



What is APDT?

The Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) Australia is dedicated to enhancing the relationship between people and dogs, through education.

We provide cutting edge information and a forum for discussion and exchange of ideas on all aspects of pet dog training and behaviour.

Our Mission

To enhance the human-dog relationship by educating trainers, other animal professionals and the public and advocating dog-friendly training.

Our Vision

All dogs are effectively trained through dog-friendly techniques and therefore are lifelong companions in a relationship based on mutual trust and respect.

Who Can Join?

Membership of APDT Australia is open to anyone with an interest in dog training and behaviour.

From family pet dog owner to professional dog trainer, veterinarian, vet technician, groomer, breeder, shelter worker, dog club volunteer, dog sport enthusiast - all who work and live with pet dogs are invited to join the Association.

Why Join APDT?

A bi-monthly newsletter

Our newsletter is a valuable resource for members. It contains up-to-date information, with articles by trainers and specialists the world over, book reviews, regular columns, and news of upcoming events. Past issues have featured articles by our conference speakers and many others including Suzanne Clothier, James O'Heare, Karen Overall, Karen Pryor and local experts such as Kersti Seksel and Joanne Righetti.

Annual conference

Our annual conference features international and local speakers who are at the forefront of expertise and technology. Speakers have included world-renowned experts and authors such as Ian Dunbar, Jean Donaldson, Patricia McConnell, Suzanne Hetts and Sue Sternberg.

Workshops

In addition to the annual conference we hold regular workshops. Recent topics have ranged from Exotic Animal Training to Physiotherapy for Canines.

Sharing resources via our library

Our library of books, videos, CDs and DVDs includes hundreds of titles. We extend the collection regularly through purchases and donations. Members are encouraged to borrow.

Email discussion list

A members-only Internet discussion list offers participants the opportunity to ask advice and share thoughts and experiences with other trainers in a supportive environment.

Trainers directory

Full members of the Association who wish to advertise training services can choose to be listed in the directory on our web site. They can also apply to use the Association logo in their publicity material.

Our Members Say

"The APDT conferences have been of enormous benefit to me, building my knowledge, and have put me on my current path in life."

"The seminars, international speakers and newsletters are invaluable, as are the books and videos in the library."

"APDT has allowed me to feel I am part of a like-minded community with a wealth of information that I can access. I do not feel so isolated as I know I can ask for help."

Joining APDT

To join APDT Australia download an application form from our web site www.apdt.com.au or write to the secretary to request an application form.

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