

# Private Trainer

## Referral List

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**If you are unsure whether you need a trainer or a behaviorist, please watch this video to help you decide.**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOeXaAlnzeA&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1O4iMuyS8tDS8ozKxbXTX9tb0xKYapqW-aEWq7\\_OdvXWvzinVU8PnBO88](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOeXaAlnzeA&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1O4iMuyS8tDS8ozKxbXTX9tb0xKYapqW-aEWq7_OdvXWvzinVU8PnBO88)

### **SAN FRANCISCO:**

**Name: Alisha Ardiana**

**Credentials:** BS/Biology, RVT, CTBC, CGC evaluator

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**Phone:** 415-948-5945

**Email:** [alisha.j.ardiana@gmail.com](mailto:alisha.j.ardiana@gmail.com)

**Service Area:** San Francisco

**Specialization:** Puppies, basic manners, recall, reactivity, fear/shyness

**Doesn't handle:** Separation anxiety, aggression

**Name: Paula Benton**

**Credentials:** CPDT-KA, KPA, CBATI (pending)

**Business Name:** Paula Benton Dog Training

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**Phone:** 415-525-9528

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**Serving Area:** San Francisco

**Specialization(s):** Sensitive Dogs, Over-Reactive/Aggressive Dogs, & Mobility Assistance Dog Training

**Services offered in addition to training:** Kids Summer Camp, VET SOS Partner, Behavior Assessments

**Name: Josh Boutelle**

**Credentials:** CPDT-KA, CTBC, CSAT(pending), Dog\*tec Dog Walking Academy Instructor

**Business Name:** City Pups SF

**Website:** [www.citypupssf.com](http://www.citypupssf.com)

**Phone:** 4154468726

**Email:** [info@citypupssf.com](mailto:info@citypupssf.com)

**Service Area:** San Francisco

**Specializations:** Separation Anxiety, Leash Reactivity, Basic Obedience

**Doesn't handle:** dog-dog aggression off-leash

**Name: Stacey Campbell**

**Credentials:** CTC – Graduate of SF SPCA Dog Training Academy, SF SPCA Internship certificate specializing in dog-dog aggression

**Business Name:** Go Fetch Dog Training

**Website:** [www.gofetchdogtraining.com](http://www.gofetchdogtraining.com)

**Phone:** (415) 710-6289

**Email:** [Stacey@gofetchdogtraining.com](mailto:Stacey@gofetchdogtraining.com)

**Serving Area:** San Francisco, Peninsula (down to Woodside)

**Specialization(s):** Basic training, separation anxiety, dog aggression, human aggression, sport dog training

**Services offered in addition to training:** group classes, individual training walks, day training

**Name: Lindsay Dellas**

**Credentials:** CTBC - Dog Training Internship Academy, Dog\*Tec, KP Puppy Start Right, Pet First Aid & CPR certified

**Business Name:** Good Dog Happy Dog

**Website:** [www.gooddoghappy.dog](http://www.gooddoghappy.dog)

**Phone:** 415-823-1446

**Email:** [woof@gooddoghappy.dog](mailto:woof@gooddoghappy.dog)

**Serving Area:** San Francisco

**Specialization(s):** Puppy Training, Reactivity, Basic Manners, fear/anxiety

**Services offered in addition to training:** Day training, owner coaching, training walks **Doesn't handle:** Separation anxiety, human aggression with bite history

**Name: Malena DeMartini-Price**

**Business Name:** Malena DeMartini

**Website:** [malenademartini.com](http://malenademartini.com)

**Email:** Please visit website and fill out contact form!

**Serving Area:** San Francisco, Bay Area, and world-wide

**Specialization(s):** *Exclusively* works with separation anxiety

**Name: Emily Fleisher**

**Credentials:** CTBC from Dog Training Internship Academy, Dog\*Tec CPR and First-aid certified, B.S. in Public Health with an emphasis on Human Behavior and Learning

**Business Name:** Mindful Paw

**Website:** [www.mindfulpaw.com](http://www.mindfulpaw.com)

**Phone:** (954)258-2215

**Email:** [mindfulpaw@gmail.com](mailto:mindfulpaw@gmail.com)

**Serving Area:** San Francisco

**Specialization(s):** All things puppy, fear and anxiety, reactivity, basic obedience, shyness, muzzle training, resource guarding

**Services offered in addition to training:** Helping kids learn how to train/interact with their dog(s), individual training walks, day training

**Doesn't handle:** Severe Separation Anxiety, Human Aggression with Bite History, Off-leash DogDog aggression

**Name: Susie Garcia**

**Credentials:** dog\*Tec Certified Dog Walker

**Business Name: Teeny Dogs**

**Website:** [www.teenydogs.com](http://www.teenydogs.com)

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**Specialization(s):** small dog leash reactivity, small dog issues, reactive dogs, basics: sits/downs/stays, recall, pack walk training, shy dogs

**Name: Althea Karwowski**

**Credentials:** CPDT – KA, Graduate of SF SPCA Volunteer Internship Program, Bravery Class and Shy Dog Seminar Instructor at SF SPCA 2014-2019

**Business Name: Sit Stay SF**

**Website:** [www.sitstaysf.com](http://www.sitstaysf.com) **Email:** [info@sitstaysf.com](mailto:info@sitstaysf.com)

**Serving Area:** San Francisco

**Specialization(s):** Environmental Fears, People Fears, General Fear and Anxiety, Reactivity onleash (barking, lunging), Basics: sit/stay/down/recall/leave-it, Jumpy/Mouthy/Impulse Control, Loose Leash Walking, Recall, Handling, Equipment (muzzle, head halter, harness), Enrichment and Confidence Building

**Services offered in addition to training:** Training Consultations, Short and Long-term Training and Coaching, Private Training Walks, Shy Dog Enrichment Visits

**Name: Shura Kelly Business Name: Bark to Basics**

**Website:** [www.bark-to-basics.com](http://www.bark-to-basics.com)

**Phone:** (415) 387-7877

**Email:** [shura@bark-to-basics.com](mailto:shura@bark-to-basics.com)

**Serving Area:** San Francisco

**Services offered in addition to training:** small dog (under 20 lbs) walks and day care

**Name: Dominika Knossalla-Pado**

**Credentials:** CTC - Graduate SFSPCA dog training academy, AKC CGC/STAR Puppy Licensed Evaluator, Certified K9 Nose Work Instructor, *speaks German and Polish*

**Business Name: Dominika's Happy Dogs**

**E-mail:** [k9noseworks@gmail.com](mailto:k9noseworks@gmail.com)

**Serving Area:** San Francisco

**Specializing Behaviors:** Puppy Training, Dog Manners, Jumpiness/Mouthiness, Housetraining, Pulling on Leash, Impulse Control, Recall, Fear, Shyness/Socialization, Dog-Dog Aggression on and off leash, Pre-baby training for expecting parents, Dog-children aggression, CGC test training and evaluations, K9 Nose Work training

**Services offered in addition to training:** Private Training consultations and day training

**Doesn't handle:** Separation Anxiety or resource guarding cases

**Name: Shelley Leong**

**Credentials:** CTC, Honors Graduate - Academy for Dog Trainers, DogTec Certified Dog Walker, Professional Member APDT & PPG

**Business Name: Bright Lights Dog Training**

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**Phone:** (415) 706-4401

**Email:** [info@brightlightsdogtraining.com](mailto:info@brightlightsdogtraining.com)

**Serving Area:** San Francisco

**Specialization(s):** Safety for Dogs living with children, Stranger aggression- small to medium sized dogs, Shy or fearful dogs, Environmental fears, Body handling, Obedience training, Potty training, Puppy training

**Services offered in addition to training:** In home private coaching, 1-1 day training for busy owners

**Doesn't handle:** Dog-dog aggression in large dogs as primary issue

**Name: Amelia Lindbergh**

**Credentials:** CTBC - Dog Training Internship Academy, Graduate of SF SPCA Volunteer Internship Program

**Business Name: All Ears**

**Website:** [www.AllEarsSF.com](http://www.AllEarsSF.com)

**Phone:** (914) 329-0779

**Email:** [AllEarsSF@gmail.com](mailto:AllEarsSF@gmail.com)

**Serving Area:** San Francisco and the East Bay

**Specialization(s):** Puppies, adolescent dogs, socialization, basic manners, reactivity, fear, recall, loose leash walking, jumping, handling (grooming/vet handling comfort training), muzzle training.

**Services offered in addition to training:** How to prepare for your new dog/puppy consultation, private training walks

**Name: Quin Longino**

**Credentials:** CPDT-KA, CCDT

**Business Name: Pup Professor**

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**Phone:** 9106191554

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**Service Area:** San Francisco & South Bay (to San Mateo)

**Specializations:** Basic Obedience, Puppy Manners, Leash Reactivity, Fear/Shyness, CGC Training & Evaluations

**Services offered in addition to training:** Pet Sitting & Boarding

**Doesn't handle:** Off-leash dog-dog aggression, Human aggression with bite history

**Name: Lisa Manolius**

**Credentials:** CTC, CPDT-KA, CSAT, completed 2 SF SPCA Trainer Internships **Business**

**Name: Oh Behave!**

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**Serving Area:** San Francisco, South SF, Pacifica, Brisbane, Burlingame, Millbrae, Hillsborough, San Bruno

**Specialization(s):** Separation anxiety; puppies; adolescents; anxious, shy or fearful dogs

**Doesn't handle:** Off-leash play skills rehabilitation, off-leash dog-dog aggression

**Name: Joan Mapou**

**Credentials:** CTC, CC @ SF SPCA Dog Training Academy

**Continuing Education completed:** Clicker Expo by Karen Pryor Academy, Art and Science of Animal Training Conference at University of North Texas, Shedd Aquarium Animal Training Course by Ken Ramirez

**Business Name: Joan 4 Pets**

**Website:** [www.joan4pets.com](http://www.joan4pets.com)

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**Serving Area:** San Francisco

**Specialization(s):** Basic Training, puppy training, mild separation anxiety. Basic training includes: come, sit, down, stay, watch, leave it, drop it, loose leash/heel walking, as well as addressing jumping up, barking, and leash reactivity

**Services offered in addition to training:** Pet sitting (animal's home) and private walks **Doesn't handle:** Dog or people aggression

**Name: Carlie Seelig Miller**

**Credentials:** Graduate of SF SPCA Behavior & Training Volunteer Internship Program; Graduate of SIRIUS Academy for Dog Trainers; Pet Tech First-Aid Certified; Supporting Member of IAABC; Professional Member of APDT; B.A. Psychology from UCLA (focus: Applied Developmental Psychology); Licensed and Insured

**Business Name: CSM Dog Training**

**Website:** [www.csmdogtraining.com](http://www.csmdogtraining.com)

**Phone:** 415-943-DOGS (3647)

**Email:** [CSMDogTraining@gmail.com](mailto:CSMDogTraining@gmail.com)

**Serving Area:** San Francisco (most neighborhoods)

**Specialization(s):** Private Coaching & Day Training, Puppy Training, Basic Adult Dog Training, Advanced Dog Training, Dog Sport/Show Dog Training (Rally, Obedience, Conformation), Crate Training, Household Manners, Leash Manners, Leash Reactivity, Muzzle/Harness/Halter Equipment Training, Behavior Challenges, Pre-Puppy/Dog Selection Consultations

**Services offered in addition to training:** Individual Training Walks, In-Home Enrichment Sessions, Puppy Buddy Outings

**Name: Stephanie Miller**

**Credentials:** 2001 CTC - Graduate SFSPCA Dog Training Academy; First Aid Certified; 2016 Family Paws Parent Educator, Insured & Licensed

**Business Name:** Recess With Steph

**Website:** [www.recesswithsteph.com](http://www.recesswithsteph.com)

**Phone:** 415-269-8345

**Email:** [recesswithsteph@gmail.com](mailto:recesswithsteph@gmail.com)

**Serving Area:** San Francisco

**Specializing Behaviors:** Puppy Training & Development, Housebreaking, Basic Manners, Kids/Babies/Dogs/Family dog training

**Services offered in addition to training:** Private Training & Coaching, Off Leash Dog Walking in private full fenced area for both small dogs and big dogs (separate play groups for each); Public Dog Training Classes

**Doesn't handle:** Human Aggression w/Bite History; Dog-Dog Aggression (off leash); Separation Anxiety

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**Name: Shoshi Parks, Ph.D., CPDT-KA**

**Credentials:** Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed (CPDT-KA), Certified Separation Anxiety Trainer (CSAT), Graduate of SF SPCA Dog Training Internship, Pet First Aid Certified

**Business Name: Modern Hound Dog Care & Training**

**Website:** [www.modernhoundsf.com](http://www.modernhoundsf.com), [www.modernhound-siliconvalley.com](http://www.modernhound-siliconvalley.com)

**Phone:** 415-562-7196 **Email:** [modernhound@gmail.com](mailto:modernhound@gmail.com)

**Serving area:** San Francisco, San Jose & South Bay/Silicon Valley

**Specialization(s):** Isolation Distress (separation anxiety), obedience training, puppies, housebreaking, shy/fearful dogs, on leash challenges, recall, senior and disabled dogs

**Services offered in addition to training:** day training, owner coaching, in-home sitting **Doesn't handle:** human or dog-dog aggression

**Name: Lilly Pritchard Business Name: Positive Force Dog Training**

**Website:** [www.positiveforcetraining.com](http://www.positiveforcetraining.com)

**Phone:** (415) 774-6126

**Email:** [lilly@positiveforcetraining.com](mailto:lilly@positiveforcetraining.com)

**Serving Area:** San Francisco

**Specialization(s):** dog-dog or stranger aggression

**Services offered in addition to training:** private training, day train

**Name: Eva Puyana**

**Credentials:** CTC – Certificate in Training and Counseling

**Business Name: Ruff Riders K-9 Adventures**

**Website:** [www.ruffridersk9.com](http://www.ruffridersk9.com)

**Phone:** 415-225-4481

**Email:** [eva@ruffridersk9.com](mailto:eva@ruffridersk9.com)

**Serving Area:** Castro, Noe Valley, Bernal Heights, Glen Park, Potrero Hill

**Specialization(s):** Basic Obedience, Puppy Socialization and training, Recall training

**Services offered in addition to training:** Off Leash Dog Walks

**Doesn't handle:** Aggression cases, Severe Separation Anxiety

**Name: Erika Slovikoski Credentials: CPDT – KA Business Name: Star Dog SF**

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**Email:** [erikaskidog@gmail.com](mailto:erikaskidog@gmail.com)

**Serving Area:** San Francisco

**Specialization(s):** dog-dog aggression, reactivity, rude/jumpy/mouthy dogs, impulse control

**Services offered in addition to training:** individual walks, group classes

**Doesn't handle:** Human aggression, separation anxiety

**Name: Natalie Tondelli-Walsh**

**Credentials:** CTC from SPCA Academy for Dog Trainers, Animal Behavior College Training Mentor, Top Dog SF University Instructor for Professional Dog Walkers and Pet Sitters

**Business Name: Top Dog SF**

**Website:** [www.topdogsf.com](http://www.topdogsf.com)

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**Phone:** (415) 225-3081

**Email:** [natalie@topdogsf.com](mailto:natalie@topdogsf.com)

**Serving Area:** San Francisco

**Specialization(s):** Puppies and new rescue dogs/ adoptions, group walks and socialization, urban dog manners

**Services offered in addition to training:** Daily Dog Walking and Professional Dog and Pet Sitter Instructor

**Name: David Sternberg**

**Credentials:** Graduate of the SF SPCA Volunteer Internship Program, Dog\*Tech Pet First Aid & CPR certified

**Phone:** (415) 244-9147

**Email:** [dsconcepts@ymail.com](mailto:dsconcepts@ymail.com)

**Serving Area:** San Francisco

**Specializations:** Basics; sit/down/stay/recall etc., manners, impulse control, confidence, settling in home, jumpy/mouthy, pulling on leash, reactivity to other dogs or objects, dog introductions to other dogs or environments, puppy training, dogs living with children, pre-baby training, shy and fearful dog services.

**Services offered in addition to training:** Private training consultations and individual training walks.

## **EAST BAY**

**Name: Tania Lanfer**

**Credentials:** Graduate of SF SPCA Volunteer Internship Program, Graduate of Canine Behavior Academy, certified in Pet Tech Pet First Aid, Member of the APDT.

**Business Name: Cannon Dog Training**

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**Phone:** (415) 317-8985

**Email:** [taniacannondog@gmail.com](mailto:taniacannondog@gmail.com)

**Serving Area:** Oakland, Berkeley

**Specialization(s):** Basic Obedience, Shy dogs, Impulse control, Rambunctious/Jumpy/Mouthy, Puppy socialization and obedience, Leash reactivity, Handling issues.

**Services offered in addition to training:** Walk'n Train (individual walks for leash reactive, RJM, shy dogs), Board and Train

**Doesn't handle:** Off-Leash Dog-Dog Aggression

**Name: Lea Orloski**

**Credentials:** Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed (CPDT-KA), Certificate in Training and Behavior Consultation (CTBC) from the Dog Training Internship Academy, Member of APDT and Pet Professional Guild, Canine Good Citizen Evaluator

**Business Name:** Canine Centric

**Website:** [www.caninecentric.net](http://www.caninecentric.net)

**Phone:** (510) 706-5877

**Email:** [Caninecentric@gmail.com](mailto:Caninecentric@gmail.com)

**Serving Area:** Martinez, Richmond, El Cerrito, Albany, Berkeley, Oakland, Orinda

**Specialization(s):** Puppy training, board and train program for puppies 8wks-6mo, basic obedience, leash reactivity (Dogs and People), shy dogs

**Services offered in addition to training:** Dog walking

**Doesn't handle:** Separation anxiety

**Name: Vicki Ronchette**

**Credentials:** Certified Professional Dog Trainer, CAP2

**Business Name: Braveheart Dog Training**

**Website:** [www.braveheartdogtraining.com](http://www.braveheartdogtraining.com) **Email:** [braveheartdogs@gmail.com](mailto:braveheartdogs@gmail.com)

**Serving area:** San Leandro, Castro Valley, Hayward, Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley **Specializing**

**Behaviors:** Puppy, Basic/Manners training, Canine Freestyle, Conformation, Shy/Fearful dogs

**Services offered in addition to training:** Very limited board and train **Doesn't**

**handle:** Aggression, Separation Anxiety, Leash reactivity

## **PENNINSULA/SOUTH BAY**

**Name: Stacy Braslau-Schneck**

**Credentials:** MA CPDT-KA CBCC-KA CAP2

**Business Name: Stacy's Wag'N'Train**

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**Serving area:** San Jose, Santa Clara County, Palo Alto

**Specialization(s):** Basic training, shy/fearful dogs, leash-reactivity and dog-dog or dog-human aggression, hyper/impulse control issues, family dogs, preparing the dog for the new baby

**Services offered in addition to training:** Private lessons, owner coaching or day training **Does**

**not handle:** separation anxiety

**Name: Margaret Daul**

**Credentials:** M.A., Psychology; CTC - SF SPCA Dog Training Academy, ACDBC, KPA-CTP, CPDT-KSA

**Business Name: Family Dog Training LLC**

**Website:** [www.familydogtrainer.com](http://www.familydogtrainer.com)

**Email:** [familysdog@gmail.com](mailto:familysdog@gmail.com)

**Serving area:** Palo Alto to Burlingame

**Specialization(s):** Puppy training, shy/fearful dogs, separation anxiety, leash-reactivity and dogdog or dog-human aggression, as well as basic training.

**Name: Lisa Dossey Credentials:** DogTec **Business Name: Pups at their Peak**

**Phone:** (650) 642-6988

**Email:** [bonesdossey@gmail.com](mailto:bonesdossey@gmail.com)

**Serving Area:** El Dorado, Northern San Mateo

**Specializing Behaviors:** Dog Manners, Puppy Training, Jumpiness/Mouthiness, Pulling on leash, recall, dog-dog aggression (on leash only)

**Name: Trudy Gardner**

**Credentials:** Animal Behavior College graduate, Certified Dog Obedience Instructor

**Business Name: Half Moon Bay Dogs**

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**Serving Area:** Half Moon Bay, El Granada, Moss Beach, Montara

**Services offered in addition to training:** board and train, boarding, pet care services, group walks and play groups, and dog photography

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**Name: Wendy Hilton**

**Credentials:** BA, MBA, Canine Good Citizen, World Cynosport Rally Judge,

**Business Name: Just Rewards, LLC**

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**Serving Area:** Peninsula (South SF to Menlo Park) and Coast (Pacifica to Half Moon Bay)

**Doesn't Handle:** Stranger Aggression, Separation Anxiety

**Name: M. Cecilia Sternzon**

**Credentials:** CPDT-KA, MBA

**Business Name:** Canine Higher Learning

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**Serving Area:** South Bay Area including Sunnyvale, Milpitas, Santa Clara, and south to Gilroy.

**Services offered in addition to training:** Behavior Evaluations/Assessments; Child-Dog Safety seminars

## **NORTH BAY**

**Name: Mary Stompe Credentials:** KPA CTP

**Business Name:** Mary's Angels Dog Training

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**Serving Area:** San Anselmo, San Rafael, Novato, Petaluma

**Specialization(s):** Fear and anxiety, husbandry and vet visit preparation, basic obedience, puppies, newly adopted dogs, first-time owners

**Services offered in addition to training:** None currently

**Name: Yuching Desch**

**Credentials:** CPDT-KA, CTDI

**Business Name:** K9 Learning

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**Phone:** 415-265-2539

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**Serving Area:** Marin County

**Specialization(s):** Helping fear-aggressive dogs build confidence; tricks, basic obedience

**Services offered in addition to training:** Behavior consultation