



Local Private Trainer

If you are unsure whether you need a trainer or a behaviorist, please watch this [video](#) to help you decide.

COMMON CERTIFICATIONS AND WHAT THEY STAND FOR

PPG	Pet Professional Guild
KPA CTP	Karen Pryor Academy Certified Training Partner
IAABC	International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants
CTC	Certificate in Training and Counseling
ACAAB	Associate Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist
APDT	Association of Professional Dog Trainers
CDBC	Certified Dog Behavior Consultant
CTBC	Certificate in Training and Behavior Consultation
CSAT	Certified Separation Anxiety Trainer
SAPRO	Separation Anxiety Pro™ Behavior Consultant
CPDT-KA	Certified Professional Dog Trainer—Knowledge Assessed
Fear Free	Fear Free Certified Professional

San Francisco

ALL EARS

- **Trainer:** Amelia Lindbergh
- **Credentials:** CTBC—Dog Training Internship Academy, Graduate of SF SPCA Volunteer Internship Program
- **Website:** allearsf.com
- **Phone:** (914) 329-0779
- **Email:** allearsf@gmail.com
- **Specializations:** Puppies, adolescent dogs, socialization, basic manners, reactivity, fear, recall, loose leash walking, jumping, handling (*grooming/vet handling comfort training*), muzzle training, aggression, and cooperative care
- **Services offered in addition to training:** How to prepare for your new dog/puppy consultation, private training walks
- **Service Area:** San Francisco, East Bay

BRIGHT LIGHTS DOG TRAINING

- **Trainer:** Shelley Leong
- **Credentials:** CTC Honors Graduate—Academy for Dog Trainers, Professional Member of the Association for Professional Dog Training and the PPG
- **Website:** brightlightsdogtraining.com
- **Phone:** (415) 706-4401 (*email preferred*)
- **Email:** info@brightlightsdogtraining.com
- **Specializations:** 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
- **Service Area:** San Francisco

CSM DOG TRAINING

- **Trainer:** Carlie Seelig Miller
- **Credentials:** KPA CTP, graduate of the SF SPCA Behavior and Training Volunteer Internship Program, graduate of the SIRIUS Academy for Dog Trainers, certificate in LLA: The Science & Technology of Behavior Change, graduate of Aggression in Dogs Master Class, Supporting Member of IAABC, Professional Premium Member of APDT, B.A. Psychology UCLA (*focus: applied developmental psychology*)
- **Website:** www.csmdogtraining.com
- **Email:** csmdogtraining@gmail.com
- **Specializations:** Private coaching via Zoom, 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, specialized task training
- **Service Area:** San Francisco (*certain neighborhoods*) and virtual

DAVID STERNBERG

- **Credentials:** Graduate of the SF SPCA Volunteer Internship Program, Dog*Tec, Pet First Aid and CPR Certified
- **Phone:** (415) 244-9147
- **Email:** dsconcepts@gmail.com
- **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. Aggression cases. Service dog training for owners experiencing anxiety disorders, migraines, and other conditions that a dog trainer can assist with.
- **Services offered in addition to training:** Training consultations, short and long-term training and coaching, private training walks, shy dog enrichment visits
- **Service Area:** San Francisco

GO FETCH DOG TRAINING

- **Trainer:** Stacey Campbell
- **Credentials:** CTC—Graduate of SF SPCA Dog Training Academy 2006, SF SPCA Internship certificate specializing in dog-dog aggression
- **Website:** gofetchdogtraining.com (*private training*)
goldengatedogsports.com (*agility/dog sport classes*)
- **Email:** stacey@gofetchdogtraining.com, stacey@ggdogsports.com
- **Specializations:** 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
- **Service Area:** San Francisco (*Sunset, West Portal, Noe Valley, Bernal, Mission, Dog Patch*) and the Peninsula (*Pacifica, South of SF down to Woodside*)

GOOD DOG HAPPY DOG

- **Trainer:** Lindsay Dellas
- **Credentials:** CPDT-KA, CTBC from the Dog Training Internship Academy, Certified Fear Free Professional, Karen Pryor Puppy Start Right, Pet First Aid & CPR Certified, and member of the PPG and IAABC
- **Website:** gooddoghappy.dog
- **Phone:** (415) 483-2265
- **Email:** woof@gooddoghappy.dog
- **Specializations:** Reactivity, aggression, dogs with bite history, shy and fearful dogs, early puppy socialization, new adoptions
- **Services offered in addition to training:** Owner coaching, day training, enrichment adventures
- **Doesn't handle:** Separation anxiety
- **Service Area:** San Francisco

HOLDEN K9

- **Trainer:** Holden Svirsky
- **Credentials:** CSAT, CTC, PPG, Aggression in Dogs Master Course from Michael Shikashio, Veterans' Service Dog Trainer - Animal Rescue Foundation, Behavior internship under board-certified veterinary behaviorist Dr. Jeannine Berger, graduate of the Academy for Dog Trainers (*Awarded Shelter & Rescue Scholarship*)
- **Website:** holdenk9.com
- **Email:** holden@holdenk9.com
- **Specializations:** Puppy training, manners training, fear and aggression, and separation anxiety
- **Service Area:** Berkeley, Oakland, San Francisco, Massachusetts, and online clients worldwide

JOAN 4 PETS

- **Trainer:** Joan Mapou
- **Credentials:** CTC, CC from the SF SPCA Dog Training Academy, continuing education completed: Clicker Expo by Karen Pryor Academy, Art and Science of Animal Training Conference at the University of North Texas, Shedd Aquarium Animal Training Course by Ken Ramirez
- **Website:** joan4pets.com
- **Phone:** (415) 254-2190
- **Email:** joan@joan4pets.com
- **Specializations:** Basic training and puppy training. 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 in the animal's home and private walks
- **Doesn't handle:** Dog or people aggression
- **Service Area:** San Francisco

ON CUE K9 TRAINING

- **Trainer:** Corinne Dowling
- **Credentials:** CTC by the Academy for Dog Training, Academy of Dog Behavior I and II at Marin Humane Society; Premium Professional Member of the Association of Dog Trainers and PPG
- **Website:** oncuek9.com
- **Phone:** (415) 305-1630
- **Email:** gibsongirl48@gmail.com
- **Serving Area:** San Francisco
- **Specialization:** One-on-one training, coaching, socialization, and outings for those dogs who find other dogs, people, or even the entire world challenging. Her skill set includes working with shy, fearful dogs, fear aggression issues, basic manners training, and foundation skills
- **Services offered in addition to training:** Boarding and daycare
- **Doesn't handle:** Dog/people aggression, separation anxiety
- **Service Area:** San Francisco

PAULA BENTON DOG TRAINING

- **Trainer:** Paula Benton
- **Credentials:** CPDT—KA, KPA CTP
- **Website:** paulabentondogtraining.com
- **Phone:** (415) 525-9528
- **Email:** paulabentonsemail@gmail.com
- **Specializations:** Sensitive dogs, over-reactive/aggressive dogs, and mobility assistance dog training
- **Services offered in addition to training:** Partner, behavior assessments
- **Service Area:** San Francisco

SMARTYUP!

- **Trainer:** Fawn Pierre Erler
- **Credentials:** APDT-KA, CTC-H (Certificate in Training and Counseling with Honors) from the SF SPCA Dog Trainers Academy, Bob Bailey Operant Conditioning and Behavior Analysis Workshops
- **Website:** smartypup.com
- **Phone:** (415) 730-5149
- **Email:** bark@smartypup.com
- **Specializations:** Prevention-focused training, puppyhood through early adolescence, puppy socialization, basic manners, recall, and behavior consulting
- **Services offered in addition to training:** Private training, behavior consulting, and group classes for puppies and additional training classes to meet specific goals and challenges like tricks, recall, leash skills, and preparing for the AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test.
- **Service Area:** San Francisco

STAR DOG SF

- **Trainer:** Erika Slovikoski
- **Credentials:** CPDT-KA, Canine Behavior Academy 2010, SF SPCA Dog Training Internship Program 2011
- **Website:** stardogssf.com
- **Phone:** (415) 513-2405
- **Email:** erikaskidog@gmail.com
- **Specializations:** 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
- **Service Area:** San Francisco

TEENY DOGS

- **Trainer:** Susie Garcia
- **Credentials:** Graduate of the SF SPCA Volunteer Internship Program, Professional Certified Dog Walker through Dog Biz Success Dog Walking Academy, and Pet CPR and First Aid Certified
- **Website:** teenydogs.com
- **Phone:** (415) 806-2999
- **Email:** teenydogssf@yahoo.com
- **Specializations:** Small dog: on leash reactivity (barking, lunging), basics: sit/down/stay, recall, shy dog: confidence building, coaching owners
- **Services offered in addition to training:** Dog boarding, dog walking for dogs under 18lbs
- **Doesn't Handle:** Separation anxiety, dog-dog aggression off-leash, people aggression
- **Service Area for Dog Walking:** Noe Valley, Inner/Outer Sunset, Twin Peaks, Cole Valley

TEIXEIRA TRAINING

- **Trainer Name:** Aaron Teixeira
- **Credentials:** M.S. in Companion Animal Science, ACAAB
- **Website:** teixeiratraining.com
- **Phone:** (510) 930-2710
- **Email:** info@teixeiratraining.com
- **Specializations:** Private, in-home dog training for puppies, obedience training, and dog behavior treatment that focuses on aggression, anxiety, or fear-related problem behavior
- **Service Area:** Alameda, Berkeley, San Francisco, Oakland, Orinda, Lafayette, and Moraga

TOP DOG SF

- **Trainer Name:** Natalie Tondelli Walsh
- **Credentials:** Graduate of the SF SPCA's Dog Training Academy, CPR and Pet First Aid Trained and Certified
- **Website:** www.topdogsf.com
- **Phone:** (628) 285-3700
- **Email:** info@topdogsf.com
- **Specializations:** Reward-based dog training, puppy pre-school and puppy kindergarten, puppy headstart, and private training
- **Services Offered in Addition to Training:** Dog walking, small dog playcare, off-leash adventure walks
- **Service Area:** San Francisco

East Bay

ALL EARS

- **Trainer:** Amelia Lindbergh
- **Credentials:** CTBC—Dog Training Internship Academy, Graduate of SF SPCA Volunteer Internship Program
- **Website:** allearssf.com
- **Phone:** (914) 329-0779
- **Email:** allearssf@gmail.com
- **Specializations:** Puppies, adolescent dogs, socialization, basic manners, reactivity, fear, recall, loose leash walking, jumping, handling (*grooming/vet handling comfort training*), muzzle training, aggression, and cooperative care
- **Services offered in addition to training:** How to prepare for your new dog/puppy consultation, private training walks
- **Service Area:** San Francisco, East Bay

CANINE CENTRIC

- **Trainer Name:** Lea Orloski
- **Credentials:** CPDT-KA, CTBC from the Dog Training Internship Academy, Member of the PPG, Canine Good Citizen Evaluator
- **Website:** caninecentric.net
- **Phone:** (510) 706-5877
- **Email:** caninecentric@gmail.com
- **Specializations:** Basic obedience, leash reactivity (dogs and people)
- **Doesn't handle:** Separation anxiety, dog-dog off-leash aggression
- **Service Area:** Martinez, Richmond, El Cerrito, Albany, Berkeley, Oakland, and Orinda

DOG PARTY

- **Trainer Name:** Mena Kamel
- **Credentials:** CPDT—KA
- **Website:** dogpartying.com
- **Email:** dogpartying@gmail.com
- **Specializations:** Separation anxiety, fear, aggression, puppy (prevention)
- **Services Offered in Addition to Training:** Dog-sitting/boarding for existing clients, selective board-and-train
- **Service Area:** Oakland and Berkeley

KIEM SIE

- **Credentials:** CPDT-KA, SAPRO, KPA-CTP
- **Website:** kiemsie.com
- **Phone:** (510) 982-6707
- **Email:** kiem@kiemsie.com
- **Specializations:** Shy/fearful, fear aggression, separation anxiety/separation related behaviors
- **Service Area:** Berkeley, Oakland, El Cerrito, Albany, Kensington, and virtual

MIGHTY MUTTS

- **Credentials:** CPDT-KA, SAPRO, KPA-CTP
- **Website:** mightymuttsdogtraining.com
- **Phone:** (510) 520-4044
- **Email:** info@mightymuttsdogtraining.com
- **Specializations:** Working with fearful dogs, building confidence, and basic training and manners
- **Services Offered in Addition to Training:** Housetraining advice
- **Service Area:** In-home training in Central Contra Costa County, East County and Lamorinda and virtual training is available nationwide

Peninsula/South Bay

CANINE HIGHER LEARNING

- **Trainer Name:** M. Cecilia Sternzon
- **Credentials:** CPDT-KA, MBA, Professional Member of the APDT
- **Website:** caninehigherlearning.com
- **Email:** caninehigherlearning@gmail.com
- **Specialization:** High drive dogs and dog behavior challenges, including dog aggression, anxiety, and other issues.
- **Services offered in addition to training:** Behavior evaluations/assessments; child-dog safety seminars
- **Service Area:** South Bay including San Jose, Milpitas, and South to Gilroy

FEARLESS DOG

- **Trainer Name:** Brad Greene
- **Credentials:** CPDT-KA, Fear Free Certified
- **Website:** fearlessdogs.com
- **Email:** brad@fearlessdogs.com
- **Specialization:** Coaching puppy socialization, reactivity, fear/anxiety/stress, recall, loose leash walking, problem solving, handling
- **Services offered in addition to training:** Behavior evaluations/assessments; child-dog safety seminars
- **Service Area:** South Bay

IN TUNE DOG TRAINING

- **Trainer Name:** Nancy Le
- **Credentials:** CTC, SAPRO, CSAT
- **Website:** intunedogtraining.com
- **Email:** nancy@intunedogtraining.com
- **Specialization:** Reward-based training for puppies, adult dogs, aggressive dogs, and fearful dogs.
- **Services offered in addition to training:** Sitting and boarding
- **Service Area:** San Jose, nearby communities, and virtual

JUST REWARDS, LLC

- **Trainer Name:** Wendy Hilton
- **Credentials:** BA, MBA, Canine Good Citizen, World Cynosport Rally Judge
- **Website:** justrewardsk9.com
- **Phone:** (650) 302-1862
- **Specializations:** 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
- **Service Area:** Peninsula (*South SF to Menlo Park*) and Coast (*Pacifica to Half Moon Bay*)

STACY'S WAG'N'TRAIN

- **Trainer Name:** Stacy Braslau-Schneck
- **Credentials:** MA, CPDT-KA, Certified Behavior Consultant Canine—Knowledge Assessed (CBCC-KA), Companion Animal Program (CAP) Level 2
- **Website:** wagnttrain.com
- **Email:** stacy@wagnttrain.com
- **Services offered in addition to training:** Basic training, shy/fearful dogs, leash-reactivity, hyper/impulse control issues, family dogs, preparing the dog for the new baby
- **Doesn't handle:** Separation anxiety
- **Serving Area:** San Jose, Santa Clara County, Palo Alto

North Bay

K9 LEARNING

- **Trainer:** Yuching Desch
- **Credentials:** CDBC, CPDT–KA, CTDI, CNWI, SDC, FDM
- **Website:** k9learning.com
- **Phone:** (415) 265-2539
- **Email:** k9learning.dogtraining@gmail.com
- **Specializations:** Helping fear-aggressive dogs build confidence; tricks, basic obedience, nose work, deaf/blind/senior dog training and care
- **Services offered in addition to training:** Behavior consultation, service dog coaching
- **Service Area:** Marin County and other areas via virtual Zoom sessions

KW HAPPY DOGS

- **Trainer Name:** Kirsten Wojcik
- **Credentials:** IAABC Certified Dog Behavior Consultant, CCBC through Trish King's private mentorship program, Graduate of Michael Shikashio's Masters in Aggression, Certified Trick Dog Trainer–DMWYD, Family Dog Mediation Specialist, owner and operator of Canine Behavior Education (*a school for dog professionals*)
- **Website:** kwhappydogs.com
- **Phone:** (415) 847-6919
- **Email:** kwhappydogs@gmail.com
- **Specializations:** Aggression and reactivity
- **Doesn't handle:** Separation anxiety
- **Service Area:** Marin County

MARY'S ANGELS DOG TRAINING

- **Trainer:** Mary Dormody
- **Credentials:** KPA CTP
- **Website:** marysangelsdogtraining.com
- **Phone:** (415) 301-0394
- **Email:** marysangeldogs@gmail.com
- **Specializations:** Fear and anxiety, husbandry and vet visit preparation, basic obedience, puppies, newly adopted dogs, first-time owners, group classes
- **Service Area:** Novato, San Rafael, San Anselmo

PUP PROFESSOR

- **Trainer:** Quin Longino
- **Credentials:** CPDT-KA, CCDT, SAPRO
- **Website:** pupprofessor.com
- **Phone:** (910) 619-1554
- **Email:** quin@pupprofessor.com
- **Specializations:** Basic obedience, puppy manners, leash reactivity, fear/shyness, CGC training and evaluations, separation anxiety
- **Service Area:** Sonoma and Marin County

Virtual

DOG MEETS BABY, LLC

- **Trainer:** Dominika Knossalla-Pado
- **Credentials:** MA, CTC—Graduate SFSPCA Dog Training Academy, AKC CGC/STAR Puppy, Licensed Evaluator, Certified K9 Nose-Work Instructor
- **Website:** dogmeetsbaby.expert
- **Email:** hello@dogmeetsbaby.expert
- **Specializations:** Pre-baby training for new parents. Private consultations for parents of infants, toddlers, pre-schoolers and kindergartners and dogs. Child and dog safety. Dog-children aggression (*No level 5 bites, Ian Dunbar's scale*). Puppy consultations.
- **Services offered in addition to training:**
Online courses
- **Doesn't handle:** Separation anxiety, resource guarding, and general obedience
- **Service Area:** Virtual

PAW: POSITIVE ANIMAL WELLNESS

- **Trainer:** Terrie Hayward
- **Credentials:** MEd., KPA—Faculty, KPA—CTP, CPDT—KA, CSAT, CDBC
- **Website:** positiveanimalwellness.com
- **Email:** positiveanimalwellness@gmail.com
- **Specializing Behaviors:** Separation anxiety, deaf dogs, collaborative husbandry
- **Services offered in addition to training:**
Behavior consultations
- **Service Area:** Virtual

PET HARMONY

- **Trainer:** Ellen Yoakum
- **Credentials:** SAPRO, KPA-CTP
- **Website:** www.petharmonytraining.com/ellen-yoakum
- **Email:** info@petharmonytraining.com
- **Specializations** Helping dogs build confidence and personalized, science-based training to address behavior challenges
- **Services offered in addition to training:**
Behavior consultations
- **Service Area:** Virtual