

Lesson 32: Dog Trainer

Hi! How are you today?

Today's lesson is about "***Dog Trainer.***"

Have fun learning English!

Warm-up | Useful Expressions

Directions: Listen and repeat.

- **obedient** - willing to obey (do what someone tells you to do)
- **guide dog** - a dog trained to guide a blind person
- **police dog** - a dog that is trained to find or attack suspected criminals
- **detect** - to discover or notice something, especially something that is not easy to see, hear, etc.
- **faithful** - staying with or supporting a particular person, organization, or belief
- **bark** - when a dog barks, it makes a short loud sound
- **feed** - to give food to a person or an animal
- **fetch** - to go to where someone or something is and bring them/it back

Activity 1 | Dialogue

Directions: Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Luke is talking with Steve about his friend, who is a dog trainer.

Luke: My friend has an interesting job. He is a dog trainer.

Steve: That sounds kind of interesting.

Luke: Isn't it? He trains dogs to be **obedient**. He trains **guide dogs**, and also **police dogs** to **detect** drugs, guns or criminals, as well as to protect people.

Steve: Wow, that's cool! What else does he do?

Luke: He trains dogs to be **faithful** to their owners, too.

Steve: I should have my dog trained by him. My dog sometimes does not listen to me. For example, it doesn't stop **barking** until I **feed** it. Or it sometimes ignores my order to **fetch** the ball I throw.

Luke: Maybe the dog doesn't admit that you are the owner. *(chuckle)*

Steve: I'm afraid so. Is it okay if you ask him to train my dog?

Luke: Sure thing! I will contact him next Sunday.

Steve: Thanks, I appreciate it!

Luke: It's my pleasure.

Check your understanding: Answer the following questions.

1. What does Luke's friend do for a living? What does the job involve?
2. Why did Steve complain about his dog?
3. What will Luke do for Steve next Sunday?

Activity 2 | Explanation

Directions: Explain about the nature of the jobs working with animals below.

Jobs working with animals

- Breeder
- Veterinarian (animal doctor)
- Zoo staff
- Groomer
- Horse trainer
- Pet-shop clerk
- Dolphin trainer
- Aquarium staff
- Hunter

Activity 3 | Free Conversation

Directions: Take turns with your teacher in answering the questions

1. Do you like animals?
2. If you were given a chance, would you like to be a dog trainer? Why or why not?
3. Which one do you think is more difficult, being a doctor or a veterinarian?
4. Do you think people can communicate with animals in some ways?
5. Do you respect people who are working with animals? Why or why not?
6. What do you think is required to work with animals?