, enrich and improve lives of families and communities							C
Dogs Trust https://www.dogstrust.org.uk	Formerly, the NCDL (National Canine Defence League) founded 1891 to protect dog from torture & ill-usage of every kind, and has been involved in all legislation affecting dogs during that time						V	C
Dogs Trust Dog School http://www.dogstrustdogschool.org.uk	Experienced trainers provide high quality, welfare friendly advice on dog training and behaviour during fun, educational classes							N
Galen Therapy Centre http://www.caninetherapy.co.uk/	Established 2002, it specialises in treating dogs with chronic muscular pain. It also runs accredited courses for dog owners, trainers, myo-therapists and other professionals		R		Ac	Pn Pa	V	B
Guide Dogs for the Blind Association http://www.guidedogs.org.uk	States that they will not rest until people who are blind or partially sighted can enjoy the same freedom of movement as everyone else	GDBA	R				V	C
Canine Hydrotherapy Association http://www.canine-hydrotherapy.org	CHA members hold Nationally Accredited Qualifications in Small Animal Hydrotherapy. Centres are inspected by a CHA representative to ensure that they meet the highest standards their patients deserve.	CHA	R					N
Hawksmoor Hydrotherapy Centre http://www.hawksmoorhydrotherapy.com	Established in 2000, provides accredited courses and training for hydro-therapists		R		Ac	Pn Pn	V	B
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People https://www.hearingdogs.org.uk	Founded at Crufts 1982 as a 3yr pilot by Bruce Fogle & Lady Beatrice Wright with help from Tony Blunt and Gill Lacey, became established grown beyond expectations and never looked back						V	C
International Aid for the Protection & Welfare of Animals http://www.iapwa.org	A UK registered charity dedicated to creating a better future for animals in need, involved in running projects since 2008 world-wide	IAPWA					V	C

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Medical Detection Dogs https://www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk	Bio-detection Dogs, trained to find the odour of disease in samples such as urine, breath & swabs. Medical Alert Dogs, trained to detect & alert people to minute changes in personal odour triggered by disease									C
Royal Society for the Protection of Animals https://www.rspca.org.uk	A unique animal welfare charity, proud to be the oldest welfare charity around and the first to introduce a law to protect animals and work hard to ensure that all animals can live free from pain and suffering	RSPCA							V	C
Pets as Therapy http://www.petsastherapy.org	Formed in 1983, the largest charity of its kind in Europe. Volunteers with their temperament-assessed pets visit thousands of people every week to bring joy and comfort, with amazing results	PAT Dogs	R						V	C
Support Dogs https://www.supportdogs.org	A national charity dedicated to increasing independence and quality of life for people with various medical conditions. They provide, train and support specialist assistance dogs to achieve this		R						V	C
Tellington Touch	Developed by Linda Tellington Jones and practiced in many countries worldwide. The first Training courses were taught in the UK in the 1990's leading to many workshops and several qualified Practitioners	T-Touch	R		A	Pn Pa			W	B
UK Wolf Conservation Trust http://ukwct.org.uk	Promotes Wolf welfare and canid learning, offers courses and workshops walking with wolves and related seminars					Pn			V	N

D) Related Organisations & Information sites world-wide		MR	Lp	Ed	Ps	Ev	Gs
The Academy for Dog Trainers (USA) https://academyfordogtrainers.com/	Set up by Jean Donaldson, it offers advanced programs in dog behaviour and training (on-line)	M		Th		V	B
Karen Pryor Academy (USA) https://www.karenpryoracademy.com	Offers established on-line courses			Th			B
Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers (USA) http://www.ccpdt.org	Offers certification for dog trainers, promoting the continued professionalization of the dog training field	R					B
Cesar Millan https://www.cesarsway.com	Popularised by a television series, the public may be influenced by methods seen					V	B
European Guild of Canine Bowen Therapists http://www.caninebowentechnique.com	Set up to create a network of properly skilled and experienced therapists who work alongside other professionals in the canine world	EGCBT	R				B
International Association of Animal Behaviour Consultants http://www.iaabc.org	Supports a Least Intrusive, Minimally Aversive (LIMA) approach to behaviour modification and training	IAABC	R			V	V
The International Center for Reiki Training http://www.reiki.org/AboutICRT	Reiki is a Japanese technique for stress reduction and relaxation that also promotes healing by "laying on hands", based on unseen "life force energy" flows through us, used for humans and animals alike	ICRT	R			V	B
International Society for Animal Professionals http://www.is-ap.org	List ambassadors - set up for interested parties around the world to promote international cooperation and common standards of good practice when working with animals	ISAP	R			V	N
Modern Dog Group Facebook	Consists of several Facebook groups dedicated to sharing modern, science-based information, produces a community magazine with a wealth of information and articles	MDTBG					V
Pet Dog Trainers of Europe http://www.pdte.org	Aims to promote good training and techniques, and states support for the condemnation of outdated and harmful methods	PDTE	R				V
Sophia Yin (Dr) http://drsophiayin.com	Sophia died 2015, leaving a legacy of information behind. Her mission was to improve understanding of animals and their behaviour so that we can care for, appreciate and enjoy our time with them better						N

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Gs – Group Status: C = charity, N = not-for-profit registered company or CIC/CIO, B = private business, V=voluntary group