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*Dear Mr Paul Bunker,*

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for the extremely educational seminar that you delivered to the students of the Military Working Dog Trainer's Qualification course at the Defence Animal Training Regiment on 9 October 2019.

All of the students commented that your delivery was well received and was pitched at a level which they could all comprehend. Your information on scent imprinting was universally appreciated and will definitely be of benefit as the students move onto the AES aspect of their course. The hierarchy of reward section of your talk was also extremely beneficial, with many of the students now using this in their approach to training their dogs.

The quote of the day was 'no-one corrects a whale', aimed at the fact that positive reinforcement should always be the main training quadrant used when using operant conditioning methods.

Your presentation provided a plethora of discussion topics with the consensus of opinion being that there are myriad techniques available to trainers in order to achieve a common goal, though there are always similarities between them all.

Your use of video clips greatly enhanced the day as did the rewarding of 'clickers' when one of the students correctly answered a question.

Your presentation was enjoyed by all those that attended, and the over-riding opinion was that it should perhaps become part of the course syllabus or at least new trainers should be able to attend in the future.

*Yours sincerely*

