

ADVANCED ANIMAL TRAINING

Certificate of completion

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Completed the course "Advanced Animal Training" hosted by ILLIS ABC

Students learn about animal's learning processes, all the intricacies of classical conditioning (ex blocking, overshadowing, respondent extinction, pre-exposure, learned irrelevance and latent inhibition), the effects of predictability and control on learning, behaviour and wellbeing, start button behaviours and mands. There's a whole module on motivation and relationships, and one on negative reinforcement and why we need to understand it even if we strive to be force-free in our approach to training. One module is about shaping up shaping, and another on schedules of reinforcement (ex continuous, intermittent, differential reinforcement, extinction schedules, limited holds, matching law, behavioural momentum, the Premack principle and induction). There is one module about Behaviour Analysis, and one about the processes we as trainers adopt when training. The course is very dense — an encyclopedia of relevant concepts for the advanced animal trainer.

Course length: approximately 17 hours

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