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Private Trainer Criteria (2020)

Initial application

1. Applicant must be familiar with the workings and requirements of the Canine Good Citizen Programme
2. Applicant must be a current financial member of Dogs New Zealand.
3. Applicant will have been involved in at least one assessment as participant, assistant or organiser.
4. Applicant must have instructed dog training classes at club level for at least 5 years or as a professional trainer for at least 200 hours.
5. Applicant must have trained at least one dog to CGC Foundation or similar equivalent.
6. Applicant must be recommended by two people who have been involved in the CGC programme. If the applicant does not know anyone involved with CGC then they could arrange for the two people to observe the applicant running a training class, and have an in depth verbal discussion on dog training methods. If the referees were satisfied that the applicant understood the concept and values of CGC they would then endorse the application
7. Applicant should have familiarity with training theory and dog behaviour. It is recommended the applicant have a relevant dog training qualification to meet this requirement.
8. It is recommended that the applicant can identify an ongoing or past relationship with a Dogs New Zealand member club.

Ongoing Requirements

1. That the applicant must remain a financial member of Dogs New Zealand
2. Ongoing status for CGC training providers may be subject to review every 5 years.
3. Should a complaint be received regarding the CGC training offered by an individual or company (whether a professional trainer or not) the complaint will be investigated by the CGC committee. Possible outcomes should the complaint be upheld may include
 - a) training/support for organisation or individual
 - b) removal of CGC status as training provider

