

2023 Canine Assessment of Risk (CARS) Educational Program Structure

(updated September 2022)

Program overview: This series of educational modules will prepare participants to effectively use the Canine Assessment of Risk for Shelters (CARS) tool.

Cohort structure: Learners will join a cohort that will meet virtually for four months via the Litmos LMS platform. Each cohort will be invited to twice-monthly (bi-weekly) hour-long, live meetings via Zoom so that questions can be answered live and cases discussed. Attendance in this live sessions is optional. but highly recommended. The Zoom sessions will be recorded and shared only with the cohort.

Prerequisite: Participants must demonstrate significant knowledge of canine communication signals via a pre-assessment. If the pre-assessment is not passed, the participant will be automatically enrolled in a series of courses on canine communication to complete before moving forward to the CARS modules. Graduates of the Shelter Playgroup Alliance educational program will have this pre-requisite waived.

Materials: The Canine Assessment of Risk for Shelters (CARS) book is required for this course. A digital copy of the book will be provided to registrants. Hard copies and e-book versions are available via Amazon.com.

Registration process: Individuals interested in joining each cohort must submit payment via the Shelter Playgroup Alliance website.

Cost:

\$250 for individuals

\$525 for shelter or rescue groups of three

\$1,500 for shelter or rescue groups of 10

Completion time frame: Learners will be expected to complete approximately 1.5 modules per week during the 16 week period (four months), which will require 60-90 minutes per week. All of the modules must be completed to earn CEUs and/or a certificate of completion. The total seat time per week represents a combination of reviewing the modules, completing assessments, and completing assignments.

Learner Agreement: Prior to registration, each learner must sign an agreement stating that they will agree to the discussion rules, not screen record the sessions or content, nor use any of the materials provided for their own financial gain without prior written consent. Violation of the learner agreement will result in immediate account deactivation.

2023 CARS Cohort Dates

Spring 2023 CARS Cohort	Winter 2023 CARS Cohort
<p>Enrollment Period January 20: Registration period ends January 31: Cohort enrollment in LMS complete</p> <p>Session Period February 1: Session begins February 11, February 25, March 4, March 11, March 25, April 8, April 15*, May 6, May 20: Live sessions, 10:30am - 11:30am Pacific Time May 31: Final day for homework submissions June 1: Cohort ends June 5: All Spring 2023 Cohort accounts deactivated</p> <p><i>*date shifted due to in-person handling clinic</i></p>	<p>Enrollment Period August 20: Registration period ends August 31: Cohort enrollment in LMS complete</p> <p>Session Period September 1: Session begins September 9, September 23, October 7, October 21, November 4, November 18, December 2, December 16: Live sessions, 10:30am - 11:30am Pacific Time December 29: Final day for homework submissions December 30: Cohort ends December 31: All Winter 2022 Cohort accounts deactivated</p>



Shelter Playgroup Alliance CARS Educational Program

Course number	Module title	Lecture Hours	Hands-on	Homework
Pre-assessment	Canine body language pre-assessment			
CARS Course 1	CARS Overview	20 mins	0	0
CARS Course 2	CARS Human Risk Overview	60 mins	0	30 min
CARS Course 3	CARS Conspecific Risk Overview	30 mins	0	30 mins
CARS Course 4	CARS Domestic Risk Overview	20 mins	0	30 mins
CARS Course 5	CBMI Bite Scale	60 mins	0	30 mins
Live Zoom session		60 mins		
CARS Course 6	Quality of Life Scale	60 mins	0	30 mins
CARS Course 7	Separation-related Problem Behaviors	30 mins	0	30 mins
CARS Course 8	Management scale	30 mins	45 mins	0
CARS Course 9	CARS summary sheet	30 mins	45 mins	0
Live Zoom session		60 mins		
Basics Course 1	Operant conditioning	60 mins	0	0
Basics Course 2	Classical [Respondent] Conditioning	60 mins	0	0
Basics Course 3	Marker training	30 mins	0	0
Basics Course 4	LIMA Deep Dive	150 mins	0	30 mins
Basics Course 5	Troubleshooting Training	60 mins	0	0
Basics Course 6	Breed and Behavior	30 mins	0	0
Live Zoom session		60 mins		
Foundation Course 12	Playgroups for behavior modification: Part I	40 mins	45 mins	0
Foundation Course 13	Playgroups for behavior modification: Part II	40 mins	45 mins	0
Live Zoom session		60 mins		
Intermediate Course 1	Enrichment for behavior modification	40 mins	60 mins	0
Intermediate Course 2	Behavior modification, part I: Fear	40 mins	0	0
Live Zoom session		60 mins		
Intermediate Course 3	Behavior modification, part II: Arousal	40 mins	60 mins	0
Intermediate Course 4	Behavior modification, part III: Conspecific aggression	40 mins	60 mins	0
Live Zoom session		60 mins		
TOTALS (less optional zoom sessions)		16.5 hours	6 hours	3 hours