



# *Mutts in Smart Homes Always* from The Misha May Foundation

*Learn about, with and for the animals.*

## Apprentice Dog Trainer Description for Understanding Dogs

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It is our mission to offer quality education to the community to benefit dogs and their people. Our goal is to end the need for shelters through relevant education and community involvement. Instructor: Lorraine May, M.A.

**Level One** consists of attending three – 6 week sessions in which the apprentices will be required to assist the instructor, including but not limited to, set-up and take-down, paperwork, recruiting students and venues, teaching, taking notes, handling dogs, and publicizing.

During this segment, the apprentice will gradually become involved in every aspect of the training / behavior class while learning behavior science concepts, holistic approaches, and positive reinforcement techniques. The apprentice will focus on evaluating behavior, designing individualized exercises, and addressing a variety of behavior problems. The apprentice will have the opportunity to coach humans, handle dogs and deliver presentations.

In addition to the class, there will be reading or additional assignments of no more than one hour per week.

A weekly preparation meeting will be scheduled before or after class for one half hour. Two- two hour educational meetings will be scheduled around the third week and after the sixth week.

**Level Two** consists of teaching two - 6 week sessions as part of a team of apprentices. The first session will be under the direct supervision of Lorraine May. In the second session, the apprentices will be more independent with less direct supervision.

The Level Two experience is designed to afford the opportunity to apply and fine tune what has been learned.

**Level Three** requires the apprentice to teach three – 6 week sessions. In each, the apprentice will assume full responsibility for the class, and will assist in finding a venue, recruiting students, and making the classes happen.

The fees from these classes will be paid directly to Misha May and will benefit the Foundation's programs.

The Level Three experience will prepare the apprentice to create or enhance an entrepreneurial business, to be hired by a training business, or to assist organizations such as rescues or shelters.

Satisfactory completion of Levels One, Two and Three earns the apprentice Certification as a Misha May Foundation Understanding Dogs Instructor, with all of the rights and responsibilities declared in the agreement, and the eligibility to apply for a compensated position.

**The Tuition Structure** offers three choices:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Payment in full. \$1000 is due one week prior to the first week of class, as long as open positions remain.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Two-part payment \$1200. \$600 is due one week before the first class begins, and again on the last night of the first 6 week session.
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Three-part payment \$1500. \$500 is due one week before the first class begins, again on the last night of the first 6 week session, and again on the last night of the second 6 week session.

**To Request an Application**, or for more information, please email [mishamayfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:mishamayfoundation@gmail.com).

**To Secure an Apprentice Position**, The Misha May Foundation must approve your completed application, accompanied by payment.