



Dangerous Dogs Awareness Training



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Course Background

This one-day dog awareness course is designed to provide and assist individuals who encounter dogs as part of their daily work routine, with the necessary knowledge and skills to keep themselves safe.

With the ever-increasing number of dog attacks occurring within the domestic and workplace environment, this course has been developed to reduce the chances of injury from a dog attack and to provide information to enhance confidence when encountering dogs.

The course will contain a mixture of classroom presentations and practical scenario-based learning exercises.

Trainer

Walter Pennell served as a police officer for thirty years with South Wales Police. During his career, he served 22 years as a Police Dog handler. Walter completed the Association of Chief Police Officers accreditation in dog training for the following specialist areas, working with general purpose dogs (German Shepherds), specialised conflict management dogs working with Tactical Firearms teams, specialist drugs, cash, firearms residue, explosive detection and fire investigation search dogs.

Walter retired from South Wales Police in October 2021 and was re-employed by as a civilian member of staff by South Wales Police to continue his role as a Dog Legislation Officer, until his retirement in August 2022.

Walter has given press interviews in relation to the Dangerous Dogs Act and has appeared on television and radio stations in relation to these matters.

Learning Objectives

- Dangerous Dogs Act and associated acts and health and safety workplace regulations.
- Understanding dog behaviour and predicting potential reactions
 - instincts, temperament, communication through body language, posture, facial expressions, vocalisations.
- Identifying common stress triggers, physical signals of stress.
- Actions to take when confronted by an aggressive dog.
- How to prevent injury when encountering a dog
 - de-escalation techniques, maintaining distance, seeking help.
- Actions to take if bitten by a dog.
- Identifying banned dogs and safety around these dogs.
- Current safety equipment available and its use.
- Questions and answer session to reinforce the training day.