

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 1989 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) 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), *Unleash Your Pack Power* with Cesar Milan and more recently Steve Austin's *Dangerous Dog Handling and Assessing* seminar. 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 has a reliable, trustworthy and safe dog training company to service your needs".*

[Click here for info on our training philosophy >>](#)

## 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 they must be immunised.



Unlike the disorganised 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 people. 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 lessons and courses can be suspended for up to 3 months. We recommend the **same person** trains the dog throughout the course to ensure progressiveness and avoid confusing the dog with multiple handlers. Further, it is at the Instructor's discretion if a second person is allowed to train the dog.





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 (meet & greet) 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. Please be aware that children must be at least 12 years of age to participate although they may attend as observers with their parent.



**OUR COURSES  
ARE  
GUARANTEED!**

## VIP LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP:

If you wish to take advantage of our **VIP lifetime-of-the-dog membership**, please tick the box in the enrolment form and forward your fee of \$ 2,450.00\* 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

1. Arrive at **least 15 minutes prior** to course commencement time. This ensures adequate time for inspection of vaccination certificates & training equipment. Please note that all participants **must have any of the following equipment correctly fitted & in good working order.** Leather or web (canvas style) leash (1.2 metres long), tug toy & treats, **plus one** of the following: Soft training-collar, correction collar, head halter, Sporn Halter (training harness). If necessary, equipment may be purchased and fitted correctly from the school on 1<sup>st</sup> lesson.
2. Ensure your dog is **on lead** before he is removed from your vehicle.
2. Keep a **safe distance** from all other dogs when checking in.
3. Children **under 12** may not handle the dog at any time whilst at any training venue.
4. Dogs are **not to be tied up** unattended at any time.
5. Carry **poo-bags** for your dog at all times.
6. Bring **treats**.

## 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 PDF to our office by: **e-mail** – [office@dogtraining.com.au](mailto:office@dogtraining.com.au); **fax** – 9878 9257  
**Telephone** – 9877 6522 for a phone payment or see enrolment form for EFT info. **No Refunds** under any circumstances.  
**Post** - 19 Jeffery Street, Blackburn, Vic 3130

## DISCOUNTED DOG REGISTRATION SCHEME - 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 **\$ 30.00**.



**OUTDOOR VENUES**

**BASIC OBEDIENCE COURSES FOR 2018**  
**COMMENCING JANUARY**  
(8 x 1 hour sessions)



EAST VENUE		Blackburn English Language School, Corner of Eley Road & Bonview Crescent		BURWOOD EAST	Enter from Bonview Crescent & park at top car park. Check in at Carpark/Oval entrance.	
VENUE	LESSON DAY	START DATE	LESSON TIME	COURSE CODE BOB 2018	COURSE COST (Incl. GST)	MAX NO. DOGS
East	Saturday	20 January 2018	9.00 am	01	\$ 344.00	Eight
East	Saturday	20 January 2018	10.00 am	02	\$ 344.00	Eight
East	Wednesday	17 January 2017	7.00 pm	07	\$ 344.00	Eight
East	Wednesday	24 January 2017	8.00 pm	08	\$ 344.00	Eight

**10% EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT APPLIES IF YOU ENROL BY 28 DECEMBER 2017!**

STONNINGTON VENUE		Malvern Valley Primary School, 1A Abbotsford Avenue, Malvern East		MALVERN EAST	Enter from Rob Roy Road and park in the Phoenix Park Community Centre Car Park Entrance 2. Proceed to oval through gate at east end of carpark to check in.	
VENUE	LESSON DAY	START DATE	LESSON TIME	COURSE CODE BOB 2018	COURSE COST (Incl. GST)	MAX NO. DOGS
STONNINGTON	Saturday	20 January 2018	10.15 am	04	\$ 344.00	Eight

CENTRAL VENUE		Gasworks Arts Park, Corner Graham & Pickles Street		ALBERT PARK	Enter from Richardson Street entrance to check in and meet at the Dog Statue		
VENUE	LESSON DAY	START DATE	LESSON TIME	COURSE CODE BOB 2018	COURSE COST (Incl. GST)	City of Port Phillip Park Use Charge !	MAX NO. DOGS
Central	Saturday	20 January 2018	11.30 am	03	\$ 344.00	\$ 21.12	Eight
! The City of Port Phillip places a charge per lesson on all park users which we unfortunately must pass on to the consumer.					Total Cost incl GST	\$ 365.12	

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**LARGE INDOOR VENUE RICHMOND**

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**COMMENCING JANUARY**  
(8 x 1 hour sessions)

Command Dog Training School is proud to be associated with DogZone Day Care Centre for dogs. The centre situated at 52– 54 North Street Richmond, is a premium indoor, **fully heated & air-conditioned and secure facility for your comfort.**  
Plenty of **ON-SITE FREE** parking.

RICHMOND VENUE		Dog Zone 52 – 54 North Street		RICHMOND	INDOOR VENUE: FULLY HEATED & AIR-CONDITIONED Plenty of off-street parking	
VENUE	LESSON DAY	START DATE	LESSON TIME	COURSE CODE BOB 2018	COURSE COST (Incl. GST)	MAX NO. DOGS
Richmond	Saturday	20 January 2018	10.15 am	05	\$ 364.50	Eight
Richmond	Monday	15 January 2018	6.45 pm	09	\$ 364.50	Eight
Richmond	Tuesday	23 January 2018	8.00 pm	10	\$ 364.50	Eight
Richmond	Saturday	3 February 2018	11.30 am	06	\$ 364.50	Eight