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How To Choose A Trainer

Where to start? Recommendations? Internet searching? And what do all of those letters mean after a trainer's name? Dog training in the U.S. is an unregulated industry meaning anyone can call themselves a "dog trainer", even someone who has no dog experience.

Following the advice of an unqualified dog trainer can result in significant costs with limited results and possibly make the situation worse. Trainers and consultants who have letters after their names have chosen to prepare (involving time and cost) for the optional certification exams so that they can provide the most up to date, reward-based training and behavior modification for their client's dogs.

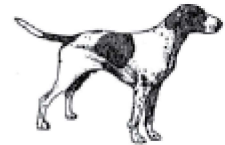
Look for the following letters after a trainer's name which designate certifications from respected organizations: CPDT-KA, CBCC-KA, and CDBC.

Contact the trainer and request a brief phone call. Include the following questions in your conversation. How many years experience? What

certifications/qualifications/education? Experience working with the behaviors you are seeking help for? Types of training methods used?

Use the Association of Pet Dog Trainers, www.apdt.com, Locate A Trainer search function to locate a professional in your area who uses positive reinforcement methods without fear or pain in training.

LIVING WITH DOGS



Out and About: Setting Your Dog Up For Success

A successful outing with your dog is one that's safe and enjoyable for both of you. As natural and easy as that sounds, it often doesn't happen unless you prepare for and practice it. Here are some tips for making the most of your time with your favorite companion.

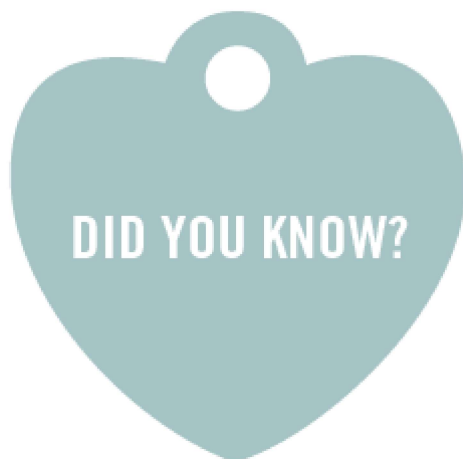
1. Preparation is half the battle. Before you go anywhere, think about the challenges you're likely to encounter: bins full of goodies in a pet store, other dogs, people who want to pet your dog, people walking by you at an outdoor café, kids running around in a park, trash on the ground. Decide how you will handle each challenge. Will you move away to create distance? Use treats to

keep your dog's attention on you? Use commands your dog is well practiced at (settle, watch, leave-it) to help guide his behavior?

2. Be on the lookout. Actively scan the environment so you can respond proactively to challenges rather than reacting when the distraction is already too close.

3. Work at your dog's level. Is your dog ready to settle comfortably for the full duration of a café lunch or should you start with a shorter visit like a trip for coffee? Has your dog noticed the chew bones in a lower bin at the pet store? A leave-it, let's go, or watch from several feet away is more likely to work than when he has his nose in the bin.

4. Set your dog up for success. If your outing was not as enjoyable as you would like, spend some time at home working on the behaviors your dog struggled with. Then pick an easier outing, such as the park during the morning lull instead of the afternoon rush. Bring tastier treats and go before your dog's mealtime, not after.



How Dog Blood Groups Work?

- Dogs have 10–13 blood groups (the number differs by country), categorized by the Dog Erythrocyte Antigen (DEA), a number, and a designation of positive or negative.
- All dogs belong to more than one group and many belong to more than two.
- DEA 1.1 positive dogs—about 40% of the dog population—are what's known as universal recipients (they can receive blood of any type without experiencing a life-threatening reaction).
- DEA 1.1 negative dogs are considered universal donors (but can't tolerate DEA 1.1. positive blood).
- Just to be safe, it's best to have your dog blood typed—that way, you know what to tell the vet in an emergency.

Judy Desmond

“A dog is the only thing that can mend a crack in your broken heart.”



OUR SERVICES

Positive Interactions Dog behavior and Training now offers remote consultations and follow up training sessions in addition to in-home sessions. Virtual training might be for you and your dog if:

- You want to work 1-on-1 with us but an in-home consultation isn't for you.
- You're outside our travel radius.
- Your dog would be too stressed to work if we were there.
- It's not yet safe for your pet to interact with visitors.

That's where our remote consultations come in. These are still behavior consults– private sessions where we work together to address your dog's behavior issues– but are performed via Zoom video chat.

People often wonder if we can help you if we don't even meet your dog in person? The answer is yes! Remote consulting is growing in popularity worldwide. We have remote clients as close as the next town over and as far away as Viet Nam. We can consult on most of the same issues as our in-home sessions.

Contact us with questions.

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