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

SAN FRANCISCO:

Name: Alisha Ardiana
Credentials: BS/Biology, RVT, CTBC, CGC evaluator
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, aggression

Name: Paula Benton
Credentials: CPDT-KA, KPA, CBATI (pending)
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: Josh Boutelle
Credentials: CPDT-KA, CTBC, CSAT(pending), Dog*tec Dog Walking Academy Instructor
Business Name: City Pups SF
Website: www.citypupssf.com
Phone: 4154468726
Email: info@citypupssf.com
Service Area: San Francisco
Specializations: Separation Anxiety, Leash Reactivity, Basic Obedience
 Doesn’t handle: dog-dog aggression off-leash

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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  
**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  
**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  
**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 Dog aggression

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Name: Susie Garcia  
Credentials: dog'Tec Certified Dog Walker  
Business Name: Teeny Dogs  
Website: www.teenydogs.com  
Phone: (415)806-2999  
Email: teenydogssf@yahoo.com; info@teenydogs.com  
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  
Email: 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  
Phone: (415) 387-7877  
Email: 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  
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

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Business Name: Bright Lights Dog Training  
Website: [www.brightlightsdogtraining.com](http://www.brightlightsdogtraining.com)  
Phone: (415) 706-4401  
Email: 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  
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  
Website: [www.pupprofessor.com](http://www.pupprofessor.com)  
Phone: 9106191554  
Email: quin@pupprofessor.com  
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!  
Website: [www.ohbehave-dogtraining.com](http://www.ohbehave-dogtraining.com)  
Phone: 415-846-8111  
Email: lisaohbehave@gmail.com  
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

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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)  
Phone: 415-441-5785 (office)  
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

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  
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  
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  
**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: **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  
**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  
**Website:** [www.stardogsf.com](http://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: **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  
**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  
**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  
**Website:** www.cannondogtraining.com  
**Phone:** (415) 317-8985  
**Email:** 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  
**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 8wks-6mo, basic obedience, leash reactivity (Dogs and People), shy dogs  
**Services offered in addition to training:** Dog walking  
**Doesn’t handle:** Separation anxiety

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Name: Vicki Ronchette  
Credentials: Certified Professional Dog Trainer, CAP2  
Business Name: Braveheart Dog Training  
Website: www.braveheartdogtraining.com  Email: 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

PENINSULA/SOUTH BAY

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: 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  Email: familysdog@gmail.com  
Serving area: Palo Alto to Burlingame  
Specialization(s): Puppy training, shy/fearful dogs, separation anxiety, leash-reactivity and dog-dog 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  
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  
Website: halfmoonbaydogs.com  Email: halfmoonbaydogs@yahoo.com  
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  
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)  
Doesn’t Handle: Stranger Aggression, Separation Anxiety

Name: M. Cecilia Sternzon  
Credentials: CPDT-KA, MBA  
Business Name: Canine Higher Learning  
Website: www.CanineHigherLearning.com  
Email: dogtopia@earthlink.net  
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  
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  
Business Name: K9 Learning  
Website: www.k9learning.com  
Phone: 415-265-2539  
Email: yuching@k9learning.com  
Serving Area: Marin County  
Specialization(s): Helping fear-aggressive dogs build confidence; tricks, basic obedience  
Services offered in addition to training: Behavior consultation

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