

Nika's Pet Training & Boarding Kennels

*Training & Certification for PET Dog Owners,
Handlers and Training Providers.*



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About Our Training Academy

Our training academy was developed by a Dog Handler & Trainer who has worked both for the Government and private sector in various disciplines at the highest levels both delivering training and overlooking & consulting various organisations. The scheme evolved from having such a great involvement from inside the canine industry this was only natural to formulate a more modern and comprehensive set of certificates for the modern dynamic dog owner and trainer.

Our Pet Training Academy offers a number of various courses from beginner puppy programmes to adult dog classes, certification or even if you're a dog owner looking to learn and stimulate your canine friend, we cover everything.

Courses & Certification

Owner Handler Training:

- a. *Puppy Classes 8-week Programme – Social / Basic control / lead walking / Health Care*
- b. *Nika's Pet Code: Bronze / Silver / Gold – 6 weeks block booking*
- c. *One 2 One Training with our trainers*
- d. *Group Training Classes*
- e. *Behaviour Modification*
- f. *Human & Dog Aggressiveness*
- g. *Home Visits*

Specialists Training

- a. *First aid*
- b. *Reward System / Marking behaviour*
- c. *Fitness Certification - 5km / 10km – Bike or run Timed*
- d. *Scent work / Introduction (2-day courses available)*
- e. *Kennel Assistant / Hand (2 / 5-day course)*
- f. *Obedience*
- g. *Tracker Dog work / Introduction (2-day courses available)*
- h. *Illegal Breed Identification*
- i. *Dog Warrant handler training*

Advanced / Working Dog Training & Certification (Wolfstan Kennels Ltd)

This is aimed at those with working dog breeds that would like to take their canine handling and training skills to the next level. All courses below will be provided by Wolfstan Kennels Limited at their own training facility and are aimed at professionals that operate a canine in a working capacity. All the courses we offer are met by up-to-date standards and are in line with UK & EU policy standards and regulations. Below are just a few examples of their compendium.

Please visit www.wolfstankennels.com to view more course and details.

- a. *Train the Trainer programme (Level 1 / 2 / 3)*
- b. *Kennel Hand & Management*
- c. *Decoy Helper Program*
- d. *Patrol Dog Certification (Wolfstan & BIPDT Certification)*
- e. *Police Dog Certification*
- f. *Canine Tracker Dog program*
- g. *Search Dog (Narcotics / explosives / Cash / Tobacco)*

Working Dog Certifications under (Wolfstan Kennels Ltd)

NIKAS Pet Code of Conduct

Nika's National Pet Code

There are various levels of certification that must be completed in sequence that are made up of the following criteria.

- 1) Law & Good Ownership (Exam)
- 2) Health care & Management (Feeding / Grooming / Housing)
- 3) Basic Practical Control

Documents needed for Assessment:

- Vet Vaccination Record
- Worming Records
- Microchip Number / Ownership proof
- Suitable Correctly fitted equipment - (including carrying poo bags)
- Proof of any other basic dog equipment

All Levels of certification

Law & Good Ownership (Exam)

- a. The examiner will ask questions that will apply to all dogs' owners. These may include: National Code, local byelaws, the 5 freedoms, general dog wellbeing, travelling.

Health Care & Management – Examination & Grooming

- a. The aim of this module is to teach the owner or handler of the dog to bathe, groom, and maintain their canine in excellent condition. Regular grooming and examination of your dog will help to build the bond and respect with your dog.
- b. Recognise early signs that your dog is unwell. NOT SELF TREATMENT. Seek Veterinary advice as early as possible. Regular checks before & after long walks to check the dog's overall condition and help reduce any further injury and to help identify early health disorders. Paying attention to the overall physical state of the canine.

This is a practical test, demonstrating that you as the owner are capable of grooming and the dog will welcome grooming and examined showing no undue rest to its owner or examiner.

The examiner will consider the overall condition of the dog, being cleaned groomed, the examiner has the right to check any aspect if they wish to do so.

Practical control

- a. This national code standard is to demonstrate that the handler / owner can control their dog in while undergoing various practical situations.
- b. To assess the dog's response the owner and the dog is under control and not a nuisance to others.
- c. In all exercises uncontrolled jumping-up, lack of response and the use of food will be a failure. Handlers can use commands, encouragement, signals, and minimal use of the lead.

Bronze / Silver Certificates

The exam will be done by the handler / owner and they will have to satisfy the examiner that they are able to handle, groom, keep, and examine their dog. The exam will start as soon as you arrive to the premises.

Gold Certs

The practical may take place in two separate locations, The examiner will go over the dog in the same manner a breed judge

	Bronze Level	Silver Level	Gold Level
Basics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Getting dog out of and into a car Going through a doorway Control while meeting people, friendly stranger Reaction to another dog Controlled walking on lead Recall & control from free play situation on lead. Change of position- from sit to down Owner understands the dogs value for reward. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1, 2, 3, 4 exercises same as bronze 5. Understands basic reward system. 6. Knows 'Heel' Command to left side off lead without luring. 7. recall and control from free play situation plus distractions 8. controlled walking off lead with handler. Plus, changes of pace plus approach by examiner to pet dog whilst dog is in the sit (on lead) 9. Sit / down / heel 10. Recall to heel 11. Ball Game – Fetch Brings ball back to you and outs. 12. Livestock stable 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 exercises same as silver 6. controlled walking alongside handler off lead. Plus, changes of pace plus approach by the examiner to pet the dog in the sit position plus walking around various distractions (people with and without dogs) 7. change of position (off lead)- sit, down, stand, heel 8. 2-minute stay plus distractions 9. recall to heel, plus distractions 10. stop/drop on command 11. Environmentally Sound / stable with other dogs & People. 12. Dog & Handler Fully understand the reward system taught.
Health & Welfare	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Coat and skin Head- eyes, nose, ears Feet & nails- front and rear Rear end- under tail area 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Coat and skin Head- eyes, nose, ears, mouth, teeth Feet and nails- front and rear pads, fur/ skin between pads Rear end- under tail area Tummy area Genitals 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Coat and skin Head- eyes, nose, ears, mouth, teeth Feet and nails- front and rear pads, fur/ skin between pads Rear end- under tail area Tummy area Genitals Examination by a stranger. The owner/ handler will have to show they are able to clean, check and be able to handle their dog as if to give some medication
Law	<p>* same for each level</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> This section is to make sure that owners are aware of various aspects that affect all dog owners National laws and local byelaws The country code General dog owners code of ethics 		

Membership & Applications

Registrations

Each training provider and dog owner will have to apply and register with us and will be issued a unique membership number upon successful application.

Registration fee:

Dog Owner Costing £12.00

Training / Club Provider Application Fee: £150.00

For training you can approve your own in-house trainer through our certification pathway or you can hire / work alongside one of our internal trainers for a negotiation fee.

Registration can be done Online Via our online registration form:

www.nikaspettrainingregistrationform.co.uk

Dog Owners will receive:

Membership Number

Training booklet

Record of assessment Booklet

Online training records available soon.

Training Organisations / Providers will receive

Site Visit quoted for separately

Facility Assessment

Information Pack

Vetting upon organisation and individual

Training material upon completion of training course or equivalent

Examination Guide

Scoring sheet

Application portal / sheets

Listed on our approved members list upon successful application

Useful Links:

General Dog Owner: https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/media/636540/21336_canine_code_web.pdf

<https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/media/21566/qcdscaninecode.pdf>

KC Trainers - <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/media/1159354/kcai-code-of-practice.pdf>

<https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/media/21630/qcdsresandcare.pdf>

Kennel Club Guide lines: [https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/training/good-citizen-dog-training-scheme/information-for-dog-owners/qcds-award-](https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/training/good-citizen-dog-training-scheme/information-for-dog-owners/qcds-award-descriptions/#:~:text=The%20Bronze%20Award%20aims%20to,behave%20in%20a%20controlled%20manner.&text=Owners%20must%20show%20that%20they,collar%2Fdisc%20to%20take%20part.)

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KC Good Ownership & Code of ethics

Kennel Club Code of Ethics

All breeders who register their puppies, and new owners who register ownership of their dogs with the Kennel Club, accept the jurisdiction of the Kennel Club and undertake to abide by its general Code of Ethics.

Breeders/Owners:

- *Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.*
- *Will agree without reservation that any veterinary surgeon who performs an operation on any of their dogs which alters the natural conformation of the animal, or who carries out a caesarean section on a bitch, may report such operations to the Kennel Club.*
- *Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes.*
- *Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.*
- *Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.*
- *Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.*
- *Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.*
- *Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.*
- *Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.*
- *Will only sell dogs where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and will help with the re-homing of a dog if the initial circumstances change.*
- *Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.*
- *Will ensure that all relevant Kennel Club documents are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring a dog, and will agree, in writing, to forward any relevant documents at the earliest opportunity, if not immediately available.*
- *Will not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow dogs to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind. Will not sell by sale or auction Kennel Club registration certificates as standalone items (not accompanying a dog).*
- *Will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise dogs nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of a dog.*

Breach of these provisions may result in expulsion from club membership, and/or disciplinary action by the Kennel Club and/or reporting to the relevant authorities for legal action, as appropriate.

REF: <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/media/21566/gcdscaninecode.pdf>

Nikas Code of Good Practice

The aim of this code is not to be a competition but to encourage dog owners to train their dogs and understand the basics of dog handling, while reading their own dog and the environment around. Aswell as local laws and respect for other members of the public and other dog walkers at the same time.

The tests are designed to test both dog and owner and where possible will be done in a live environment as practically as possible.

Our program is available to all breeds, levels, and ages, although theirs normally an initial assessment needed before you enrol on group classes.

Assessment Preparation

Dogs Owner/Handler will provide the following details to the Club or Organisation.

- Up to date vaccination Records
- Current Worming records
- Microchip Number (possible scan the dog)
- Name Tag
- Have Suitable & Properly fitted equipment, including Collars, leads, harnesses, poo bags, ecta and know how to use them.
- Basic Grooming Equipment.

Points that could be mention by examiner:

- Is this a breed you chose?
- Is she / He safe with strangers?
- Any other prior training?
- Have you owned since a puppy?

There are various levels and types of certificate that you can train you dog in that we offer. However, for this scheme Bronze, Silver and Gold is made up of 3 parts.

Basic Practical Control & Obedience

Knowledge and understanding of your Dog, Grooming

Examination – Law, Basic Health & Care.

The Assessment

There is a straight PASS or NOT READY

For the Dog team to be successfully, each exercise must be completed and scored as a pass to then carry onto the next exercises by the examiner. The assessor can assess some of these exercises before test day. The Use of food is not permitted after bronze level.

Basic Practical Assessment Understanding Covering all levels

Nika's Basic Pet Practice Is to encourage the owner to have a better level of control over their dogs when their out in public places and under distraction.

This requires the owner to maintain the dog under control at all times while out in public spaces, and not to be a hinderance to other people or dogs, and also the environment.

Across all exercises the dog lunging, barking, and lack of response from owner and the dog will be a failure.

Owners / Handlers can use Vocal or hand commands, encouragement, lead if permitted.

Examination & Grooming

The practical test will show the examiner that the handler can groom the dog correctly, and carry out basic examination all over the dog without any stress or resentment shown to their handler.

- The aim of this section is to teach the owner how to Groom, clean, maintain their dog in good condition. Regular handling examination can help to know your dog, as well as aid the bonding and relationship process.
- Recognizing signs that the dog maybe unwell. If a vet is required before things get worse.
- The main reason for Checking the dogs physical state and health of the dogs is so we can prevent any health issues or disease spread, and prevent any further issues and cost to the owner.

Before attempting to give or use any medication please consult a Veterinary consultant beforehand and always use recommended dosage.

The examiner will look at the overall condition of the dog including its coat ensuring its clean and well groomed.

The examiner can check any aspect they wish if asked including weight.

Bronze: The Examiner will over watch the handler, groom and carry out a basic examination of the dog showing no signs of stress, aggression, and no resentment to their handler.

Silver: The Examiner will over watch the handler, groom and carry out a basic examination of the dog showing no signs of stress, aggression, and no resentment to their handler.

Gold: The Handler will carry out the same as Bronze & Silver plus the examiner will go over the dog in a Breed Judge manner.

Law & Good Ownership

The examiner will ask questions on the dog's health, ownership, laws, and local country code, and five freedoms.

This also includes the dogs Paper work and details being all up to date and in order.