

Programme Overview



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Introduction to Dog Behaviour and Welfare

This one-day workshop introduces key areas in dog welfare and behaviour within a rescue environment. Made up of classroom presentations, facilitated conversations, practical exercises and real-life demonstrations, this interactive day will equip you with creative and cost-effective ideas you can take back and implement in your own rescue.

If you would like to attend this programme please email academy@battersea.org.uk or register your interest here: battersea.org.uk/register-your-interest-battersea-academy

What will be covered:

- Safety around dogs and how to recognise different body language signals
- How to recognise and manage stress and complex behaviours
- Handling skills and techniques
- How to train rehoming behaviours

By the end of this programme you will be able to:

Describe how to interact with a dog positively, and demonstrate where different body language signals rank on the ladder of aggression

Recognise what the stressors to dogs in your kennel environment are and what enrichment you can do to reduce this stress

Discuss the complicated behaviours you might see in your rescue and identify ways of being able to manage these

Explain what motivates a dog, what resources you can use to encourage dogs to learn, and the importance of keeping dogs below their threshold when carrying out training.