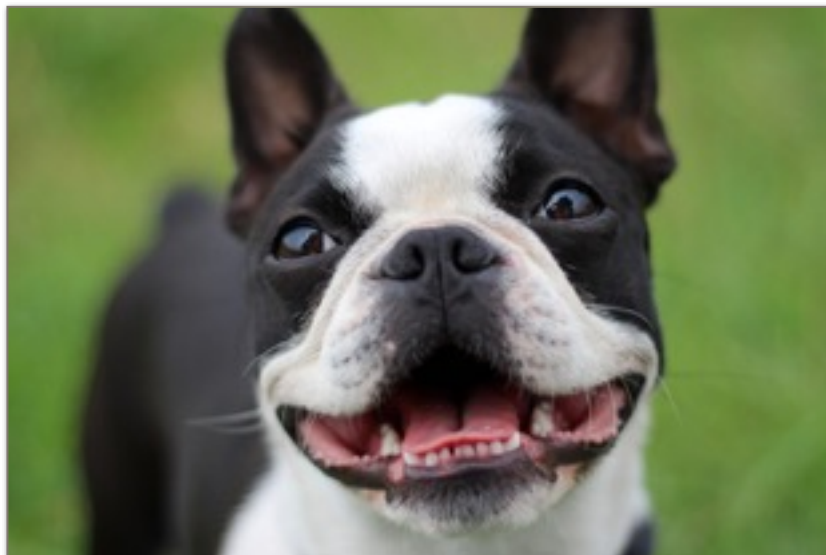


HOW TO TRAIN IN..... Canine Bowen Therapy



We're often asked for advice on what training and qualifications are required to become a Canine Bowen Therapist (in the UK). This page has been compiled to answer some of the most common questions.

If you have any further queries please email info@taranet.co.uk and we will try to help, or please contact the organisations mentioned.

Are qualifications needed?

Strictly speaking no. However, there are professional training courses in Canine Bowen Therapy that can be taken which lead to recognised qualifications.

Remember - It is an offence for any person, other than the owner of the animal, to treat an animal unless the permission of the vet in charge of the case or to whom the animal would be referred is sought and obtained. A Veterinary Surgeon is extremely unlikely to refer any customers to you unless you are qualified and insured.

What qualifications can I get & how do I get them?

The European Guild of Canine Bowen Therapists (EGCBT) offer a diploma course in Canine Bowen Technique, the full diploma consists of four modules that must be completed.

Currently, there are two training options available for Canine Bowen Technique (CBT):

1. Self Interest - Consisting of only Module 1 of the full Diploma course, this option provides instruction in the basic level of Canine Bowen Technique and maybe used by dog owners who wish to use some CBT solely for use on their own dog. Alternatively, those people who'd like to find out more before committing themselves to the full Diploma course may also take Module 1.
2. Full Diploma course - The EGCBT full Diploma course consists of four modules, and is designed for those with experience of handling dogs.

Module 1 is as for the self-interest option, and then to complete the full course you must also take modules 2-4. These latter modules provide students with the second level of Canine Bowen Technique procedures, and also include basic Canine Anatomy & Physiology teaching, how to work with vets and within the Law, how to conduct client consultations, and more on the observation, assessment and treating of unfamiliar dogs.

Between modules, students are required to undertake case studies so as to practice and develop their technique, and have the opportunity to discuss any problems with the course tutors. Students are also required to complete four written assignments.

Entry Requirements

- Successful completion of Bowen Technique training (for humans);
 - Able to demonstrate satisfactory experience and confidence of dealing with dogs;
 - Although not essential, ideally students should bring their own dog to work with during the hands-on parts of the course, (as helps if there is a bond of trust between dog and student);
- Provision of adequate liability insurance.

NB: Veterinary Surgeons and qualified Veterinary Nurses (on the RCVS list) do not have to complete the full human Bowen course in order to receive the EGCBT Diploma, but are required to have completed the Introductory level of the Bowen Technique on humans prior to starting the Canine Bowen Technique course.

What benefit is there in training as a human Bowen Therapist - I want to work with dogs?

1. Practitioners must have an excellent understanding of the Bowen Technique;
2. To equal the high professional standards mandated by other complementary therapies, (e.g. chiropractors, physiotherapists, etc);
3. To gain professional respectability, recognition and credibility within the veterinary, canine and complementary worlds;
4. To gain professional insurance cover to work with animals on veterinary consent;
5. Once qualified in human Bowen Therapy, practitioners are entitled to enrol with the Bowen Therapists European Register.

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