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

SAN FRANCISCO

Name: Amelia Lindbergh  
Credentials: CTBC - Dog Training Internship Academy, Graduate of SF SPCA Volunteer Internship Program  
Business Name: All Ears  
Website: www.AllEarsSF.com  
Phone: (914) 329-0779  
Email: 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: Alisha Ardiana  
Credentials: BS/Biology, RVT, CTBC  
Business Name: empawthy  
Website: www.empawthy.com  
Phone: 415-948-5945  
Email: alisha.j.ardiana@gmail.com  
Service Area: San Francisco  
Specialization: Puppies, basic manners, recall, reactivity, fear/shyness  
Doesn't handle: Separation anxiety

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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  Email: info@sitstaysf.com
Serving Area: San Francisco, Online to Bay Area and more
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

Name: Corinne Dowling
Credentials: Certified in Training and Counselling, Academy of Dog Trainers, SF/SPCA; Certified at Canine Behavior Academy. Marin Humane Society; Premium professional member, Association of Dog Trainers
Business Name: On Cue K9 Training
Website: oncuek9.com
Phone: 415.305.1630
Email: gibsongirl48@gmail.com
Service Area: San Francisco
Specialization: One-on-one training, coaching, socialization, and outings for those dogs who find other dogs, people, or even their world challenging, shy/fearful dogs, and reactivity. (puppies, adolescents, adults)
Doesn't handle: Dog to people aggression, Separation Anxiety

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

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Name: Dominika Knossalla-Pado  
Credentials: MA, CTC - Graduate SFSPCA Dog Training Academy, AKC CGC/STAR Puppy Licensed Evaluator, Certified K9 Nose Work Instructor  
Business Name: Dog Meets Baby LLC  
Website: https://www.dogmeetsbaby.expert/  
Social media:  
IG: https://www.instagram.com/dogmeets_baby/  
FB: https://www.facebook.com/DogMeetsBabyByDominika  
E-mail: hello@dogmeetsbaby.expert  
Serving Area: San Francisco  
Specializing Behaviors: Pre-baby training for expecting and adopting parents, Life with infants, toddler and dogs; Child and dog safety, Dog-children aggression (No level 5 bites, Ian Dunbar’s scale). Puppy Training, Dog Manners, Jumpiness/Mouthiness, Housetraining, Pulling on Leash, Impulse Control, Recall, Fear, Shyness/Socialization, Leash Reactivity.  
Services offered in addition to training: Online courses  
Doesn’t handle: Separation Anxiety, Resource Guarding cases, Dog-Dog Aggression

Name: Erika Slovikoski  
Credentials: CPDT – KA  
Business Name: Star Dog SF  
Website: www.stardogsf.com  
Phone: (415) 513-2405  
Email: 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: 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  
Phone: 415-254-2190 (cell)  
Email: joan@joan4pets.com  
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

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Name: Lindsay Dellas  
Credentials: CPDT-KA, 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  
Phone: 415-823-1446  
Email: 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: Paula Benton  
Credentials: CPDT-KA, KPA, CBATI  
Business Name: Paula Benton Dog Training  
Website: www.paulabentondogtraining.com  
Phone: 415-525-9528  
Email: paulabentonsemail@gmail.com  
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: Shelley Leong  
Credentials: CTC Honors Graduate - Academy for Dog Trainers, SA Pro Trainer, Professional Member APDT & PPG  
Business Name: Bright Lights Dog Training  
Website: www.brightlightsdogtraining.com  
Phone: (415) 706-4401 (email preferred)  
Email: info@brightlightsdogtraining.com  
Serving Area: San Francisco  
Specialization(s): Puppy Training, Jumping/ Mouthing, Teenagers, Shy or fearful dogs, Stranger aggression- small to medium sized dogs, Environmental fears, Body handling, Obedience training, Potty training.  
Services offered in addition to training: 1-1 day training for busy owners, In home private coaching.  
Doesn’t handle: Dog-dog aggression/Reactivity as primary issue.
**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  
**Serving area:** San Francisco, Peninsula, South Bay/Silicon Valley, East Bay  
**Specialization(s):** Separation Anxiety (isolation distress)  
**Services offered in addition to training:** N/A  
**Doesn't handle:** Aggression, reactivity, basic obedience

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**Name:** Shura Kelly  
**Credentials:** Certificate in Training & Counseling from the Academy for Dog Trainers  
**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  
**Serving Area:** San Francisco  
**Specializing Behaviors:** Doesn’t handle  
**Services offered in addition to training:** small dog (under 20 lbs) walks and day care

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**Name:** Stacey Campbell  
**Credentials:** CTC – Graduate of SF SPCA Dog Training Academy 2006, SF SPCA Internship certificate specializing in dog-dog aggression  
**Business Name:** Go Fetch Dog Training  
**Website:** [www.gofetchdogtraining.com](http://www.gofetchdogtraining.com) (Private training)  
**Email:** Stacey@gofetchdogtraining.com  
**Website:** [https://goldengatedogsports.com/](https://goldengatedogsports.com/) (Agility/dog sport classes)  
**Email:** Stacey@ggdogsports.com  
**Phone:** N/A  
**Serving Area:** San Francisco (Sunset, West Portal, Noe Valley, Bernal, Mission, Dog Patch) and the Peninsula (Pacific, South of SF down to Woodside)  
**Specialization(s):** Basic puppy/dog training, dog/human reactivity/aggression, multi dog household problems, dog/baby prep, sport dog training  
**Services offered in addition to training:** private training/group classes

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Name: Susie Garcia  
**Credentials:** Graduate of SF SPCA Volunteer Internship Program, Professional Certified Dog Walker through Dog Biz Success Dog Walking Academy, and Pet CPR and First Aid Certified  
**Business Name:** Teeny Dogs  
**Service Area:** San Francisco  
**Website:** [www.teenydogs.com](http://www.teenydogs.com)  
**Phone:** (415)806-2999  
**Email:** teenydogssf@yahoo.com  
**Specialization(s):** Small Dog: On leash Reactivity (Barking, Lunging), Basics: sit/downs/stay, recall, Shy Dog: Confidence building, Coaching Owners  
**Doesn’t Handle:** Separation Anxiety, Dog-Dog Aggression of Leash, nor People Aggression  
**Services offered in addition to training:** Dog Boarding, Dog walking for dogs under 18lbs  
**Service Areas for Dog walking:** Noe Valley, Inner/Outer Sunset, Twin Peaks, Cole Valley

Name: Quin Longino  
**Credentials:** CPDT-KA, CCDT  
**Business Name:** Pup Professor  
**Website:** [www.pupprofessor.com](http://www.pupprofessor.com)  
**Phone:** 9106191554  
**Email:** quin@pupprofessor.com  
**Service Area:** San Francisco  
**Specializations:** Basic Obedience, Puppy Manners, Leash Reactivity, Fear/Shyness, CGC Training & Evaluations  
**Services offered in addition to training:** N/A  
**Doesn’t handle:** Off-leash dog-dog aggression, Human aggression with bite history

**EAST BAY**

Name: Aaron Teixeira  
**Credentials:** MS (in companion animal science), CPDT-KA  
**Business Name:** Teixeira Training  
**Website:** [www.TeixeiraTraining.com](http://www.TeixeiraTraining.com)  
**Phone:** 510-930-2710  
**Email:** info@teixeiratraining.com  
**Serving Area:** San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, San Leandro, Piedmont, and flexibility for other cities  
**Specialization(s):** Puppy Training, Basic obedience, Problem behaviors  
**Services offered in addition to training:** Behavior consultation
Name: Kiem Sie  
**Credentials:** CPDT-KA, SA Pro Trainer [https://www.subthresholdtraining.com/find-a-trainer/](https://www.subthresholdtraining.com/find-a-trainer/)  
**Business Name:** Kiem Sie  
**Website:** [https://www.kiemsie.com/](https://www.kiemsie.com/)  
**Phone:** 510.982.6707  
**Email:** kiem.sie@gmail.com  
**Service Area:** Virtual and Berkeley, Oakland, El Cerrito, Albany, Kensington  
**Specialization:** Shy/fearful, fear aggression, SA/separation related behaviors

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  
**Website:** [www.cannondogtraining.com](http://www.cannondogtraining.com)  
**Serving Area:** Oakland, Berkeley, Online sessions  
**Specialization(s):** Basic Obedience, Shy and fearful dogs, Impulse control, Rambunctious/Jumpy/Mouthy, Puppy socialization and obedience, Leash reactivity, Handling issues. I also specialize in dogs and babies and families with new dogs.  
**Services offered in addition to training:** Tutoring program: long term training. This is a program where I take your dog twice a week for training sessions for a few months. The stability of regular training is very beneficial for dogs needing behavior work or learning obedience in the real world.  
**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 the 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  
**Serving Area:** Martinez, Richmond, El Cerrito, Albany, Berkeley, Oakland, Orinda  
**Specialization(s):** Puppy training, board and train program for puppies 12wks-6mo, basic obedience, leash reactivity (Dogs and People)  
**Services offered in addition to training:** N/A  
**Doesn't handle:** Separation anxiety, dog-dog off leash aggression

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PENNINSULA/SOUTH BAY

Name: M. Cecilia Sternzon  
Credentials: CPDT-KA, MBA  
Business Name: Canine Higher Learning  
Website: www.CanineHigherLearning.com  
Email: caninehigherlearning@gmail.com  
Serving Area: South Bay area including San Jose, Milpitas, and south to Gilroy.  
Services offered in addition to training: Behavior Evaluations/Assessments; Child-Dog Safety seminars

Name: Stacy Braslau-Schneck  
Credentials: MA CPDT-KA CBCC-KA CAP2  
Business Name: Stacy's Wag’N'Train  
Website: www.wagntrain.com Email: stacy@wagntrain.com  
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: Wendy Hilton  
Credentials: BA, MBA, Canine Good Citizen, World Cynosport Rally Judge, Virtual Training  
Business Name: Just Rewards, LLC  
Website: www.justrewardsk9.com  
Phone: (650) 302-1862  
Email: wendy@justrewardsk9.com  
Serving Area: Peninsula (South SF to Menlo Park) and Coast (Pacifica to Half Moon Bay)  
Specialization(s): Puppy Training, Basic Training, Adolescent Dog classes, Intermediate and Advanced level classes, Rowdy Rover classes for leash reactive dogs, Reliable Recall, Shy/fearful dogs, High Energy sporting dogs, Rally Obedience  
Doesn’t Handle: Stranger Aggression, Separation Anxiety

Name: Zane Brown  
Credentials: CCDT (Catch Canine Trainers Academy Certified Dog Trainer), Licensed Family Paws Parent Educator.  
Website: www.zanebrowntraining.com  
Phone: 650-260-3240  
Email: info@zanebrowntraining.com  
Service Area: Atherton and immediate surrounding areas.  
Specialization: Dog and baby/toddler dynamics.  
Doesn’t handle: aggression, reactivity, and separation anxiety.

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NORTH BAY

Name: Kirsten Wojcik
Credentials: CCBC (Certified Canine Behavior Consultant) through Trish King's private mentorship program, Graduate of Michael Shikashio's Masters in Aggression Program, Certified Trick Dog Trainer through DMWYD
Soon to be certified Family Dog Mediation Specialist through Kim Brophy's program
Business Name: KW Happy Dogs
Website: www.kwhappydogs.com
Phone: 415-847-6919
Email: kwhappydogs@gmail.com
Service Area: Marin County
Specialization: Aggression and Reactivity
Doesn't handle: Separation Anxiety

Name: Mary Stompe
Credentials: KPA CTP
Business Name: Mary’s Angels Dog Training
Website: www.marysangelsdogtraining.com
Phone: 415-301-0394
Email: marysangeldogs@gmail.com
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, CNWI, SDC
Business Name: K9 Learning
Website: www.k9learning.com
Phone: 415-265-2539
Email: yuching@k9learning.com
Serving Area: Marin County / Other areas via virtual Zoom sessions
Specialization(s): Helping fear-aggressive dogs build confidence; tricks, basic obedience, nosework
Services offered in addition to training: Behavior consultation, service dog coaching

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