



CBATI – Practical Skills Assessment (Video)

The Certified Behavior Adjustment Training Instructor (CBATI) program was created to ensure that the trainers and behaviorists have a comprehensive understanding of BAT, both in theory and in practical use.

As part of your certification, the Practical Skills Assessment allows us to do an evaluation of your work in using Behavior Adjustment Training with a Student Dog and their handler (Client). A passing PSA evaluation is required in determining your certification as a BAT Instructor.

What does the Practical Skills Assessment address?

The PSA Video assesses your practical capabilities as a Trainer to apply BAT as a protocol for a Client.

Some of the skills assessed include:

- Is the Trainer professional?
- Does the Trainer use mostly positive phrasing (focusing on what to do vs. what not to do)?
- Did the Q&A segment gather good and sufficient information?
- Does the Trainer explain BAT well to the Client?
- Does the Trainer explain what a BAT Set-Up is and what to expect?
- Does the Trainer implement appropriate BAT Set-Ups taking into account environment, equipment, helpers, and safety measures?
- Does the Trainer instruct the Client in all areas including leash handling, body language, and appropriate movement?
- Does the Client use proper leash handling skills (and how does the Trainer coach them during the session if something goes wrong)?
- Is the Trainer accurately reading dog body language/stress (Student and Helper)?
- Does the Trainer adjust criteria appropriately?
- Does a dog (Student/Helper) go over threshold? If so, how often and what is done to fix it?
- Does the Trainer notice and explain his/her errors made in the sessions, especially the big ones (if any)?
- Does the Trainer understand BAT and its nuances?





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What is required for the PSA?

1. Signed BAT/PSA Liability and Appearance Release waiver. We also strongly recommend that you use your own Release of Liability form in addition to ours, signed by all people in the videos.
2. Trainer must use one (1) Student Dog throughout the entire PSA video, except for the Trainer's demonstration of her/his leash skills with any dog. Helper dogs/humans/environment may vary.
3. Video: Thirty-five minutes (35) of video with one Student Dog/Client. Video will be submitted as seven (7) separate clips (see below).
4. Clear audio and picture – if clear audio is not possible or if audio is in another language, please use subtitles in addition to the notes in your comments.
5. Your own written evaluation of your PSA.

The sessions submitted should represent your best work and the videos should demonstrate your true potential as a Certified Behavior Adjustment Training Instructor.

Your video files may be .mov, .mp4, or some other popular type. File names must begin with *lastnamefirstname* and end with the category clip (e.g. StewartGrisha-BAT-1.mov). All of the following video clips must be submitted. Incomplete applications will not be approved.

1. **Introduction of session** with Set-Up instruction, preferably without dog(s)
 - One 10-minute video
 - *File Name: lastnamefirstname-Set-Upinstructions.mov*
 - Video must include clear picture and audio of the following:
 - Q&A using Client Interview Questions
 - Explanation of BAT and instructions to the Client on Set-Up arrangement.
 - Instructions to the Helper Dog handler or Helper Human including (but not limited to) the Set-Up arrangement, placement, movement, etc.





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2. **Leash Handling Demonstration** with Client/Student Dog (expect to teach this in a separate session from the BAT Set-Up).
 - One 3-minute video
 - *File Name: lastnamefirstname-LeashDemo.mov*
 - Video(s) must include a clear picture and audio of the following.
 - **Trainer** doing leash skills with any dog: Handle, Slow Stop, Relax the Leash, Mime Pulling and how to shorten/lengthen a 3.6-5-meter (12-15 foot) long line.
 - This is not an explanation for the Client. It is a demonstration that you can do the techniques. State which skill you are using at each moment (on camera, subtitle, or text file).
 - **Client with Student Dog** using Handle, Slow Stop, Relaxing the Leash, Shortening and Lengthening the Leash, Mime Pull.
 - Film the Client's demonstration outside of a Set-Up.

3. **BAT Set-Up** of behavior from the Green and Blue Zones of the ocean illustration with Student Dog clearly aware of the Helper.
 - One complete, unedited 5-minute video from the *beginning* of a session (start footage just before Student Dog notices the Helper)
 - *File Name: lastnamefirstname-1a-BATstart.mov*
 - One complete, unedited 5-minute video from the *end* of a session
 - *File Name: lastnamefirstname-1b-BATend.mov*
 - Video(s) must include a clear picture and audio of the following.
 - Client doing BAT with Student Dog
 - Leash handling skills of Client
 - Helper Location (Dog/Human)
 - Body Language of Student Dog
 - Client response to Student Dog's behavior



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4. **An Additional BAT Set-Up** of behavior from the Green and Blue Zones of the ocean illustration with the same Student Dog clearly aware of the Helper.
 - One complete, unedited 5-minute video from the *beginning* of the session. (Start footage just before Student Dog notices the Helper.)
 - *File Name: lastnamefirstname-2a-BATstart.mov*
 - One complete, unedited 5-minute video from the *end* of the session.
 - *File Name: lastnamefirstname-2b-BATend.mov*
 - Video(s) must include a clear picture and audio of the following.
 - Client doing BAT with Student Dog
 - Leash handling skills of Client
 - Helper Location (Dog/Human)
 - Body Language of Student Dog
 - Client response to Student Dog's behavior

5. **Mark and Move** – Client/Student Dog using Mark & Move for demonstration purposes, only, meaning do not put the Student Dog in a situation that requires Mark & Move. You may use something or someone that is of interest to the Student Dog, but not necessarily a “trigger.”
 - One 1-minute video: *File Name: lastnamefirstname-3-MM.mov*
 - At least two (2) different examples of Mark and Move (unedited). Please review Mark & Move in the book or website to understand the variations.
 - Clip must include a clear picture and audio of the following.
 - Client doing Mark and Move version of BAT with Student Dog
 - Leash handling skills of Client
 - The Pretend Trigger
 - Body Language of Student Dog
 - Client response to Student Dog's behavior
 - **Marker(s) must be clear to the viewer (audio or visual)**



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6. **Written comments** in a word/text file. Suggested comments are below.
- File Name for Submission: *LastnameFirstname-recap.txt*
 - Client/Student Dog progress, if applicable. Progress does not equal closing distance but it does mean there is a positive change in behavior of Student Dog and Client.
 - Your recommendation(s) on meeting Client's end goal.

 - Note all errors that you see in your videos, and what you could have done differently. For each comment, note the file name and specific time the comment is referencing.
 - If the video is not in English, please also include a translation of the videos. This can also be done with subtitles.
 - **Please do your best to provide audio of your instructions to your Client in the Set-Ups. If you have a problem with audio or it is not in English, please provide subtitles and a review in this text document.**

Additional Notes:

- The BAT sessions submitted should represent your best work with the Student Dog in the Green and Blue zone as much as possible. No one is perfect, but if the session has many errors or multiple errors of the same type, consider this a learning experience and film more Set-Ups until you have a video that represents BAT more accurately.
- In all videos, Trainer or Client should respond to instances in which the dog is over threshold by using the most appropriate response at that time e.g. verbal cue, Mime Pulling, recall, etc.
- Trainer must use the same Student Dog in each video clip except for one in which the Trainer handles a dog for the Leash Skills demonstration.
- Total video submission (all clips) must not be less than three minutes under nor more than three minutes over in total viewing time.
- Failure to comply with time allotment and quality of picture/audio will be subject to resubmission.





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Format: The preferred video resolution size is: 640 x 480. If your video camera allows a resolution to be specified, select a resolution **NO LESS THAN 640 x 480 and LESS THAN 720p**. Videos must be formatted as .AVI, .MPEG4, .MOV, .MPEGPS or .WMV. Please do not submit .WLMP or “project” files as they are not viewable.

Don't be a giant! Video resolution of 720p, (1280×720) or 1080i, (1,920×1,080), "High Definition" or "Wide Screen" submissions will be rejected.

How to Submit:

After you pass your theoretical exam, please submit your PSA in one of the following ways.

- Submit online via Dropbox, YouSendIt, or another quality file sharing program to info@officialbatschool.com.
- Please use the checklist in this document to make sure your submission is complete. Include your training experience logs, text files, video waiver(s) and any other pertinent documents.

Video Tips:

- Check your battery and all electronic devices before recording.
- Verify that you are actually recording.
- Keep background noise during the Client questions at a minimum.
- Do not include more video than is stated in the requirements.
- The dog may be afraid of the camera, so be prepared to do BAT with the camera as the trigger, however, this should not be submitted to us.
- Film so that the Student Dog's body language is clearly seen with the Helper also in the frame most of the time. If you are using a tripod, place it just behind the Helper so that the Helper is on camera then zoom in on the Student Dog.
- It helps to write the session number (e.g. BAT Session #3 March 21, 2023 Charlie) on a piece of paper then film that piece of paper for a few seconds at the beginning of the session so you can find that session again later. You can also voice record the session information at the beginning of the video clip (e.g. This is BAT session #3 filming on March 21, 2023 with Chris and Charlie and Helper Dog, Lucy)
- Practice: Practice recording videos in the same location with neutral dogs and a helper to get proper positioning, noise reduction and lighting.





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Client Interview

Please film the Client answering the questions listed below. Give your Client a copy of the questions in advance so that he or she can think about the answers before you record. Also have them sign a copy of the waiver (link is above).

1. To which triggers and in what kinds of situations does your dog overreact?
2. Please describe your dog's reactions in detail.
3. What have you done so far to change your dog's behavior?
4. What would you like your dog to do in the situations described in #1?





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This illustration is meant to give you an idea of your Set-Up and to define the terms used in a BAT Set-Up. Your Set-Up may not look exactly like this. For example, you may do parallel walking or following, instead of a stationary Helper, your Helper may not be a dog, or you may have a wearable camera.

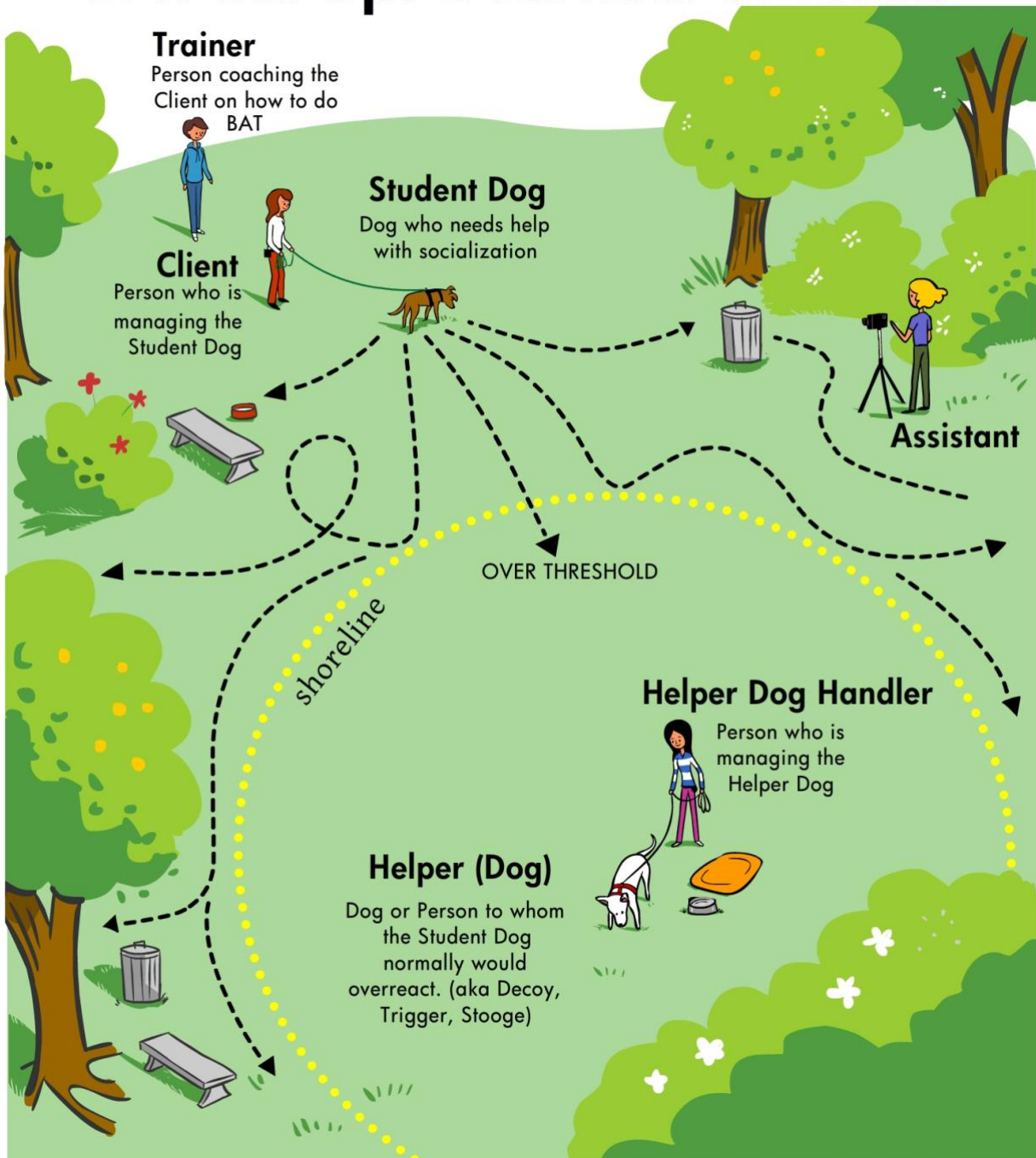


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BAT Set-Up: Overview of Terms





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When Can I Submit a PSA?

Passing the CBATI theory exam (written or oral) and Practical Skills Assessment (PSA) are part of the requirements of certification. The passing score for the written exam is 85% and the Oral Exam and Practical Skills Assessment are Pass/No Pass. It is strongly advised that you not submit a PSA until after you have passed the theory exam.

For BAT Course attendees, the theory exam must be taken as a written exam during the scheduled time at the course.

Applicants not attending a BAT Instructor Certification Course will take an oral exam administered as an interview by video chat.

If you do not pass the theory exam, it will be best to wait to submit your PSA until you do pass the theory exam.

After you pass the exam, you have one year to submit a passing PSA. If you've not been successful in passing the PSA after a year from the exam date, you'll need to start the process all over again.

Once you are successful in passing the theory exam and PSA and have submitted all supporting material including the Experience Logs, you will have earned Certification as a BAT Instructor!

Certification status does not require renewal at this time.





CBATI – Practical Skills Assessment (Video) Final Checklist

Your digital submission should include your PSA and the Experience Logs.

Files for proof of experience are found at
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Waiver for video appearance is found at www.officialbatschool.com

- ___1. Introduction of session: *lastnamefirstname-Set-Upinstructions.mov* (10 minutes)
- ___2. Leash Handling Demonstration: *lastnamefirstname-LeashDemo.mov* (3 minutes)
- ___3. BAT Set-Up - Green and Blue Zones *lastnamefirstname-1a-BATstart.mov* (5 minutes)
- ___4. BAT Set-Up - Green and Blue Zones *lastnamefirstname-1b-BATend.mov* (5 minutes)
- ___5. BAT Set-Up - Green and Blue Zones *lastnamefirstname-2a-BATstart.mov* (5 minutes)
- ___6. BAT Set-Up - Green and Blue Zones *lastnamefirstname-2b-BATend.mov* (5 minutes)
- ___7. Mark and Move *lastnamefirstname-3-MM.mov* (1 minute)
- ___8. Written comments: *LastnameFirstname-recap.txt*
- ___9. Waivers: *LastnameFirstname-waivers.jpg* (each person in the video should sign)
- ___10. Proof of experience: *LastnameFirstname-behavior.xls*
- ___11. Proof of experience: *LastnameFirstname-training.xls*

