



VIATA

**Vancouver Island Animal Training Association
Professional Membership Questionnaire**

Please be informed that this information is collected and used to evaluate a potential professional member for entry into the Vancouver Island Animal Training Association and will not be used or distributed for any other purpose.

Name		Company Name (if applicable)	
Address		City	Province & Postal Code
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Work Phone	
Email	Website	Facebook/Blog/Twitter	
Species of Animals That I Handle			

General	
1. Why do you wish to join VIATA?	
2. Please read VIATA's Vision, Mission and Code of Ethics Statements (copies attached) and explain to us how you fit in with our principles.	
3. Please tell us about your education, experience and a brief history as an animal care professional and/or trainer.	
4. Are you now or have you ever been, investigated, charged or convicted of cruelty to animals?	
Training and Handling Techniques	
5. What signs would you look for in an animal you are handling or training to realize	

that your particular approach needs revision?
6. What animal handling or training methods might you have used in the past, but now recommend against using and why?
7. When would you recommend Alpha rolls?
8. What methods do you use to reduce stress for the animal while training or handling?
9. If you do, what tools and methods do you routinely recommend to address the following issues:
a. Jumping up
b. Loose leash walking
c. Lunging and barking at other dogs
10. When a client asks one of the following questions – what advice do you give?
a. How do I correct my dog for growling at children?
b. How do I correct my horse for mouthing my pockets?
c. How do I correct my cat for house soiling?
d. How do I correct my bird picking his feathers?
Client Management, Recommendations or Assistance
11. What are some of your favourite books, authors, trainers and resources in the animal care, handling and training field?
12. Which ones do you recommend to your clients?
13. What criteria do you use when choosing and referring clients and friends to another animal care provider?
14. If you do refer, under which circumstances do you refer?

15. If you use them, please provide us with three (3) examples of your written instructions or handouts or homework sheets for your clients.

I certify that the above information is complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature

Date