



MAP-015 ADT APPLICATION

ASSISTANCE DOG TRAINING

This Application Form is to be completed by applicants for the ELISTA Education Assistance Dog Training Course.

PLEASE COMPLETE **SECTIONS A, B, E** (all applicants) and **C or D** TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY
The information provided will be treated confidentially as per data protection regulation. ELISTA Education does not share data with third parties. Information supplied is used to ensure suitable course application (as per structure and quality assurance), if we have any concerns or queries we will contact you by telephone. Please ensure all details are correct.

SECTION A

Personal Details

Name

Address **Home#**

Work#

Mobile#

Email

D of B **Nationality**

PPS

(optional, used purely as a reference number)

Previous Education and Training

Leaving Certificate <small>(or equivalent)</small>	SUBJECTS	GRADES

Year of Leaving Certificate (or equivalent)

Other Education & Training	YEAR	LEVEL	DETAILS

Current Employment/Training (if applicable)

Name of Employer/ Company

Job Title

Hours worked per week

40+

30-40

30-20

20 or less

Work with Animals

Have you ever worked or volunteered with Animals?

Yes

No

If yes, where?

From (dates)

to

Brief Details of Job(s)

Your Animal(s)

Details of your animal(s)

SPECIE	AGE	ANY SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES/DETAILS

Have you attended any relevant classes, events, activities or seminars?

Yes

No

If yes, when and where?

DATE	WHERE	DETAILS

SECTION B

Your Interest in ELISTA Education

Please use the space below to explain why you wish to participate in the ELISTA Education Assistance Dog Training.

SECTION C

As the Assistance Dog Training Course is a Progression Course offered by ELISTA Education, it is an entry requirement that applicants have completed the ELISTA Education Canine Behaviour & Training Course or equivalent.

If you have completed the ELISTA Education Canine Behaviour & Training Course please move straight to sections D and E , otherwise continue with section C. In this section you are requested to detail and evidence, where possible, studies carried out or experience gained which replicate that delivered by ELISTA Education in the Canine Behaviour & Training Course.

Please complete the form honestly, we do not expect new applicants to have exact replicates of ELISTA Education courses. **We are passionate about the potentials that ELISTA Education courses offer for our learners and we will do all that we can to help genuine applicants.**

This application does not guarantee offer of place on the Assistance Dog Training course. Interview may be necessary for first time applicants, and a one day bridging course is mandatory.

Please enclose copies of evidence, such a certificates, course descriptors/syllabus, references, personal assessment material where possible.

Canine Behaviour & Training Course Content	Details of studies or experience in this area. Books read/seminars may be included (please enter NIL if none covered to date)	Evidence (Please reference to enclosed copies)
Biology of Behaviour; What is behaviour?		
Affects on behaviour; inheritance, disease, medication, diet, learning (nature vs nurture)		
Explanations for behaviour; example-work of Tinbergen		
Instinct and Innate Behaviours		
Modalities of Communication		
Meanings of communication		
Anthropomorphism and emotionality in dogs		
Voluntary and Involuntary behaviours		

Stages of Socialisation and physical maturation		
Puppy development; responses to stimuli vital for survival (biotonus), development of senses, social development		
Maternal and Paternal Behaviour		
Juvenile Behaviour; play (signs for, functions of and learning experience)		
Juvenile Development; physical and behavioural, social development and critical and sensitive periods		
Behavioural Changes in older dogs		
Associative Learning; Classical conditioning (history, use in training and learning)		
Operant Conditioning; reinforcement (types and examples)		
One trail learning		

Chaining and Shaping (theory and practical)		
Primary and Secondary Reinforcement.		
Reinforcement Schedules		
Counter-Conditioning		
Desensitisation		
Insight		
Habituation		
Reasons for training		
Use of senses in training		

House/Toilet Training		
Training Basic Cues (Sit, Stand, Down, Recall, Leave, walk to heel)		
Training using visual cues		
Training using verbal cues		
Clicker Training		
Specialised Training; basic understanding (agility, sheepdogs, sniffer dogs, guide dogs...)		
Training Equipment		
Training modification		
Problem solving in training		

Separation Anxiety; causes, reducing and treating		
'Aggression'; types, terms, useful and non- useful labels, objective observations		
Social structures in canids (wild, semi-wild and domestic		
Predatory related behaviour		
Natural Selection		
Dog Related Irish Legislation		
Lifting, Handling and Restraint		
Application of cues for common canine procedures		
Give effective practical training advice; whilst recognising own professional limits		

Please move to section E

SECTION D

For Applicants who have completed an ELISTA Education Canine Behaviour & Training Course.

Where did you attend the Canine Behaviour & Training Course?

Between the date of and

Delivery Method (Home Study/Saturdays/Evening)

Overall Grade Achieved (if known)

SECTION E

Declaration (please tick boxes to confirm)

- I confirm that the details given above are true and correct.
- I understand that the total course fee is €500 and is to be paid in full by the end of October 2015 unless an alternative payment plan is arranged.
- I have read the ELISTA Education Terms & Conditions Refund Policy (available on www.elistaeducation.com)
- I understand there is very limited availability on progression courses, with a maximum of twelve participants at any one time
- I respect the participant selection process and understand the panel and Operations Director's decision to be final
- I understand I can re-apply in future years
- I am willing to attend a one day bridging course for a further fee of €50

Signed.....Date.....

Please complete the full application, sign and return to:

ELISTA Education,
c/o Alison Bush, Operations Director,
Graigue,
Spink, Abbeyleix,
Co. Laois

If you wish to be notified for receipt of application, please include a stamped self addressed postcard.

Applications close 31st July 2015

Important dates:

- Applicants will be notified as to whether they are being invited for interview or not as soon after the 31st July 2015 as possible.
- Interviews will be held on Saturday 29th August (day) and evenings of the week commencing Monday 31st August near Portlaoise.
- One Day bridging course Saturday 12th September with home study material available from Monday 14th September 2015.
- Provisional weekends for this course are:
17th -18th October 2015,
19th -20th March 2016 and
25th or 26th June 2016 (course completion)