

PET DOG AMBASSADOR

Your Companion-Dog Skills Assessment Program



Instructors'/Assessors' Guide



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Be a Licensed Instructor

Any pet dog training or dog behavior consultant member of the PPG may apply to become a licensed Pet Dog Ambassador (PDA) instructor.

Being a PDA instructor will help you on your way to building a better business for yourself. The PDA program offers structured class outlines that encourage



students to continue training and being assessed towards the eventual outcome of successful dogs, guardians and dog training businesses. We provide the program whilst you provide the hands-on care and coaching required.

As a licensed PDA instructor, you will have access to sample curricula to help set you on the right track to successfully training PDA candidates. This can be particularly

helpful for members just starting out in their careers. These are suggestions only and how you run your training classes, within the [PPG guiding principles](#) is, of course, up to you.

For those who are relatively new to the industry, we strongly suggest that you initially work with a more experienced PPG member to ensure you are providing the best for your clients. The PDA committee can also be contacted for assistance via email: info@petdogambassador.com.

What the program offers you

- Fully detailed PDA curriculum for each level that has successfully piloted.
- This is a guide and can be used as is or adapted to suit your training situation.
- Listing in the international PDA Instructors Directory.
- PDA instructor badge (electronic) to use on your website.
- Artwork will be provided so you can create an embroidered instructor badge.

Marketing collateral – for download or to purchase through our store at a minimal cost. Collateral includes:

- Trifold flyers
- Posters
- Rack cards
- Fridge magnets
- Further tools as they are developed

Application and fee

Complete the [Instructor Application Form](#) and pay the instructor fee as listed on the [PDA website](#).

Sit the test – become a licensed instructor

Along with the acknowledgement of your successful application, you will receive details of how to access the instructors' open book test. PDA administration must be sure that you understand the rules and regulations of each of the program's components. Answers to the questions in this test can all be found in the PDA Guide. An 85 percent pass rate in your test is necessary for you to qualify as a licensed instructor.

If the online quiz is not successfully completed, the candidate can take the test one more time after 48 hours with no additional penalty or fee. If the quiz is not successfully completed a second time the candidate may take the test a third time after seven days and with a fee of US\$15.

Proof of certification

At the successful completion of the test, you will receive a formal email notifying you of your new instructor member number. This number will appear on your PDA instructor certificate. You will receive your certificate electronically which you may print for display if you wish.

Maintaining your instructor certification

- You will need to update your certification every two years by undertaking a short test based on updated rulings and performance standards.
- PPG yearly membership must be maintained at all times while maintaining assessor or instructor status.

- You must also show evidence of obtaining 10 Continuing Education (CE) points during the two years of holding your instructor's certification. Your Instructors Knowledge Center allows you to enter your CE points. CE points must consist of: at least two PPG webinars (live, recorded or free), and attendance at approved seminars, workshops and educational meetings.

Becoming an assessor

From an altruistic perspective, assessors help share awareness of force-free training methods and the guiding principles of the PPG. By offering the PDA program to clients, you can build confidence within dog and guardian teams by tangibly demonstrating the progress of each dog and guardian team. You can benefit the local community by turning out well-trained dogs and socially aware dog guardians.

You can extend student enrolment for up to 12 months or more by offering PDA stepped classes that build on training skills and offer incentive awards to your clients.

What does it mean for you and your business?

- Fully detailed PDA curriculum for each level that has successfully piloted.
- This is a guide and can be used as is or adapted to suit your training situation.
- Listing in the international PDA Assessor Directory.
- PDA assessor badge (electronic) to use on your website.
- Artwork will be provided for the assessor to be able to create an embroidered badge.

Marketing collateral – for download or to purchase through our online store at a minimal cost.

Medals to present to clients on successful completion of each level of the program (*see also final point under 'Do you fit the bill?' on page 8*).

- Trifold flyers.
- Posters.
- Rack cards.
- Fridge magnets.
- Further tools as they are developed.

Do you fit the bill?

To become an assessor, you must meet the following criteria:

- You must meet the legal age of accountability (usually 18 or 21 years of age) in your country of residence.
- You must be a dog training or behaviour consultant member of the PPG or one of its chapters.
- Provisional or student members cannot become assessors.
- You must show, through log entry, a minimum of 60 hours' class or individual training over the previous 12 months before applying.
- Logged proof will contain the services offered, such as private tuition, class work, seminars, workshops, volunteer or paid employment. The Training Log Form is part of the Application Form.
- Where applicable in your country of residence, you must have current liability insurance covering your training services. A separate policy will not be required if assessors are covered under the insurance policy of the business where the assessment will be held.
- Although you are not required to provide proof of this insurance on application, the PPG maintains the right to request proof of insurance status within 20 hours of submitting the application, if so requested.
- As a PPG assessor, you must be willing to purchase (at minimal expense from PPG) the medals that are presented to successful candidates. All effort will be made to provide these to you at cost price plus cost of freight. Where possible each PPG chapter will be sent batches of the medals so that assessors can purchase locally.

Application and fee

Complete the Assessor Application Form on the PDA website and pay the assessor fee as listed.

Sit the test – become a licensed assessor

On successful application and payment of your fee, you will receive notification of how to access the two-part assessors' exam. PDA must be sure that you understand the rules and regulations of each of the program's components. You will be theory tested on these for each level of the program. The exam is about the whole program, not you as an individual. On successful completion of part one (pass rate 85 percent), you will undertake part two which consists

of 30 video clips of dogs and their guardians undertaking their assessments. You will be required to grade these film clips as 'achieved', 'almost there' or 'not yet able.' This will be an online, open book test. You are required to gain an 80 percent pass rate in part two of your exam to qualify as an assessor.

Watch the video clips carefully and be sure to apply all of the rules on the assessment marker as well as the general rules for assessments. For example, if someone holds food in their cue hand and then reinforces from that hand, can that exercise be considered 'achieved'? The answer is no, because the general rule is that exercises must not be lured. Another example: if a dog successfully completes an exercise and the guardian bridges the exercise and then asks the dog to sit before reinforcing, can that be considered 'achieved'? The answer is, it depends on whether or not one of the marking criteria is to bridge and reinforce appropriately. These are the small things that need attention in your test.

If the online quiz is not successfully completed, the candidate can take it one more time after 48 hours with no additional penalty or fee. If the quiz is not successfully completed a second time, the candidate may take it a third time after seven days and paying a fee of US\$15.

How to use the assessment markers

Achieved: This means that the dog and guardian satisfactorily completed everything required of them and have successfully passed the assessment. All exercises of the level must be 'Achieved' for the candidate to pass

Not Yet Able: This means that one or more of the criteria in this column have been observed by the Assessor. For example "Puppy snatched reinforcer". Something that is marked 'Not Yet Able' means that the dog and guardian cannot pass this exercise nor can they pass the Level.

Almost There: This means that the dog and/or guardian did not fully satisfy the requirements for 'Achieved', nor did they perform badly enough to be marked 'Not Yet Able'. This category is as an encourager. Imagine yourself saying, "So close, you are almost there!" So much easier to say than, "Sorry, you failed".

Score: The Score box is there for your added convenience. It is not compulsory to use it. However, if you want to tally things quickly, you can put, for example, in the Achieved column 3/4 which means you know straight away that the client did not pass the exercise and as such cannot pass the test.

Pet guardian assessment submission form

This form gives details of your client's PDA numbers, the level they have undertaken and their success or otherwise in undertaking assessment. This is an online form found in your Knowledge Center.

Health Check Form - Your Responsibilities

Candidates must present you with their Health Check Form before they can be assessed. They should have completed the top half of the form, giving details of themselves, their dog and the name and contact details of their veterinarian. They must also show you the documentation for their dog's current vaccination status. As an Assessor, it is your responsibility to ensure that you view the current vaccination/titre test results of the dog you are assessing. This documentation must show that the dog is currently immunised against the diseases most common in your area. You must also inspect the dog to ensure he is well groomed and appears to be in good health. You may ask about current worming treatment and/or flea treatments for the dog and the grooming routine for the dog. If all is satisfactory, you must sign the Health Check Form and keep with your records for each dog you assess.

Candidates must present you with their dog's Health Check form and accompanying paperwork for each level they attempt. Information must be current at all times

Proof of certification

Upon successful completion of the exam you will be assigned an assessor membership number that will appear on your certificate. You will receive your certificate by email and an electronic assessor badge that can be used on your website.

Your online assessor's account

On successful completion of your application, the testing process and payment of your assessor fee, the PDA administrator will open an account on your behalf. It will be your responsibility to notify the PDA administrator of the results of your candidates' assessments by completing and submitting the Candidate Assessment Form in the Assessors' Knowledge Center. The PDA administrator is available to provide updated information to qualified assessors and you may contact them via email: info@petdogambassador.com

Maintaining your assessor certification

- You will need to update your certification every two years by undertaking a short test based on updated rulings and performance standards.
- You will need to provide proof of continued service in the industry (teaching group classes, individual consultations, seminars, workshops, etc.) via the Training Log document found in the Assessors Knowledge Center. A minimum 60 hours per year is required.
- PPG yearly membership must be maintained at all times while maintaining assessor status.
- You must also show evidence of obtaining 20 Continuing Education (CE) points during the two years of holding your assessor's certification. You may enter your CE Points in the Assessors' Knowledge Center. CE points must consist of the following:
 - At least two PPG webinars (live, recorded, or free).
 - Attendance at approved seminars, workshops and educational meetings.
 - Where applicable in your country of residence, liability insurance for the training services you provide may need to be provided within 20 hours of a request by PPG for proof.

Organizing student assessments

You should schedule the assessment in consultation with your students. Depending on availability of both assessor and student and the level being assessed, the assessment could be held during normal class times at the usual class venue, at a separate suitable location, or at a special weekend event.

Long-distance assessment/Junior Assessment

You have the option of accepting long distance assessments by video submission. You may also choose whether or not you wish to assess junior candidates. You must indicate on your Assessor's Application Form whether you will accept video submissions and junior candidates. If you do not complete this part of the form, it will automatically be assumed that you will accept both. You do not need to feel obliged to assess video submissions or junior candidates – this is your choice. The PDA committee discourages video submission but there may be times when it is necessary.

Setting up the venue

- a) Make sure the assessment location is well prepared and available. Ensure everything runs as smoothly as possible by having every tool you need for the assessment in place or immediately at hand. Candidates will lose confidence if you are floundering for equipment, assessment markers, etc. Ensure any trash is removed and eliminate any potential distractions to the dog and guardian.
- b) On the day of the assessment, place all needed resources in a convenient location ready for use.
- c) The behaviors tested at each level are designed to flow smoothly. Ensure stations are set up in advance to aid the smooth running of the assessment.
- d) Before the assessment begins, look at the placement of each station so that it works best both for the exercise and the testing venue.

Conducting the assessments

Evaluate each dog on his own merits. Do not be swayed by one dog executing the exercise perfectly whilst another may be a little less precise. As long as the assessment criteria have been met, the dog will pass the assessment. There are no first places for perfection. Be guided by this thought – the dog did or did not fulfil the assessment criteria. If he did, then he passes. If he did not, then the assessment marker will be marked ‘almost there’ or ‘not yet able.’

The entire assessment of any able-bodied candidate must be completed within 30 minutes. The recommended time allocation is:

- Check in: five minutes.
- Assessment markers: 20 minutes.
- Conclusion: five minutes.
- Times for real life scenarios may vary due to circumstance.

Assessment process tips

- a) Structure your check in process to allow time for nerves to settle. Candidates should not feel hurried before beginning their assessment.
- b) Ensure all assessment guidelines (and any approved modifications) are followed to avoid the assessment being deemed invalid.

- c) Special Needs clients can be allocated an additional time allowance in accordance with their needs.
- d) Make sure you are familiar with the assessment venue and that it is large enough to accommodate the exercises being carried out.
- e) In a classroom venue, make sure there is sufficient space for both guardian and dog to move freely without high-level distraction.
- f) Make sure the guardian knows where the dog can eliminate. No penalty will be incurred if dogs eliminate during assessment, provided the guardian takes appropriate action as per the policy of the training centre or local regulations.
- g) Make every effort to ensure that the guardian feels at ease before assessment begins. Please ensure you are:
 - ✓ Punctual and run to schedule.
 - ✓ Organized and efficient.
 - ✓ Respectful for the feelings of others.
 - ✓ Patient.
 - ✓ An active listener.
 - ✓ Friendly and relaxed.
 - ✓ Smiling and making an effort to help the guardian feel relaxed and confident
 - ✓ Polite and courteous – avoid any air of discrimination.

Before the commencement of the assessment, you should ensure that the guardian is aware of:

- ✓ The assessment level that is being undertaken.
- ✓ What is expected of them and their dog at the nominated level.
- ✓ How the assessment will progress.
- ✓ Give the option of a five-minute warm-up time to candidates. During this time, also show the candidate the area where their dog can eliminate.

Before each exercise, you should:

- ✓ Clearly explain what the exercise involves.
- ✓ Let the guardian know when the exercise is about to start and also when the exercise has finished.
- ✓ Assess the exercises in the sequence shown for the level because it has been designed to help the exercises flow. Exceptions to this would be considered under reasonable adjustment.
- ✓ The assessment is completed when all the exercises have been carried out in the sequence and in agreement with the rules for a level.
- ✓ At the completion of each assessment event please complete and submit the Assessment Submission Form found in the Assessors' Knowledge Center. Upon receipt of this form PDA will email the certificate to the candidate. The necessary level changes will also be completed on the PDA website for the pet guardians.

Remuneration for services as an assessor

As an assessor, you are entitled to charge for your time in assessing dogs for PDA, either as individual clients or in groups at third party facilities. It is your decision whether you charge guardians who are already your clients and have been trained by you.

PPG has a strong desire to ensure that the PDA program is affordable for all dogs and their guardians. To that end, PDA has put recommendations in place for how groups of dogs being assessed should be charged. It is recommended that assessors charge these fees as far as is possible/feasible.

Group assessments

If, as an assessor, you are called in by an instructor or another assessor to assess other dogs, you also have the right to charge for your time. We do recognize that if you are called to assess dogs in a group situation at another facility, you may need to charge a minimum hourly fee to be able to cover your overhead.

Pricing range

In a group situation, the recommended range of pricing is from US\$8 - \$16 per dog. If assessing a group class, there are to be no more than eight dogs in the class and it is recommended that the lower charge be made. When it comes to the extensive work to be undertaken for Level 5, then the US\$15 charge is considered justified. These fees do not include any travel fees you may incur or negotiate to charge to a third party organization if you are visiting their facility.

It will be left to the discretion of the assessor as to the charges made for each dog, but the charge limits should be adhered to as far as is possible/reasonable to do so. The charges will be reviewed biannually to ensure fair remuneration to the assessor.

Medallions and certificates

As an assessor it is your responsibility to ensure that the assessment submission form is completed so that dog guardians receive their electronic certificates. You are also responsible for making sure that the relevant medallions are available for guardians to purchase after they successfully complete a level.

The PDA medallions can be purchased at cost from your PPG contact and then sold or given to your clients as they achieve them. PPG will wholesale the medallions to you at cost plus postage. If you charge clients for their medallions, it is recommended that medallions are not marked up more than 15 percent.

Private assessments

If you are conducting one-on-one assessments for private clients, then PPG recommends that you charge your normal hourly rate. We understand that most professionals are not able to charge in increments of 15 minutes due to the displacement of other business and professional overheads.

PDA assessment venues – classroom or ‘on the street’

PDA assessments may be conducted either indoors or outdoors. Wherever possible, if an assessment calls for an ‘on the street’ exercise, then this should be undertaken as per this guide. However, should weather or other conditions dictate that real-life scenarios cannot be undertaken, it is the responsibility of the assessor to ensure that the scenario set up is as close to reality as possible.

Requirements for testing:

- The testing area should be free of potential hazards.

- The area chosen for each level of the assessment should be large enough to allow the dog and student space to comfortably move through each exercise and allow for the required distance of test items, such as the recall test.
- The minimum recommended size of the test area is 25 metres x 10 metres (82 feet x 33 feet).
- There should also be testing space available for test items performed outside the test area, such as exercises involving the use of a car.

Assessment assistants

For each assessment, you should have at least one assistant.

An assistant must meet the legal age of accountability in your country of residence.

If the assistant knows the dog being assessed, the assistant should not be the 'unfamiliar person' referred to in an exercise. The assessor needs to find another person who also meets the legal age of accountability in your country of residence.

You should instruct assistants as to their duties during an assessment. This may include such things as:

- Serving as unfamiliar person.
- Arranging and positioning objects for test items.
- Tracking time during timed test items.
- Providing distractions.
- General rules of reinforcement.

The PDA program wishes to ensure that all assessments are as true to life as possible. To that end PDA does not dictate when guardians can reinforce dogs. That said, dogs cannot be lured to perform any exercise. If guardians deem it appropriate to reinforce their dogs after each exercise, then it is permissible within the rules.

When you are assessing another instructor's clients, ask the instructor what guidelines they have given to their students about reinforcement. This will make sure that you are familiar with the instructions for reinforcement that the clients are working under when you assess them.

Reasonable adjustment for disability or special needs

A candidate may ask the instructor or assessor to modify an assessment to account for a disability or special need. If the modification is made, it must closely align with the original assessment but still meet the needs of the candidate. The candidate must complete all the exercises within the level.

The assessor must complete an Assessment Modification Record Form and keep it with the assessment markers for future reference.

Examples of modifications may include such things as:

- Change of dog handler under exceptional circumstance.
- The new handler can only be the person shown on the Candidate Registration Form as a second handler at the time of registration. The candidate must show the assessor their registration letter as proof of the registered second handler.
- Assistance for a wheelchair guardian when loading a car.
- Allowance for elderly guardians.
- Amendments to distances detailed in the guide due to limited movement of dog or guardian.
- Other modifications at the discretion of the assessor.

Junior candidates

A junior candidate is one who has not yet met the age of legal accountability in your country of residence. You must ensure that you have received the Parental Permission Form completed by parent or guardian before you assess a junior candidate.

As an assessor you have the freedom to choose whether or not you will assess junior candidates. The age of the junior candidates is also at your discretion. When you register to be an assessor, you will be required to list whether you will accept junior candidates and if so, from what age.

Conflict of interest

A conflict of interest may occur when there may be only one assessor in a regional area and a family member or close friend may want their dog assessed. To assess in these circumstances could be seen as a conflict of interest.

If an alternative assessor cannot be organised, then an independent observer, agreed to by the assessor and the candidate, should be asked to observe the entire assessment process for dog and guardian and be able to vouch for the honest assessment of the dog and guardian.

Assessors who are also instructors may assess candidates from their classes. However, a person unknown to the dog is required for test items in which an unknown person is specified.

Right of appeal

There may occasionally be times when a candidate may not agree with the assessment results.

If, at the end of the assessment, a candidate does not concur with your findings, it is hoped that you will have engendered an environment that will allow the candidate to speak to you about it. As an assessor you should be able to justify your assessment results within the rules of the assessment.

If a candidate fails to pass any elements of an exercise, it is advisable that the assessor informs the candidate at the end of the exercise that they have been unsuccessful in the particular exercise. This allows for immediate feedback, offering the candidate the opportunity to discuss the result.

On receiving a fail on one exercise, the candidate will be asked if they wish to continue. It is incumbent upon the assessor to continue to assess the candidate. However, should the candidate fail three exercises within the same level the assessment will be terminated. Candidates may, having first discussed their results with the assessor, lodge a right of appeal should they be dissatisfied with the final outcome of any discussions.

The assessor will be given the right to address that appeal should it be necessary. The Assessment Appeal Form is available for completion on the Candidate Knowledge Center.

Repeating assessments

If candidates are unsuccessful in their assessment attempt, they are required to wait a minimum of 30 days before applying to take it again. This will give them time to practice those things that were not successful previously. The exception to this is in Levels One and Two (entry levels) where assessments can be undertaken completely in class. Assessment can take place over the course of the lessons included in your program.

Championship scenarios

Each scenario must contain all the compulsory exercises and two of the optional exercises of the assessor's choosing. To allow assessors further autonomy, the championship scenarios can be created to meet local requirements.

Compulsory exercises are:

- a) Car manners.
- b) Entrance manners.
- c) Loose leash walking (minimum 100 meters/109 yards).
- d) Leave it (must be human food).
- e) Settle.
- f) Recall from distraction.
- g) Being alone.
- h) Social interaction (dog with people, dog with dogs).

Optional exercises are:

- a) Wait to be fed.
- b) Handling.
- c) Back up.
- d) Give/take.
- e) Sit for polite greeting/four on the floor.
- f) Emergency stop.
- g) Example scenarios

The following scenarios are placed here as an example of the type of real life scenario that could be assessed.

Café Scene

- Cafe Scene (the actual cafe scene can be set up in a training area but must represent real life street scene with passers-by, etc.).
- Begin in an area away from the cafe. The dog is recalled away from a group of dogs and people.
- When the guardian returns, commence off leash walking. This needs to be done in a legitimate off leash area.

- When approaching the street, the dog will sit to have the leash attached.
- Walking continues, stopping at street crossings.
- The dog may stop to sniff but must come away when asked by guardian.
- The dog must demonstrate the ability to walk calmly on a loose leash through a busy street.
- As the team walks past the cafe table, food is dropped from the table and the dog will ignore the food or leave it when asked.
- The team sits at the sidewalk cafe, joined by another dog and guardian for 'coffee.'
- The dog is asked to drop/lie down beside his guardian and should be relaxed while the guardians chat.
- At least two dogs and their guardians walk by the table during this part of the exercise.
- The dog is offered food from a passer-by and is asked by the guardian to leave it.
- A person stops and asks to pet the dog. The guardian may say yes or no.
- If yes, the dog must:
 - Not jump up.
 - Accept petting (chest and shoulders only).
- Before leaving the cafe the guardian asks the assessors assistant to hold the leash while they disappear into the shop to pay for the coffee.
- The dog should tolerate this short departure (one minute).
- After a short stroll down the road to an off leash area the dog and guardian walk together to the car.
- The dog is called to the car and enters the car on request.

Beach Scene

- Arrive at the beach. The dog should be harnessed securely within the car or otherwise suitably restrained. The dog should wait patiently while car door is opened and the leash is attached.
- The dog is released from the car.
- While the guardian is getting equipment organized (waste bags, treats etc.), the dog is to follow guardian on a loose leash.
- An unfamiliar person and dog are to walk past.
- The dog being tested should remain with the guardian and not show more than a passing interest in the dog and person going by.
- The dog is to walk on a loose leash to the start of the designated off leash area.
- The guardian is to ask the dog to sit, drop/lie down or stand and then to stay. The guardian may move on ahead of the dog or wait for 30 seconds before releasing the dog to play on the beach. The dog is to maintain the stay position irrespective of the distractions.
- During the walk along the beach, the guardian is to call the dog to him/her three separate times from at least two separate distractions. These may include:
 - While playing with another dog or on their way to another dog to play.
 - On the way to another dog to play.
 - From something the dog has found on the beach to investigate (e.g. driftwood, trash, dead fish, etc.).
- Each time the dog is recalled he is to come on the first or second call, allow his collar to be taken and should be put back onto the leash for a short time (approximately 10 seconds).
- The dog should then be asked to sit, drop/lie down or stand before being released again to the beach.
- The dog must leave anything he is requested to leave while at the beach.
- While saying hello to an adult or child, the dog must remain seated or 'four on the floor' for a polite greeting.

- If the dog toilets on the beach, the guardian is to call the dog to him/her and put the dog in a sit, drop/lie down or stand stay while the feces are collected. The dog is to be released only after collection is made. If dog does not toilet, the guardian is to pretend to pick up feces to demonstrate this component.
- Once during the walk, the guardian is to call the dog to him/her and have the dog walk beside him/her, off leash, for a distance of 30 meters (100 feet).
- The guardian is then to release dog to go play again.
- Before leaving the beach, the guardian is to call the dog to him/her and once again put the dog on leash. The dog is to walk on a loose leash from the beach to the car.
- The dog is to enter the car when requested.
- The dog is to be harnessed and/or secured into the car.

Resources

Appendix 1 Approved Website Text

The Pet Dog Ambassador Program

Pet Dog Ambassador (PDA) is a program for dog guardians to test their knowledge, skills and ability to manage their canine companion(s) in real life settings. Its aim is to acknowledge the hard work and commitment that guardians and their dogs undertake to make their shared lives enjoyable and recognizes these efforts from a puppy's very early training. The program aims to encourage dog guardians to continue training and developing new skills, abilities and knowledge.

Candidates

All dog guardians who have reached the legal age of accountability in their country of residence (usually 18 or 21 years) are encouraged to become actively involved in the PDA Program. The program is suitable for all, including guardians and/or dogs with a disability or special needs.

Junior Candidates

Junior candidates are those who have not yet reached the age of legal accountability. Junior candidates may, with written permission from a parent or guardian, enter the PDA program with a dog considered suitable by a PDA instructor or assessor. The assessor has the choice of whether or not to assess junior candidates. The assessor can also stipulate from what age they will assess junior candidates.

Canine Candidates

These are dogs of any breed or mixed breed aged from four months. Dogs with special needs can also be assessed with exercises being adapted if necessary. It is mandatory that dogs have a veterinary health check before taking part in the assessment.

Tangible Evidence of Success

As well as the pride in the hard work that they do, successful dog and guardian teams are awarded certificates and medals at every level.



How to Become Involved

For further details about PDA go to the website

<http://www.petdogambassador.com>

Or email us on info@petdogambassador.com to find out how you can become involved in this wonderfully rewarding program for you and your dog.

Contact details for trainer/assessor/instructor:

Name:

Email:

Phone:

