



KORU K9

Balanced Trainer Academy: Master Program

Course Syllabus

Daily Schedule

Daily classes run from Tuesday to Saturday during both weeks of the course, with Sunday and Monday off in between. Classes begin every day at 8:30 a.m. Don't be late! You're welcome to bring coffee or breakfast with you each morning.

We start each day with daily dog husbandry chores. After the animals are taken care of, we sit down for a lecture and review the day's topics. We take a 15-minute break at 11 a.m. and lunchtime is from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. During lunch, we ask you to please leave the training yard and training room. After lunch, we meet at the training yard for the second half of training, which runs until between 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

On the last day of class, we administer a written test after morning husbandry chores. You have

one hour to complete the test and must achieve 80% or higher to pass the course. After the written test, we have a verbal and hands-on test to make sure you can properly explain how to introduce training tools and concepts to the clientele.

Safety Reminder

We will be working with aggressive dogs that have bite histories. Be mindful of each other's space and check all safety tools and back-ups prior to taking a dog into the training yard or training room. No dog-to-dog interaction is allowed. All dogs must be leashed at all times.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Day 1

- Building motivation and relationships
- Understanding breeds and their requirements
- Shaping, luring and conditioning
- Building rapport with a dog
- Why does a dog do anything?

Day 2

- Animal husbandry for multiple dogs, including sanitation, vaccinations, daily exercise and more

Day 3

- Genetics, drives and how they translate to behavioral issues
- Case studies
- eCollar introduction

Day 4

- Engagement in the environment and socialization
- Managing your own schedule
- Using communication programs
- About Team Koru
- Client communication

Day 5

- Learn to apply NePoPo™ from NePoPo™ Gold School Graduate Heather Dodson
- Unforced Forced Fetch
- How to properly conduct an onboard
- Writing recap emails
- Creating client training plans
- Writing homework for clients

Day 6

- Chunking behaviors together
- Phasing out cues
- Pressure
- Visuals
- Consolidation of learning and training the client
- Socialization
- Direct vs. indirect rewards

Day 7

- Proper use of various tools used in dog training
- Working with aggressive animals
- Safety during multi-dog interactions
- Revisit housekeeping and managing your own schedule
- Creating client videos
- Public speaking

Day 8

- Behavior modification
- Health and nutrition
- Pain-related behavioral problems
- Understanding aggression
- Replacement behaviors and incompatible behaviors

Day 9

- Shadow onboards
- Go-home lessons, recap lessons, pick-ups and assist with lessons
- Intro to Nosework
- GRC
- Drive outlets
- Invoicing
- Next steps
- Mock onboard, mock recap lesson and mock go-home lesson

Day 10

- Written exam
- Verbal and practical test



Train to transform.
We are looking forward to working with you.