

## TAFE PLUS Short Course - 2009

# Film & Television Work – Trick Dog Training

**Course No.** 26535  
**Qualification:** TAFE PLUS Statement

**Pre-Requisites:** Applicants are reminded that the welfare and ethical treatment of all animals is a priority in this course. Dogs need to be receptive to in-class training, as follows:

- Dogs must not be aggressive towards other dogs.
- Dogs must be 6 months of age or older.
- Dogs must be able to sit stay for 5 seconds, 1 ½ metres from their owner, on a loose lead, in a low level distraction situation.
- Dogs need to be accustomed to being tied and left for short periods of time (max 1hr).

This course introduces dog owners to what they need to know to get their dog to behave for film and television work. Owners are introduced to the methods of training used by animal trainers in the industry, guided through the steps to train their dog for all the commonly used behaviours used in working dogs in film and television, and will gain skills that they can use to train their dog to perform the variety of behaviours that may be requested of it. In addition many tricks are introduced and practiced to give the dog a solid repertoire of different behaviours. Dogs will have a photo shoot and photos will be submitted to an animal talent agency.

Topics covered:

- Introduction to animal learning
- Positive reinforcement methodology and why film trainers use it
- Using a bridge in training
- Practical dog training using positive reinforcement
- Dog agility
- Introduction to a film set
- Preparing your dog for working on a film set
- Dog body language
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**Teachers:** Peta Clarke and Lindy Coote. Peta has been a professional animal trainer of exotic, marine and domestic animals since 1996. Peta has worked with animals in film and television as well as in animal shows such as Steve Martin's Natural Encounters in Florida, USA, and in zoos throughout Australia. Lindy is Head Animal Trainer for an animal talent agency. Lindy has 20 years experience in the industry and has worked on the sets of shows such as Babe: Pig in The City, Superman Returns, All Saints.

**Location:** Richmond College  
 Corner Blacktown Rd & Campus Drive,  
 Richmond.

**Duration:** 1 evening and 1 day:  
**Thursday: 6.00pm to 10.00pm**  
 (theory, no dog) *and*  
**Saturday: 10.00am to 4.00pm**  
 (practical, with dog)

**Dates:** 30 April & 2 May,  
 3 & 5 September

**Price:** \$320  
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### About TAFE PLUS Short Courses

TAFE PLUS courses are run on a commercial basis and are specially designed to meet your immediate training needs. They are competitively priced to ensure that you get top quality training for a reasonable investment. Courses are run subject to minimum number of participants.

*Information in this publication is correct as at 11/12/2008*

## Course Requirements:

Dog owners need to wear sensible and comfortable clothing, a bait (bum) bag, and closed shoes.

They will need to bring their dog on a flat collar and woven lead (not a chain lead). Owners should also bring favourite dog toys and a variety of food treats such as hot dogs, cheese, sausages etc.

Lunch will be provided on Saturday for students..

## About Richmond College:

The College is located 16 kilometres from the M7. Take the Richmond Road exit - Richmond Road becomes Blacktown Road closer to Richmond. Look for the corner with Campus Drive on the southern side of Blacktown Road, just before entering Richmond.

Or, take a train to East Richmond station and then a pleasant 15 minute walk downhill to the College.

On arrival at the college, look for signs that will direct you from the car park to the classroom.

We have a canteen, open for hamburgers and coffee etc. 8am – 8pm Monday – Thursday, 8am – 5pm Friday.

## Further Study:

Other TAFE PLUS Courses offered at Richmond College include:

- **22559 Dog Grooming – Introduction to Pet Care**
- **1044**, Statement of Attainment in **Professional Dog Grooming**
- **26535 Film & Television Work – Trick Dog Training**
- **24565 Microchipping** (become an authorised identifier of dogs and cats)
- **26948 Dog Glamour & Hair Colouring**
- **26200 Reptile & Amphibian Care**
- **Advanced Reptile Care** (Reptile & Amphibian Care is the pre-requisite)
- **27151 Making your Garden “Wildlife Friendly”**
- **27152 How to set up an Aquarium**

## Registration Information & Conditions:

### Course Commencement

Courses will commence subject to a sufficient number of participants.

Course fees must be paid prior to course commencement.

When there is only one date for a course, additional courses may be offered where there is a demand. You can register your interest in attending the course by contacting Richmond College.

**Concessions** - No fee concessions are available on TAFE PLUS courses.

**Refunds and Cancellations** - Cancellations advised in writing more than 7 days prior to the commencement of the course are eligible for a full refund. For cancellations advised within 7 days of the course, no refunds are made, but substitute delegate may attend.

## To register and for more information :

**Phone:**

Richmond College – **02 4570 9099**

**Email:**

Richmond College Business Coordinator - [helen.bodill@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:helen.bodill@tafensw.edu.au)

**In Person:**

Richmond College Business Coordinator or Customer Service Office, in Block A, Richmond College, corner Blacktown Road & Campus Drive, Richmond NSW.  
Monday to Friday – 9.00am to 5.00pm

**Or Mail:**

Mail your payment (cheques made out to TAFE NSW) to -  
The Business Coordinator, Richmond College, Locked Bag 7, Richmond, 2753

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Where you can **find a course** and **enrol online**:

[www.tafeplus.com](http://www.tafeplus.com)