CANINE TRAINER PATHWAY

From dog lover to professional trainer.



- 15+ Years in Phuket
- Global Accreditation
- Max 6 Students / Intake

OVERVIEW

If you've ever wanted to become a qualified dog trainer, now's your chance. The Canine Trainer Pathway blends **theory and hands-on training** to give you the knowledge, skills and confidence to understand how dogs learn and how to train them. From canine learning principles to real-world techniques with real owners, this course takes you from dog lover to **professional trainer**.

01 TO 26 MAR 2027

Just six places each intake.

Applications close 31 Jan 2027

APPLY NOW

REQUEST AN INFO PACK

Course operated by OFFLEAD Co Ltd · Delivered at Canine Point Academy, Phuket.

THE CPA DIFFERENCE

Why Canine Point Academy?

This is an intensive, hands-on course. You'll work with real dogs and real owners to get the most out of the opportunity. And to cap it off, graduates walk away with an internationally recognised, accredited qualification.

3,000+	15+	Global	Max 6
DOGS TRAINED	YEARS IN PHUKET	ACCREDITATION	STUDENTS / INTAKE

Purpose-Built Phuket Campus

Dedicated training grounds set within an extensive canine resort, with onsite rooms for all the dogs.

Real-World Environments

Off-site sessions, so your skills transfer to real-world applications.

Globally Recognised Certificate

Accredited by Highfield International, respected far beyond Thailand.

Small Classes — Max 6 Students

Genuine mentorship and hands-on time with dogs, every single day.

Accommodation Included

A serviced apartment at HOMA Cherng Talay with rooftop pool and gym, plus daily transfers to the academy.

Real Clients, Live Classes

Observe evaluations, coach private lessons and help run live group classes.

FROM OUR 2026 GRADUATES

> *An in-depth practical and theoretical experience. It has equipped me with the knowledge and confidence to start a brand new career. The facilities and the trainer were outstanding. Would highly recommend!*
>
> **Emma Mulligan · 2026 graduate**

> *You won't find a better dog trainer experience in Thailand.*
>
> **Wasawat 'James' Tangadunrat · 2026 graduate**

COURSE CONTENT

Course Structure

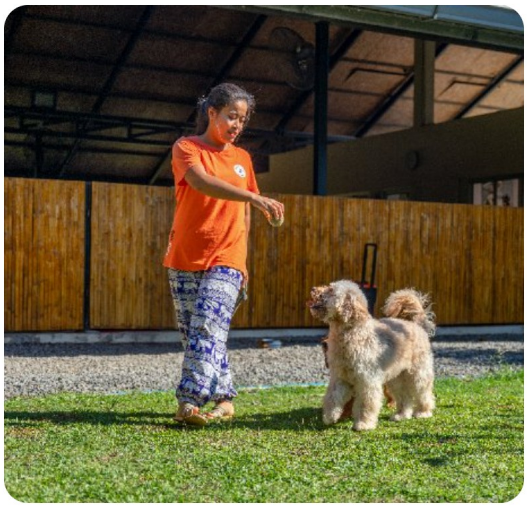
A four-week, hands-on course that combines practical training and theory, equipping future trainers with the skills, knowledge and confidence to train dogs and coach their owners.

4
WEEKS

4
MODULES

160
TRAINING HOURS

Phuket
ON-SITE, THAILAND



01 — 25 hrs

Learning Theory & K9 Psychology

Where every great trainer starts: understanding how dogs actually learn. You'll trace training from its roots to modern marker methods, get to grips with conditioning, reinforcement and motivation, and discover how breed and drive shape the dog in front of you.

02 — 45 hrs

Canine Behaviour & Modification

Why dogs do what they do, and how to change it. You'll learn the proven methods trainers use to reshape behaviour, tackle the everyday problems owners struggle with, and work through real cases on video, before moving on to aggression and bite prevention under close supervision.

03 — 70 hrs

Obedience & Marker Training

The heart of the course. You'll build reliable, responsive dogs on lead and off using marker and clicker training, then learn the other half of the job: coaching owners. Plan lessons, run private sessions and help deliver live group classes with real clients.

04 — 20 hrs

Puppies & Canine Health

In Week 4 you learn to raise confident, well-socialised puppies: puppy training, socialisation, house and crate training. The health block covers the essentials every trainer should know, finishing with a guest lecture at a partner veterinary practice.

WEEK BY WEEK

Your Four Weeks

Every week builds on the last, from learning theory to real clients and real cases.

WEEK 1

FOUNDATIONS

Learning theory, canine psychology and breed traits. Marker training begins.

ASSESSED · Knowledge paper

WEEK 2

OBEDIENCE & MARKER TRAINING

Clicker and marker training, foundation and off-lead obedience, training tools and reinforcement.

ASSESSED · Knowledge paper · Practical assessment 1

WEEK 3

CLIENTS, CLASSES & BEHAVIOUR

Instructing owners, lesson plans and live Saturday-morning group classes. Behaviour modification methods, consultations and prognosis.

ASSESSED · Knowledge paper · Practical assessment 2 (onsite) · Practical assessment 3 (offsite)

WEEK 4

AGGRESSION, PUPPIES & CANINE HEALTH

Aggression, bite prevention and dog-to-dog introductions under close supervision. Puppy training, socialisation, house and crate training. Final case study workshop on real behaviour cases. Canine health and a veterinary guest lecture. Graduation.

ASSESSED · Knowledge paper · Practical assessment 4 (onsite)

How You're Assessed

Continuously, as you go: practical exercises signed off as you do them, weekly knowledge papers, and four practical assessments across Weeks 2 to 4. A final case study workshop in Week 4 brings it all together.

The Working Week

Monday to Friday, plus two Saturday-morning group class sessions. It's intense, but you'll be working with real clients, in real environments.

LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Where This Takes You

A globally accredited qualification opens doors worldwide, whether you join an established facility or build something of your own.

BEFORE
Dog Lover
Passionate, but without formal credentials.

→

DURING
In Training
160 hours with real dogs, owners & assessments.

→

AFTER
Qualified Trainer
Internationally certified & ready to work.

EIGHT CAREER PATHWAYS

Professional Dog Trainer
Take private and group clients as a certified trainer.

Puppy Training Instructor
Guide owners through critical early socialisation.

Group Class Instructor
Lead structured obedience and skills classes.

Boarding & Daycare Professional
Run enrichment and care in boarding settings.

Behaviour Support Assistant
Help resolve fear, reactivity and anxiety cases.

Dog Walking & Pet Services
Build a trusted local pet-services business.

Start Your Own Training Company
Launch your own brand with a recognised qualification.

Work at an Established Facility
Join training centres and academies worldwide.

Just six places each intake.

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COURSE OVERVIEW

Accreditation & Admissions

All Canine Point Academy training programmes are delivered by **internationally certified professional trainers**, certified by **Starke Pfoten Co Ltd (Thailand)**, and accredited by Highfield International.

01 Awarding Body

The Canine Trainer Pathway course is accredited by Highfield International, one of the UK's leading awarding organisations. Your qualification meets rigorous international standards, so your skills carry credibility wherever you go.

ACCREDITED BY

Highfield International

02 Training Location

Delivered on site at Canine Point Academy in Phuket, Thailand. Spacious training grounds, luxury kennelling and easy access to a variety of real-world off-site environments.



03 Assessment

Assessed continuously by our on-site trainers: practical exercises signed off as you go, weekly knowledge papers, and four practical assessments across Weeks 2 to 4. Full engagement in all practical sessions is required.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

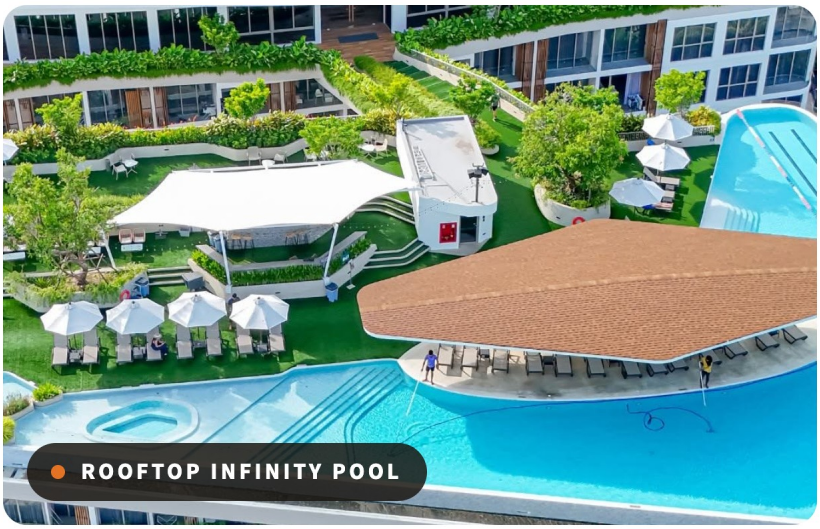
All students must meet the following. No prior experience with dogs is needed.

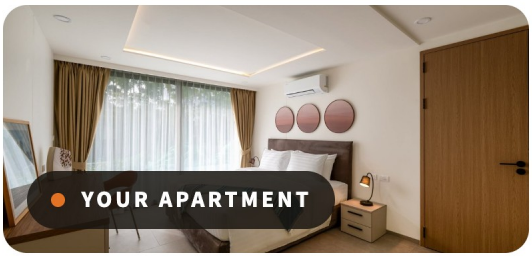
- **At least 18 years of age**
- **Fluent in written and spoken English**
- **Valid travel and medical insurance**

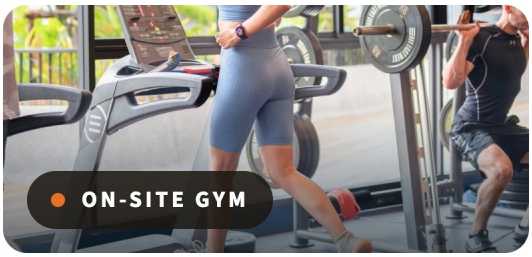
YOUR STAY

Home for Four Weeks: HOMA Cherng Talay

Your accommodation is included for the whole course: a modern serviced apartment five minutes from the academy and a short walk from Boat Avenue.







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NIGHTS INCLUDED	DRIVE TO THE ACADEMY	WALK TO BOAT AVENUE

ON SITE

- **Rooftop infinity pool**
- **Gym**, free daily classes
- **Coworking space**
- **Crust** restaurant
- **First Pour** coffee shop
- **Kitchenette** in your apartment

ON YOUR DOORSTEP

- **Boat Avenue,** a 2-minute walk
- **Restaurants, bars and cafés**
- **Shops and supermarkets**
- **Bang Tao Beach** close by
- **Weekly community events** at HOMA

GETTING TO CLASS

Daily transfers included, morning and evening.

HOMA to the academy each morning, back each evening. Want your own wheels? We've secured subsidised local rates on scooter rental.

ENROLMENT

Dates, Fees & Information

COURSE DATES

01 Mar ---------- **26 Mar**

Start · Arrive 27 Feb — End · Depart 28 Mar

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 31 JAN 2027

COURSE FEE

US$4,650

Per person, with inclusions listed below.

INCLUDED IN YOUR FEE

- All course materials, workbooks & handouts
- HOMA accommodation, 27 Feb to 28 Mar
- Daily transfers to the academy
- Lunch, Monday to Friday
- Instruction by internationally certified trainers
- Assessment & Highfield-accredited certification
- Onsite kennelling for all training dogs
- Registration & processing
- Local visa assistance
- Welcome & end-of-course events

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights or transfers to Phuket
- Food & drink beyond weekday lunches
- Travel / medical insurance

GOOD TO KNOW

Payment & Structure

A non-refundable US$300 (or ฿10,000) deposit confirms your place. The balance is due in full by 1 February 2027. Bank transfer, Wise, QR scan or cash.

Getting Around

Daily transfers from HOMA are included. Want your own wheels? We've secured subsidised local rates on scooter rental.

Provision of Dogs

You'll work with multiple training dogs from day one. Many are available to rehome afterwards, subject to suitability.

Bringing Your Own Dog

Tell us early. We help with import and export paperwork, subject to local laws. Service fees apply. Assessments are only made on dogs provided to you.

Cancellation & Refunds

The deposit is non-refundable. Once paid, the balance is 50% refundable if you cancel by 15 February 2027, and non-refundable after that.

Ready to learn more?

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