



National Dog Trainers Federation

Information Booklet '2010'

Australia's National Body representing
Dog Trainers from All Fields

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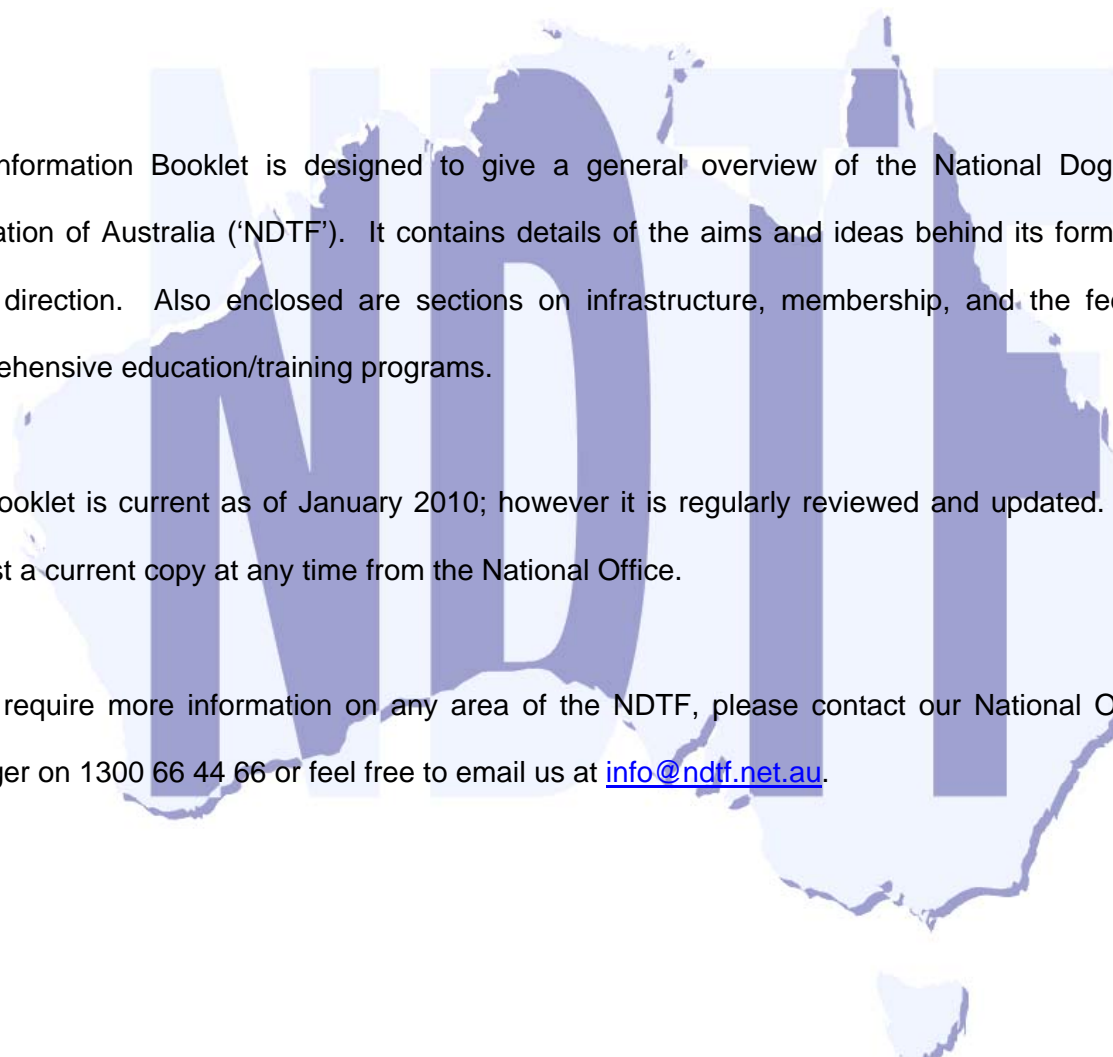


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WELCOME



This Information Booklet is designed to give a general overview of the National Dog Trainers Federation of Australia ('NDTF'). It contains details of the aims and ideas behind its formation and future direction. Also enclosed are sections on infrastructure, membership, and the federation's comprehensive education/training programs.

This booklet is current as of January 2010; however it is regularly reviewed and updated. You can request a current copy at any time from the National Office.

If you require more information on any area of the NDTF, please contact our National Operations Manager on 1300 66 44 66 or feel free to email us at info@ndtf.net.au.

ABOUT THE NDTF

The National Dog Trainers Federation ('NDTF') was established in 1993 as a representative and educational organisation for the dog training industry.

The Federation is the National representative body in Australia for dog trainers from all fields. The Federation represents individuals, organisations, agencies and businesses involved in the training of dogs for all purposes. Its members include enthusiasts, professional trainers, personnel from Government agencies (Police, Quarantine, etc.) and businesses involved with the training of dogs. It has for many years provided a range of educational/training programs for the dog training Industry. It currently runs the 21574VIC Certificate III in Dog Behaviour and Training, Australia's only Government Accredited, Nationally recognised dog trainer qualification. In addition, it provides a range of specialist training programs, conducts Seminars and Conferences.

The NDTF aims to provide a channel of communication for all dog trainers, resulting in ongoing education and mutual support.

The Federation acts as an adviser to Government, (State, Federal and Local) industry and the private sector. Its members include personnel from various Government agencies/organisations including State and Federal Police, AQIS (Quarantine), etc.

Membership to the Federation has a wide range of benefits including formal recognition and accreditation to both the public and your peers in your area/s of expertise. Members also enjoy discounts at Seminars, Conferences, and a range of other benefits.

The Federation encourages trainers to work together to promote higher levels of professionalism, integrity and communication. The NDTF promotes and provides ongoing learning in the many specialist fields of dog training.

AIMS OF THE FEDERATION

To elevate the public perception of dog training and dog trainers.

To gain recognition for the knowledge and skills required in our field.

To actively support the prevention of cruelty to animals and animal welfare.

To campaign for the elimination of incompetent, ineffective and dishonest practices.

To exchange and provide information and education on more effective training methodology and techniques.

To educate dog owners and to encourage and promote responsible dog ownership.

To facilitate dog trainers to improve the standard of their services through further education and training.

Recognised certification and accreditation for both organisations and individuals within the canine industry.

To provide a network of communication between dog trainers, the public and other relevant bodies.

To provide access to expertise in the dog training industry that is second to none.

To advise and lobby the Government on the needs and expectations of our members and the industry.

CODE OF ETHICS

Members of the National Dog Trainers Federation agree to abide by the following Code of Ethics and any Member who breaches the Code may be subject to disciplinary action by the Federation:

- Members shall ensure that all dogs under their care are properly housed, fed, watered, exercised and receive all necessary Veterinary care.
- Members shall refrain from and where possible prevent any acts of cruelty or mistreatment to dogs. They will also protect dogs from undue physical and psychological stress.
- Members shall practice dog training to the best of their ability and within the limits of their expertise.
- Members shall continue to improve their knowledge and understanding of dog behaviour, training and care.
- Members shall, when selling or re-homing a dog, inform the purchaser of any and all ailments and provide information on the care, feeding and other requirements of the animal.
- Members shall ensure that any dog sold or leased by them is in a state of good health and that they do not knowingly falsely advertise or mislead any person regarding the performance of the dog.
- Members shall deal honestly and fairly with the public and other members of the industry and avoid misrepresentation of their services, qualifications or experience.
- Members shall provide conscientious care for the dogs entrusted to them and place the welfare of the animal above all other business considerations.
- Members shall be responsible when placing values on their services and consider the time, skill, experience and any special circumstances involved in the performance of that service when determining any fee.
- Members shall avoid slander or defamation of their competitors and actions or business practices which may result in dishonor upon their competitors or of the dog training industry in general.

As the NDTF is a member of the Pet Industry Association of Australia (PIAA), members are also bound by the PIAA Code of Ethics. Copies can be obtained by request from the NDTF or on the PIAA website www.piaa.net.au.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The infrastructure of the NDTF is divided into two (2) categories; Administration and the Board of Consultants.

All enquiries and/or issues are first directed to Administration. The issue is then passed on to the relevant Consultants for analysis and recommendations. The Board report their findings back to Administration who then take the appropriate course of action.

Administration

The Administrative department of the Federation is a non-decision making entity. It is responsible for the ongoing administration, memberships, co-ordination of educational programs and acts as a link between the Board of Consultants, members, the public, animal welfare groups and Government agencies.

Board of Consultants

The Board of Consultants is the decision making entity of the Federation. The Consultants are chosen from NDTF members, agencies, organisations and the private sector that have significant experience in the selected fields.

The Federation also uses relevant specialists that advise and consult when required.

Pet Industry Association of Australia

As a member of the Pet Industry Association of Australia (PIAA) the Federation consults to, and gains advice from, PIAA on a variety of issues.



NDTF BOARD OF CONSULTANTS

Assistance Dogs

- Mr Steve Austin
- Miss Sharna Bamsey
- Mr Jim Mulholland

Boarding Kennels

- Mr Steve Austin
- Mrs Vicki Austin
- Mr Bob Biggs
- Mr Boyd Hooper
- Mr Gary Jackson
- Mr Rod Maruff

Breeding/Genetics

- Ms Adrienne Harrowfield BSc (Hons) Genetics
- Mr Kris Kotsopoulos
- Ms Dianne Stewart

Canine Behaviour

- Mr Claude Bertoni
- Mr Glenn Cooke
- Mrs Kelly Gulliver
- Dr Stewart Hilliard PhD (US Dept. Defence)
- Mr Boyd Hooper
- Mrs Julija Kinghorn
- Mr Brian Vasey

Canine Law Enforcement Training

- Mr Trevor Berryman (Victoria Police)
- Mr Mark Cross
- Mr Greg Hearne (Dept. Corrections)
- Dr Stewart Hilliard PhD (US Dept. Defence)
- Mr Boyd Hooper
- Mr Gary Jackson
- Mr Kris Kotsopoulos
- Mr Scott Westlake (Dept. Corrections)

Detection/Search Dogs

- Mr Steve Austin
- Mr Lance Collins
- Mr Mark Cross
- Mr Boyd Hooper
- Mr Gary Jackson
- Mr Rod Maruff
- Mr Jeff Smith

Dog Sport

- Mr Michael Burns
- Mr Luc Cendac
- Mr Lance Collins
- Mr Kris Kotsopoulos
- Mr John McDonald

Expert Witness

- Mr Steve Austin
- Mr Glenn Cooke
- Mr Greg Hearne
- Mr Boyd Hooper
- Mr Gary Jackson
- Mr Scott Westlake

Gun/Hunting Dogs

- Mr William Allen
- Mr Steve Austin
- Mr Ian Ramsdell

Herding Dogs

- Mr David Wylie

Law/Legal Issues

- Mr Trevor Berryman (Victoria Police)
- Mr Craig Bosewell (Federal Police)
- Mr Sean Carroll (Victoria Police)
- Mr Warren Davis
- Mr Jim Mulholland (Victoria Police)
- Mr Scott Newell
- Mr Marc Preston BA LLB

Obedience

- Mr Steve Austin
- Mrs Vicki Austin
- Ms Sharna Bamsey
- Mr Claude Bertoni
- Mr Lance Collins
- Mr Glenn Cooke
- Mr Boyd Hooper
- Mr Rod Maruff
- Mr Brian Vasey

Veterinary

- Dr Bob Cavey BVM&S
- Dr Medcalf BVM&S – Artificial Insemination
- Dr Meredith McDonald BVM&S

EDUCATION & TRAINING

One of the main roles of the Federation is education within the industry. This includes both entry level and ongoing programs.

The core education program that is offered is the 21574VIC Certificate III in Dog Behaviour and Training, Australia's only Government Accredited, National Recognised Certification Course.

As well as providing educational programs for dog trainers, the Federation also provides training for agencies such as Law Enforcement, Government departments, By-Laws Officers, Veterinary staff, etc.

Other Programs Offered

The Federation also offers a range of seminars, courses and training programs in a diverse range of canine related areas. These include, but are not limited, to:

- Assistance Dogs
- Demonstration, TV & Film Work
- Breeding & Whelping of Dogs
- Health Care & Basic Veterinary
- Control & Handling of Aggressive Dogs
- Search & Rescue
- Scent Detection
- Tracking & Man Trailing
- Security/Law Enforcement

Instructors/Trainers

The training programs and courses use instructors/lecturers primarily from the membership and Board of Consultants.

All of the instructional staff utilised by the National Dog Trainers Federation have extensive experience and expertise in their specialist fields. They include Internationally experienced trainers of Police and Service dogs, Australia's leading authorities on canine behaviour, Veterinary Surgeons, breeders and highly qualified professional trainers.

Further Details

For more details of education and training programs available through the NDTF please contact our National office on 1300 66 44 66.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Formal recognition and certification for suitably experienced and/or qualified dog trainers.

A National voice on relevant issues, such as discussions and submissions on the amendments to Acts and Regulations proposed by the Government.

Being part of a network that keeps you in touch with experts in every category of the dog industry.

Discounted prices to Conferences, Seminars and workshops by National and International specialists.

Assistance in sourcing and accessing information or expertise that you may require.

An enhanced level of professionalism through accredited industry recognition.

Members receive the NDTF Newsletter that will keep you updated on National canine events, seminars and workshops.

Access to articles and interviews by National and International experts.

Organisation/Business members will be able to utilize the accreditation and NDTF logo on stationary and promotional material.

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

Individual Membership

For individuals involved/working within the dog training industry. Individuals will need to provide relevant evidence as to their education/experience in the professional training of dogs.

Those individuals may include:

- A person employed by an organisation conducting dog training;
- A person sub-contracting to an organisation conducting dog training;
- A volunteer working as a dog trainer for an organisation conducting dog training;
- A person who handles or train dogs as part of their profession, e.g. Quarantine, Customs, Police, etc.

Individual members are not permitted to use the NDTF logo for their own promotional purposes.

Individual membership includes the following:

- NDTF Membership Card;
- NDTF Newsletters and Magazines;
- Discounts on Conferences, Seminars, Education conducted by the NDTF.

Organisation/Business Membership

For organisations involved in the training of dogs.

Organisation/Business memberships are normally issued in the name of the organisation or entity.

Organisation/Business membership entitles the owner/manager or nominated representative to individual membership in one category based on their relevant qualifications and/or experience. Certification in other areas of training requires additional application and documentation to support experience.

Employees of the organisation do not receive individual membership as a result of their employer's membership. They must make a separate application and provide appropriate documentation.

Approved Organisation/Business members are able to use the NDTF logo on their business stationary and promotional material under strict guidelines. Please refer to '*Guidelines for Use of NDTF Logo*' for more details.

Organisation/Business membership includes the following:

- NDTF Membership Card;
- NDTF Newsletters and Magazines;
- Discounts on Conferences, Seminars, Educational opportunities conducted by the NDTF;
- Organisation Discounts for Merchandise;
- Listing in the NDTF Training Directory;
- Use of NDTF Logo on Marketing Material;
- Member Profile together with 'Link' to Organisation Website.

How to Join

For further details and membership application please contact our National Office on 1300 66 44 66, or visit our website www.ndtf.net.au.



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2010 Membership Application/Renewal

PERSONAL/CONTACT DETAILS

TITLE (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)	SURNAME	GIVEN NAMES
ORGANISATION/BUSINESS NAME (if applicable)		
POSTAL ADDRESS (if different from residential address)	SUBURB	POSTCODE
TELEPHONE (HOME) [OPTIONAL]	TELEPHONE (MOBILE)	TELEPHONE (BUSINESS)
EMAIL		

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP APPLIED FOR

(see reverse for details of rates)

Individual

For individuals involved/working within the dog training industry. Individuals will need to provide relevant evidence as to their education/experience in the training of dogs.

Organisation/Business

For any organisation involved with the training of dogs for any purpose. This category will allow the use of the NDTF logo on certain advertising material under strict specifications directed by the NDTF.

CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

(see reverse for definition of categories & rates)

The NDTF offer a diverse range of membership categories (refer over for further details). Your membership includes one category of your choice, relevant to your experience/qualifications. Any number of additional categories can be applied for, and will be listed on your membership certificate. Application for membership for all categories require supporting evidence as to your education and/or experience in that field. For further details please refer to your NDTF Information/Member Booklet.

DECLARATION

I/We wish to apply for membership of the National Dog Trainers Federation. If accepted I/we agree to represent the NDTF in an ethical and reputable manner. I/We will strive to improve the standard of professionalism and training within the industry and reinforce the level of integrity that all dog trainers practice.

I/We further agree to be bound by the National Dog Trainers Federation Code of Ethics, and clearly understand that to breach the Code may lead to disciplinary action and/or cancellation of membership.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

[please tick appropriate box(s) you wish to apply for membership]
 (one category included in all memberships. Refer to Membership Fee Structure for rate of additional categories)

- Assistance Dog Trainer**
Trainer of dogs for sight/hearing impaired or disabled persons, etc.
- Canine Behaviour Consultant (Behaviourist)**
Consultant on abnormal/problem behaviours and how to deal with them
- Disaster Search & Rescue Dog Trainer**
Trainer of dogs to search, rescue or recover humans from disaster environments, e.g. earthquakes, landslides, collapsed building, etc.
- Dog Sport (Schutzhund) Trainer**
Trainer of dogs for dog sport (Schutzhund)
- Dog Wrangler (Movie & TV)**
Trainer of dogs for the film and/or television industry
- Herding Dog Trainer**
Trainer of dogs for herding livestock
- Hunting/Gun Dog Trainer**
Trainer of dogs for hunting and/or retrieving game
- Law Enforcement Dog Handler**
Handler of Law Enforcement dogs, e.g. Police Dog Squad, Military, Corrective Services, etc.
- Law Enforcement Dog Trainer**
Trainer of Law Enforcement dogs, e.g. Police Dog Squad, Military, Corrective Services, etc.
- Obedience Dog Trainer**
Trainer of dogs for obedience/control work, etc.
- Scent Detection Dog Handler**
Handler of dogs for substance detection, e.g. Customs, Quarantine, Explosives.
- Scent Detection Dog Trainer**
Trainer of dogs for substance detection, e.g. narcotics, explosives, animal products, etc.
- Security Dog Handler**
Handler of dogs for the security industry
- Security Dog Trainer**
Trainer of dogs for the security industry and/or personal protection
- Tracking Dog Trainer**
Trainer of dogs for tracking or man trailing
- Wilderness Search & Rescue Dog Trainer**
Trainer of dogs to search for lost persons in the wilderness environment
- Other** (please specify)

More detailed information on what is required for certification in the above areas is available on request.

The Federation will consider applications for membership in categories other than those listed above.

If you feel your area of expertise is not represented please contact the National Operations Manager.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

(please tick selection)

Joining Fee \$ 30.00
 (once only fee for all new members)

Type of Membership

Individual \$ 66.00
 (includes one membership category)

Organisation/Business \$140.00
 (includes one membership category)

Membership Categories


Additional Categories \$ 25.00
 (Please add for each additional category)


** Students joining within three (3) months of completion of the 21574VIC Certificate III in Dog Behaviour and Training (official course end date) will be exempt from joining fee.*

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED **\$**

*All fees inclusive of GST

PAYMENT OPTIONS

 **Cheque or Money Order**
 Should be made payable to National Dog Trainers Federation

 **Credit Card Payment** (no surcharge applicable)
 Credit cards accepted:



Credit Card Number

Cardholder

Expiry Date

/ /

Total Payable

\$

Cardholder Signature

Date

/ /

Tax Invoice & Receipt Required

Yes No

All payments should be mailed together with completed application to:

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Organisation/Business Member Information

(please return this information along with your Membership Application/Renewal)

As part of our ongoing effort to promote all accredited members of the National Dog Trainers Federation we require the following information so that we can accurately assist your organisation.

ORGANISATION/BUSINESS DETAILS

FULL ORGANISATION/BUSINESS NAME		
ORGANISATION/BUSINESS ADDRESS (must be stated)	SUBURB	POSTCODE
POSTAL ADDRESS (if different from business address)	SUBURB	POSTCODE
TELEPHONE (BUSINESS)	TELEPHONE (MOBILE) [if applicable]	FACSIMILE (BUSINESS)
EMAIL		
WEBSITE		

NATURE OF ORGANISATION/BUSINESS

PLEASE TICK APPROPRIATE BOXES WHICH BEST DESCRIBE/ARE MOST RELEVANT TO YOUR ORGANISATION

<input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> Scent Detection
<input type="checkbox"/> Obedience Training (Domestic)	<input type="checkbox"/> Obedience Training (Competitive)
<input type="checkbox"/> Behaviour Problem Solving	<input type="checkbox"/> Herding
<input type="checkbox"/> Gun Dogs/Retrieving	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF OUTLINE/PROFILE DETAILING WHAT ACTIVITIES YOUR ORGANISATION IS INVOLVED IN

Part of the Federations effort to support our members includes a listing of all organisation/business members on the NDTF's website. We will also provide a link to your organisations website (on request). If you wish to be included in this list we require you to provide a link from your website back to the Federations.

For further information please contact our office on 1300 66 44 66.

I would like my organisation/business details to be shown/linked to the NDTF website

PLEASE LIST DETAILS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DISPLAYED ON OUR WEBSITE (e.g. contact telephone number/s and/or location, website, email, etc.. We also ask that you provide your organisation logo should you wish this to be included along with your details)

I do not wish my organisation/business details to be shown/linked to the NDTF website

I declare that the above information is true and correct. I understand that providing incorrect or misleading information may involve the cancellation of my membership. In addition, cancellation of my membership will involve withdrawal of approval for use of the NDTF logo from all correspondence, literature, registers and the NDTF website.

SIGNATURE

DATE

NAME (print clearly)

POSITION WITHIN ORGANISATION

OFFICE USE ONLY