



VICTORIA STILWELL ACADEMY

FOR DOG TRAINING & BEHAVIOR

Fundamentals of Dog Training & Behavior Course

Overview

The Victoria Stilwell Academy's [Fundamentals of Dog Training & Behavior Course](#) is a dynamic online course that provides a strong foundational understanding of how dogs think, feel and learn to both dog owners as well as aspiring professional dog trainers.



Designed and taught by Victoria and the world-class VSA faculty, this 10-hour video-based learning experience combines the power of Victoria's passion for positive dog training with VSA's state-of-the-art adult learning principles and e-learning platform to provide the transformative, engaging inspiration needed to make you a better trainer for your own dog. It also sets the stage perfectly for further learning if you decide you're ready to work with dogs for a living.

Fundamentals Course learning modules include:

- **Introduction to Positive Training**
This module includes an orientation to VSA's Student Learning Center and then digs straight into the building blocks of dog training. Led by Victoria herself, this module sets the stage for a powerful learning experience through rich, 100% instructor-led HD video lessons.
- **Understanding Your Dog**
Beginning with an exploration of the canine senses, brain and cognition, this module then shifts to the 'Learning to Speak Dog' chapter where you'll learn how dogs communicate and ways to more clearly 'read' your dog. Finally you make the final preparations for active training in the 'Keys to Successful Training' chapter during which you'll hear from Victoria on one of her favorite dog training topics: the power of choice.
- **Training Your Dog**
This is where the rubber meets the road and you begin applying everything you've learned to make positive changes in your dog's behavior. By focusing on a clear and user-friendly path to training success, you'll be guided to the finish line where you'll be prepared to tackle challenging behaviors and provide the most enriching experience for your dogs moving forward.

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