

# **Pup and Young Dog Development Course**

## **Course Overview**

This is the most comprehensive pup and young dog development program available. It covers both theory and detailed practical conditioning and development of dogs for working and service roles.

Whilst genetics plays an important role in the overall abilities of a dog, what happens (and does not happen) during the raising of dogs will have a significant impact on their overall performance. It has been said that “the right upbringing and development can turn a dog that would have been mediocre, into a good dog or a dog that would have been good, into a great dog.”

TASK-9 not only has Australia’s most comprehensive working dog breeders program, we also operate the most advanced and comprehensive pup and young dog raising and development program for our breeding and young dogs.

During this course you will be integrated into the actual training and development activities with our pups and young dogs, working with them as they progress and are prepared for their later roles and tasks.

The program not only covers general raising, conditioning and development genetic to all roles and tasks that ensure a confident, well balanced and stable dog, it also covers the specific early development, conditioning and training activities required to prepare dogs for specific later tasks including scent detection roles, assistance services, search and rescue, Law enforcement and Military etc.

In addition to extensive practical training with pups and young dogs, the program also covers detailed learning on canine psychology and behaviour, reinforcement theory, animal learning processes, and canine care and welfare.

The course also offers a number of elective modules for those wanting additional skills and knowledge.

## **Course Content**

The TASK-9 **Pup and Young Dog Development** course covers the following modules and subjects;

### **T9-PB3: Psychology and Canine Behaviour**

#### **Module Overview**

Designed to develop student understanding of the learning principles and fundamentals of animal psychology, and the mechanisms of behaviour modification essential for professionals involved in dog training and development.

Further to this, it provides the student an understanding of how dogs see the world, communicate and are motivated; the foundation on which all effective and humane training is based.

The content of this module is consistent with psychology and learning modules taught at leading Colleges and Training Organisations offering animal learning, dog training and related courses.

### **T9-GW3: Training Fundamentals**

#### **Module Overview**

Teaches the basic principles, mechanisms and processes used in behaviour modification and training. The information is universal to all forms of dog training and the knowledge gained ensures the student follows an effective, humane and systematic approach to both training design and implementation.

## **T9-PY4: Confidence Building in Pups and Young Dogs**

### ***Module Overview***

Covers in detail the process of developing a strong foundation of confidence, enthusiasm and work ethic in pups and young dogs. TASK-9 is a world leader in working dog breeding, raising and development. During this module, learners will be actively involved in working with, developing and training a range of pups and young dogs currently being developed in our working dog program.

## **T9-GW4: Motivation and Drive Development**

### ***Module Overview***

This is an essential module for anybody wanting to be involved in the development and training of working dogs for any purpose. It covers, in detail, all aspects of modulation and drive development from evaluation and foundation work through to problem solving.

## **T9-PY3: Pup Raising**

### ***Module Overview***

This module is primarily targeted at breeders and those persons who are involved in raising and developing dogs however any person involved in the development of working canines would benefit considerably from the information.

## **T9-GW5: Canine Management and Care**

### ***Module Overview***

Focuses on welfare, general care and management of dogs in all environments, including but not limited to; kennel, transportation, handling, and working / training environments. Covers general canine health and wellbeing with a focus on maintaining optimal physical and psychological condition.

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