



Do as I Do Trainer Certification Exam Guide

For the Candidates to the Do as I Do Trainer Certification



In this guide you will find the information you need to prepare for the Professional Do as I Do Certification Exam.

Do as I Do Trainer Certification is our advanced certification for professional dog trainers. This certification ensures the trainer masters the knowledge and skills necessary to correctly and efficiently teach the Do as I Do method.

Modalities

You can subscribe to the Certification program with two modalities:

- **Exam + Tutoring:** Candidates that subscribe with this modality will be tutored during the video submission stage of the program by the official members of the Do as I Do Team. Within 3 weeks from submission of each video, they will receive a feedback on it, highlighting the good points and the mistakes made. The candidate has the possibility to learn during the process and prepare for the final exam with the help of the official members of the Do as I Do Team. The candidates that subscribe with this modality also have the possibility to ask specific questions to their tutors.
- **Exam Only:** The procedure of the certification program is the same as for the above option, but the candidate prepares for the exam alone, without the help of a tutor and without receiving feedback on the videos.

Eligibility requirements:

You have to fulfill some requirements to be eligible to take this exam. To become a Certified Do as I Do Trainer, you must

- Submit all the documents* required for the application
- Complete the video submissions
- Pass the written exam
- Pass the oral/live practical exam.

*Documents required

The candidate should possess at least one of the following:

A dog trainer certificate and at least 2 years of professional experience

Attending courses in dog training and participating in dog competitions in one of the following categories (or higher): agility 2; obedience2; Rally-obedience 2; IPO2.

The candidate must have passed the Do as I Do Basic Level Exam (First Level Exam) with at least one dog and possess the certificate(s)



Application:

Candidates are required to send a curriculum vitae, and a copy of the trainer certificate(s), and a copy of Do as I Do Basic Level Certificate(s) to claudia.happydog@gmail.com

In the cv, the candidate should describe his/her professional experience in the applied field of dog training. If the candidate attended a Do as I Do seminar or more, this should be indicated with date and location. It is also mandatory to indicate date and location of the Basic Level Exam.

Video submissions:

The candidate is required to submit 5 videos: 4 videos from the private lessons in which the candidate instructs the client on how to train his/her dog and 1 video in which the candidate trains his/her own dog (or any dog trained by the candidate).

Videos must be uploaded to YouTube (private settings).

The candidate must ensure that all what you say during the session is audible and understandable. No background music is allowed

Subtitles:

If the candidate's mother language is not English, Italian, Spanish or French, all the videos must be subtitled in one of those languages

Optional: We can offer the translation/subtitling service based on the transcript for Japanese language for a fee of 30000JPY. Contact: fumi@doasido.it.

Video Topics:

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| 1 Put behaviour on verbal cue | [trainer and owner] |
| 2 First phase of the Do as I Do protocol | [trainer and owner] |
| 3 Second phase of the Do as I Do protocol | [trainer and owner] |
| 4 New behaviour | [trainer and owner] |
| 5 Two actions on 1 object | [trainer] |
- Maximum duration of a video: 8 minutes; no cut or editing allowed (besides the subtitles)

Description of the required videos:

Video 1: Verbal cues

The candidate is required to work with a dog-owner pair for the foundation training before starting the Do as I Do protocol: put behaviours on verbal cue or check that the dog is already trained to perform behaviours on verbal cue. In the first video we need to see how the trainer instructs the owner to reach this objective.

Focus point:

- Why the trainer chose that sample action
- How the trainer explains to the owner how to obtain the action
- How the trainer explains to the owner how to put the behaviour on verbal cue
- How the trainer corrects eventual mistakes made by the owner

Video 2 – 3: First and second phase of the Do as I Do protocol

The candidate is required to teach to a dog-owner pair the Do as I Do training protocol until the dog can learn a new behaviour with the Do as I Do method.

Video 2: First phase of the Do as I Do protocol

Video 3: Second phase of the Do as I Do protocol

Focus point:

- How the trainer explains the protocol to the owner
- How the trainer prepares the training set
- How the trainer corrects mistakes made by the owner and solves difficult or unexpected situations during the session



Video 4: Teaching a new action with the Do as I Do method

The candidate is required instruct a dog-owner pair on how to teach a new action using the Do as I Do method and how to put it on verbal cue.

Focus point:

- How the trainer chooses the new action and how he builds the training session
- How the trainer explains the session to the owner, at the beginning
- How the trainer corrects eventual mistakes made by the owner and solves difficult or unexpected situations during the session

Video 5: Own dog

In this video the candidate should ask his/her dog to imitate two different actions performed on the same object (e.g. touch the chair with paw; walk around the chair).

As examples see:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s9rZTm2SK_I

<https://youtu.be/zZng9XshLqc>

Focus point:

How the trainer manages the session (trials for each action, when switching from one action to the other, duration, reward, action selection)

Please note that in the “**two actions on one object**” exercise, the object should not be moved (e.g. it is NOT a case of two actions on one object if in action 1 the owner demonstrates dropping the object and in action 2 the owner walks around it). This exercise is to test whether the dog is able to imitate the 2 different actions on 1 object precisely performed by the human model.

So the actions you select must not involve functional imitation and also must exclude the possibility of goal emulation because we are aiming for strict imitation only. Therefore, examples of the acceptable actions are as follows:

1. achieve the same goal using two different human body parts with corresponding canine body parts (e.g. knock down a water bottle with 1. nose/muzzle and 2. hand/paw)
2. object is fixed and no changes occur as a result of any action (e.g. 1. placing two paws on a fixed stool and 2. walk around a fixed stool)

An unacceptable example would be the following:

e.g.1) 1 knock down water bottle with paw; 2 walk around the water bottle

e.g.2) 1. press the button to ring a bell (the sound of the bell could lead to the goal emulation); 2. walk around the bell (these two actions do not reflect true imitation)

If you want to learn how to practice this exercise, we recommend that you take a course at **ICofA** (but not mandatory)

<https://icofa-aii.com/courses/do-as-i-do-follow-up/>

In the video number: 1-2-3-4 the performance of the owner is NOT relevant for the certification mark. In the last video (number 5) the dog performance will be part of the judgment.



Marking Criteria (videos):

- o **Pass [P]** (everything in the video was fine and correct)
- o **Pass with reserve [PWR]** (some point maybe will be discussed during the oral/practical exam)
Candidates who chose the Exam + Tutoring option will receive feedback on all their mistakes within 3 weeks from the submission of the video)
- o **Fail [F]** (some point about the video must be discussed during the oral/practical session) Candidates who chose the Exam + Tutoring option will receive feedback on all their mistakes within 3 weeks from the submission of the video

An attendee can “fail” one or more videos (even all videos) without losing the chance to pass the certification.

How to record the videos:

The camera has to be placed in a position from which the candidate, the owner and the dog are FULLY VISIBLE (whole body). The owner should be facing the camera.

Here below is an example of training setup:

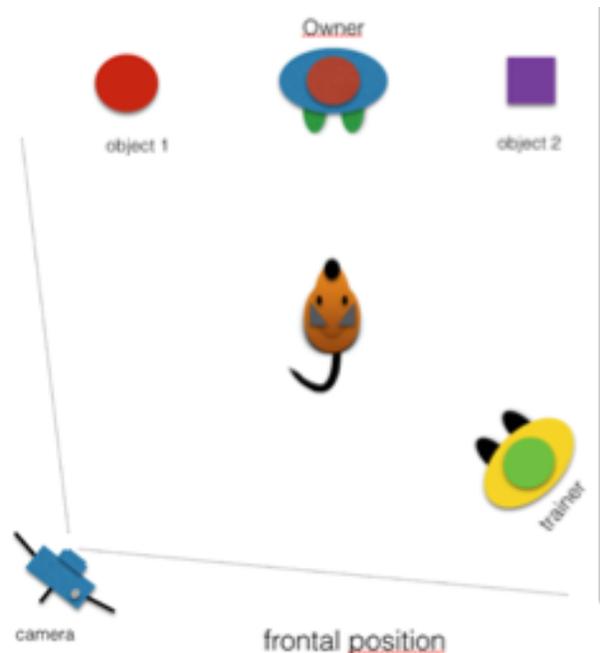


Image: Do as I Do training set (S. Tagliati)

How to name the video files:

The file should be named as follows: Candidate’s surname_Number of the video_Training phase (E.g. Smith_video2_Phase1)

How to submit the videos:

Videos must be uploaded on YouTube with Share Privately option. Send private URL to the following accounts including the attached *.txt file: claudia.happydog@gmail.com

When to submit the videos:

- All the videos must be submitted at least 25 days prior to the live exam.



Written Exam:

The candidates must pass the written exam before being allowed to take the oral/practical exam.

Written exam:

The candidates will have 1 hour and half to complete the 24 multiple choice questions. The exam covers the following content areas: basic dog ethology, individual learning and social learning.

Program:

The candidate must be able to discuss and give practical example about the following topic:

Basic dog ethology:

- Dogs' perceptual abilities
- Dogs' predispositions evolved during domestication
- Information preferentially learned by dogs

Individual learning:

- Be able to define and provide examples of:
- Classical conditioning
- Operant conditioning
- Reinforcement (positive, negative, schedule)
- Punishment (positive, negative)
- Extinction
- Blocking
- Overshadowing
- Generalization
- Habituation
- Sensitization
- Stimulus (conditioned, unconditioned)
- Shaping
- Luring

Social learning:

- Stimulus enhancement
- Local enhancement
- Do as I Do first phase training set
- Do as I Do second phase training set
- How to build a sequence
- How to teach a new behavior
- How to prevent anticipation

Scores (written exam):

0 – 4 mistakes: Pass – proceed to take the oral/practical exam

5 mistakes: the candidate is accepted to take the oral/practice exam, but all the topics on which s/he made a mistake will be questioned during the oral/practice exam.

6 or more mistakes: Fail - the candidate is not able to take the oral/practical exam



Oral/practice exam:

During the oral/practice exam, the candidate will

- Receive oral questions on some of the topics from the written exam and the submitted videos
- Work with an unfamiliar dog owner pair, playing the role of the trainer and instructing them on the topics chosen by the Board (Foundation training and Do as I Do training protocol)

Benefits of becoming a Certified Do as I Do Trainer

The Certified Trainer's name will be listed in the Certified Trainers Registry on the Do as I Do official website: <http://www.doasido.it/certified-trainers/>

The Certified Trainer will be allowed to use the Do as I Do logo

The Certified Trainer will be allowed to promote his/her Do as I Do activities (courses, workshops etc.) on the official Do as I Do social media

Costs:

Exam + Tutoring: The cost is **930 €** and it includes the educational part (video assessment and feedback on the videos) and the exam. Of the total cost, **750 €** should be paid at the moment of subscription (i.e., before sending the videos) and **€ 180** at the moment of the final oral / practice exam.

Exam Only: This includes only the exam and video submission. The candidates will not receive feedback on the submitted videos before the final exam. The cost is **250 €**, to be paid at the moment of subscription (i.e., before sending the videos).

The candidate will still have to submit the videos, the only difference is that s/he will not receive feedback on them.

Refund Policy:

Examination and translation service fees are not refundable once you have paid and submitted your application. Candidates unable to complete all 5 videos submission by due dates are ineligible to take the on-site exams (written and oral/practical). However, candidates may request an extension of due date and reschedule the on-site exam in any country within 8 months from the original schedule exam date. The on-site exam may only be rescheduled once. Additional registration fees may apply.

