

Canine Vet Trainer Curriculum

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Lesson One – Basic Canine Anatomy

Lesson Overview

In this lesson, participants will be introduced to the fundamental aspects of the anatomy of the dog, as well as directional terms. The Canine Vet Trainer model will be used to aid participants in visualizing the relevant structures as well as allowing them to feel textures and sizes in real life.

Lesson Objectives

After completing this lesson, participants will be able to:

- Use correct anatomical directional terms
- Identify common dog bones
- Identify common dog joints
- Identify common dog organs by system

Lesson at a Glance

Activity	Materials	Preparation	Approximate class time
FOCUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Basic Canine Anatomy</i> slide presentation • Whiteboard or chalkboard 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare the slide presentation for viewing. 2. Read over notes about the similarities and differences between human and canine anatomy 	10 minutes
LEARN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Basic Canine Anatomy</i> slide presentation • <i>Learn Canine Anatomy</i> worksheet • <i>Learn Canine Anatomy – Answer Key</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Print/photocopy slide presentation (one per participant) 2. Print/photocopy <i>Learn Canine Anatomy</i> worksheet (one per participant) 	35 minutes
REVIEW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canine Vet Trainer • <i>Basic Canine Anatomy</i> review slide 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Display the Canine Vet Trainer where participants can see it 	15 minutes

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REVIEW: Put It Into Action

15 minutes

Purpose:

This review activity will allow participants to implement their newly acquired knowledge on a life-like dog model.

Materials:

- Canine Vet Trainer and Slide 24

Facilitation Steps:

1. Using the Canine Vet Trainer, have participants participate in pairs or small groups. Assign a term from the lesson (directional term, bone, joint, or organ) and have the groups take turns locating and demonstrating each term for the other groups.

Slide 24: Review

Alert participants that this slide will be used to help with the review activity while using the Canine Vet Trainer.

Just For Fun: As an added activity, you can blindfold the participants and let them attempt to locate the terms on the Canine Vet Trainer.

Name: _____ Class: _____

Basic Canine Anatomy Quiz

Part 1:

Directions: Please label the canine structures pointed out in the following diagrams.



