



OPERATION PAWS FOR HOMES

Trainer Partners Directory

Rescuing, Rehabilitating and Finding Forever Homes for Dogs

Operating in Virginia, Maryland, Washington DC and PA



VIRGINIA

Einstein K9

Contact Name: Chelsea Comstock, Trainer

Company Address: 500 13th St., Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Website: <http://www.einsteink9training.com/> | **Phone:** 757-773-9283 |

Email: Chelsea.einsteink9@yahoo.com

Membership: AKC CGC (pending)

Professional Dog Training Experience: 4.5 Years

Session Type: One hour private or group session Monday- Friday 9:30 am to 6:30 pm by appointment only.

“ At EinsteinK9 dog training we use a variety of training methods to accommodate each and every dog. We use positive reinforcement, creating a happy and fun obedience training experience bringing only the best out in your dog.

Wholistic Hound Academy

Contact Name: Sandy Modell, Founder and Head Trainer

Company Address: 18 Roth St., Alexandria, VA 22314

Website: <http://www.wholistichound.com> | **Phone:** 571-238-9145 | **Email:** Info@wholistichound.com

Membership: Certified Professional Dog Trainer (CPDT-KA), Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT), Family Paws Parent Educator (FPPE), Pet Professional Guild (PPG), and Truly Dog-Friendly Trainers.

Professional Dog Training Experience: 20 Years

Session Type: Please schedule a training session with Sandy within 30 days of adoption.

“ Our mission is simple: to help people enjoy an easier, fun, and positive relationship with their dogs, while experiencing the results and rewards of positive training. Positive training builds trusting partnerships between dogs and people. Our humane methods include clicker training, an approach that not only gets results, but is motivating, fast, and fun. Positive reinforcement techniques can help you to teach new behaviors quickly, effectively communicate with your dog, and increase your dog's problem-solving skills.

Olde Towne Pet Resort (Springfield)

Contact Name: Erin Spence

Company Address: 8101 Alban Rd., Springfield, VA 22150

Website: <https://www.oldetownepetresort.com/> | **Phone:** 703-455-9000 | **Email:** espence@oldetownepetresort.com

Membership: APDT, IACP

Professional Dog Training Experience: 1+ Years

Session Type: One-hour initial training consultation, Monday-Sunday AM or PM, by appointment

“ I practice a balanced method of training that begins with positive reinforcement and guidance. As dogs become proficient in their training and develop a better understanding of new behaviors and commands, discipline is instilled to maintain reliability and consistency in their performance.

Olde Towne Pet Resort (Sterling)

Contact Name: Kate Campbell, Canine Training Specialist

Company Address: 21460 Squire Ct., Sterling, VA 20166

Website: <https://www.oldetownepetresort.com/> | **Phone:** 703-593-7532 | **Email:** espence@oldetownepetresort.com

Membership: N/A

Professional Dog Training Experience: 1.5 Years

Session Type: One-hour private session Monday-Friday AM or PM, by appointment

“ I believe each dog is an individual. They are the ones that will tell us what motivates them to do or not to do a behavior. While their breed does play a role in their temperament, we all know that not all dogs are motivated by food/treats. Philosophy 1: I am not willing to do something to my dog that I'm not willing to try to do first myself. Philosophy 2: A behavior is not good or bad unless you think it is.

Walking With a Friend, LLC

Contact Name: Roni Campbell, KPA-CPT, CPDT-KA

Company Address: 7913 Ontario Rd., Gainesville, VA 20155

Website: www.walkingwithafriend.com | **Phone:** 703-975-9055 | **Email:** ronicampbell@yahoo.com

Membership: Pet Professional Guild, Association of Professional Dog Trainers, International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants, Middle Atlantic Association of Positive Professional Trainers.

Professional Dog Training Experience: I've been training dogs for over 8 years, 2010-2018 - I've had my own business since 2014.

Session Type: 90 min. M-F PM or Sat-Sun AM

“ I am a force-free, reward and bond-based trainer. I teach dogs and their human family members a common language so that communication is clear and learning can happen. My training tools are food, toys and praise. The equipment that I use is a buckle collar, a leash and a harness. My training is focused on building a secure attachment between the dog and his new family and teaching the family how to enrich their new dog's life through play, games and puzzles.

MARYLAND

K9 Koncepts World LLC

Contact Name: Bill Campbell, Partner/Training Director

Company Address: 4520 North Point Blvd., Sparrows Point, MD 21219

Website: K9koncepts.com | **Phone:** (410) 477-2000 | **Email:** bill@k9koncepts.com

Membership: International Association of Canine Professionals, USCA

Professional Dog Training Experience: 19 years

Session Type: Three-hour group session on Monday evenings

“ Here at K-9 Koncepts, we teach dog owners how to train their dogs and be responsible for them. Our experienced training staff will work with you and solve all the problems you’re having with your dog. These may include leash pulling, not coming when called, aggressive behavior towards people or other animals, and many more. No matter what your issue, we have seen it before and can help you to find a successful solution. All the while helping you improve your inter species relationship with your dog.

K9 Harmony

Contact Name: Leila Shiekhy, Owner and Head Trainer

Company Address: Mount Airy, MD

Website: <http://www.k9harmony.us> | **Phone:** (571) 317-1036 | **Email:** leila@k9harmony.us

Membership: International Association of Canine Professionals

Professional Dog Training Experience: 6 years

Session Type: One-hour group session on Saturday mornings

“ Our business utilizes the most important tool out there - your relationship with your dog! We help our clients achieve balance and increase the amount of trust their dog has in them. We use a variety of methods depending on the dog and behavior.

Paw by Paw Dog Training

Contact Name: Carmen Nixon or David Berlak, Master Dog Trainers

Company Address: 5405 Tuckerman Ln., North Bethesda, MD 20852

Training Address: 7723-7725 Tuckerman Ln., Potomac, MD 20854

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/pawbypawtraining/> | **Phone:** (240) 630-2089 |

Email: pawbypawdogtraining@gmail.com

Membership: N/A

Professional Dog Training Experience: 8 Years

Session Type: 45 minutes to 1-hour private lesson at a mutually agreed upon time/day.

“ We start with a free evaluation where we specialize the program for our clients based on their needs. In our basic obedience program we offer “5” private lessons where we will teach let's go (loose leash walking), wait, place (a spot the dog will have to stay there), sit, down, sit stays up to 3 minutes, down stays up to 10 minutes, come on first command. All of our classes include agility. After the private lessons we start with group classes. At the end of the group lessons we will test the owner and dog. If they don't pass the test, they stay in school with us at no additional cost. We want our dogs to be

trained no matter what the distractions or environment they are exposed. We hold training sessions at Petvalu Cabin John, houses of the client, trails, etc. We offer potty training, crate training and Behavior Modification.

We believe in a balanced method of training. We don't focus on a specific method of training; every dog is different and has their own personality. We try our best to help them and understand what is best for the dog.

Dogwood Elementary

Contact Name: Kathryn Boris

Company Address: 54 Bell Lane, Avondale, MD 20781

Training Address: Your Home

Website: <http://www.dogwoodelementary.com/> | **Phone:** (484) 356-4429 | **Email:** kwboris@gmail.com

Membership: Animal Behavior College

Professional Dog Training Experience: 2 years

Session Type: Private, 1-Hour session on Saturday or Sunday morning or evenings. Please schedule with Kathryn two weeks in advance.

“ Your dog truly wants to understand your family. They want to be part of it. Their antics and mischievous behavior maybe a cue to you they are really looking for some direction. Together we will create a positive, enriching, interactive environment... Happy at home.

Olde Towne Pet Resort (Sterling)

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Membership: N/A

Professional Dog Training Experience: 1.5 Years

Session Type: One-hour private session Monday-Friday AM or PM, by appointment

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Snorkle's Way Adaptive Dog Training

Contact Name: Dianna Matteson, Owner

Company address: 10317 Harp Rd., Walkersville, MD 21793

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Website: snorkleswayadaptivedogtraining.com | **Phone:** 410-736-3112

| **Email:** dianna@snorkleswayadaptivedogtraining.com

Membership: Dianna Matteson member of IACP and has been training dogs for over 5 years.

Professional Dog Training Experience: 5 years

Session Type: 45 minutes, one on one/private evaluation. 1-2 weeks' notice is asked.

“Snorkle’s Way offers both private and group sessions that incorporate basic obedience, trick training, canine fitness and leashed hikes into our programs. I specialize in creating individualized programs for you and your dog, so that you get the most out of your training. I believe that the right training tool is my humane tool that helps you and your dog build a positive relationship.”

Creekside Canine Training

Contact Name: Sarah Shulman, Owner/Head Trainer

Company Address: 311 West 7th Street, Frederick MD 21701

Training Address: 423 East Patrick Street, Frederick MD 21701

Website: www.creeksidecanine.com | **Phone:** 301-606-8099 | **Email:** creeksidecanineinfo@gmail.com

Membership: Sarah Shulman is a certified Canine Trainer and Behavior Specialist. She attended the internationally acclaimed Starmark Academy for Professional Dog Trainers (formerly Tripple Crown Academy) in Central Texas.

Professional Dog Training Experience: 8

Session Type: 45 minutes to an hour private lesson, times will vary based on schedule

“Creekside will work with you to design a custom-made training program that will give you the skills needed to have a positive relationship with your dog.

Show Me Your Dog

Contact Name: Dave Cochran, Owner/Head Trainer

Company Address: 4707 Benson Ave, Halethorpe, MD 21227

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Website: <http://www.showmeyourdog.com/> | **Phone:** 240-997-5257

Email: Dave@showmeyourdog.com

Session Type: 45 minutes to an hour private lesson

Nikki Sheckells

Address: Mt. Airy, MD

Phone: 443-632-4480 **Email:** nlm.dogtraining@gmail.com

Membership: AKC CGC and Trick Dog Evaluator, Professional Member of International Association of Canine Professionals, graduate of Tony Ancheta's Koehler Method of Dog Training course, Blue K9 Pedestal Training Certification, Canine Conditioning and Fitness Coach Certification through Do More With Your Dog

Adopter of 3 OPH dogs: Flirt, Kiba, and Yoshi

Experience: 5 years professional, 10 years hobbyist/volunteer

Session Type: 1-hour private lesson in Mt Airy, MD; please contact to schedule

"Successful training comes down to the relationship with your dog. By pursuing a relationship first, we will have an easier time establishing the obedience that follows. Every dog and handler are an individual team with needs that differ from others; a "one size fits all" training approach isn't going to work for everyone. We train the dog in front of us, not the dog who fits into a mold. Our ultimate goal in teaching obedience is to build better decision making; if we can help a dog learn to make good choices, obedience becomes an easy, fun part of everyday life, not a grueling drill we are forced to practice.

Dog Training with Lisa

Address: Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Phone: 240-454-4045 **Email:** doglover35@yahoo.com

Membership: I'm a veterinary technician and a dog show handler.

Experience: I have over 35 years of experience working with dogs.

Session Type: 1-hour private lesson at client's home within a reasonable distance from me. Please schedule 1-2 weeks in advance.

"I do Positive Reinforcement Training, with a Behavioral Approach, and a Holistic Approach. I believe each dog must be trained as an individual, because no two dogs are alike. I have over 35 years of experience training and showing dogs, having started as a Junior Handler in dog shows at the age of 15. I'm also a Veterinary Technician with over 30 years of continuing education with Michigan State University, which enables me to spot behavioral problems that are caused by medical problem or genetics. I've worked with rescues for many years, and one of my specialties is training rescues with severe fears and anxieties caused by abuse, abandonment, or neglect. I've trained show dogs, therapy dogs, service dogs, blind dogs, rescue dogs, and dogs with severe emotional and behavioral problems. I do beginning and advanced obedience training for both puppies and adult dogs. I believe any dog can be trained, no matter what behavioral problems they're having, as long as you're willing to put the time and energy into it, and train with consistency and kindness."

Calvert Dog Academy with Elizabeth Ashley

Address: 1908 Resting Ridge Ln, Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Phone: 443-295-3698 **Email:** elizabeth@CalvertDogAcademy.com

Membership: Academy for Dog Trainers, Fear Free, Doggone Safe and CGC Evaluator

Experience: I have over 1 years of experience working with dogs.

Session Type: 1-hour private lesson at Calvert Dog Academy. Please schedule 1-2 weeks in advance.

"I believe in using fear free and positive reinforcement training. I use treat, toys, access to other dogs to help reinforce motivators. I also use reward removal, time out and DRI to help change unwanted behavior."

River's Crest K9 Services, LLC with Shawn Cathcart

Address: Leonardtown, MD 20650

Phone: 301-481-6883 **Email:** service@riverscrestk9.com

Membership: Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT)

Experience: I have over 7 years of experience working with dogs.

Session Type: 1-hour private lesson in Avenue, MD.

"I believe that each dog and situation require an individual and personal training plan. I use positive praise and reward training methods and obedience. I use treats, toys, verbal and physical praise to reach the desired outcome. I reinforce desired behaviors with treats, toys, verbal and physical praise to reward the behaviors that I want. Timing of the reward is huge!! I correct behaviors by first finding out why the dog is presenting that behavior and coming up with a solution on how to correct the core reason. I withhold treats, toys and praise to correct certain behaviors."

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Patrick's Pet Care

Contact Name: Christopher Howard, Assistant General Manager of Boarding and Lead Trainer

Company Address: 3509 12th St NE/ 3303 11th Street NW, Washington, DC 20017 **Website:**

patrickspetcare.com | **Phone:** 202-630-7387 | **Email:** ch@patrickspetcare.com

Membership: N/A

Professional Dog Training Experience: 1 Year

Session Type: 1-hour group or 1-hour private lesson Saturday AM

“We use what's called the balanced training philosophy. We incorporate the use of the 4 quadrants of operant conditioning which are positive and negative reinforcement as well as punishment. This allows us to adapt to dogs with a wide range of attitudes and personalities. It's the science of using just enough to get the job done and finding what really motivates the dog so we can use that to teach them to be well behaved as well as a few cool tricks all while having as much fun as possible.

PENNSYLVANIA

Perfect Paw U

Contact Name: Roseann LaVia, Owner

Company Address: 1040 Valley View Road, York, PA 17406

Website: <http://perfectpawsu.com/> | **Phone:** (717) 840-0020 | **Email:** roseannlavia@comcast.net

Membership: APDT/AKC, Treasurer of the Metro Baltimore Doberman Pinscher Club

Professional Dog Training Experience: 15 Years

Session Type: 1-Hour private or group training on week day evenings or weekend mornings

“I use positive re-enforcement training as my foundation. We start out praising the behavior we want and ignoring the behavior we do not want. I use a variety of tools including clickers, treats, touch stick, voice and hand commands. There is no 'one way' to train a dog. Like humans, dogs have different personalities and you must discover your dog's personality to be able to choose the training discipline that will compliment your dog.

Ray's Canine Services

Contact Name: Raymond Weatherell

Company Address: York, PA 17406

Training Address: Your Home in York County and surrounding areas, PA

Website: <http://www.rayscanineservices.com/> | **Phone:** (717) 818-5765 | **Email:** rayscanineservices@yahoo.com

Membership: Animal Behavior College

Professional Dog Training Experience: 6.5 Years

Session Type: Private; Please schedule a training session with Raymond directly.

“We provide in-home training, which means the trainer comes to you, on your schedule! An Animal Behavioral College certified trainer will guide you during the training process using scientifically proven training techniques. Training sessions curtail problem behaviors such as excessive barking, house breaking, aggression, digging, separation anxiety, and fear.

MCS Dog Training

Contact Name: George Matheis Jr

Company Address: 3629 E Market, York, PA 17402

Website: <http://mcsdogtraining.net/> | **Phone:** (717) 693-2085 | **Email:** mercop27@gmail.com

Membership: N/A

Professional Dog Training Experience: 18 months

Session Type: Group classes, based on my availability

“MCS uses a different approach to dog training, we don't train them, we train you to understand them so you can learn to modify their behavior. Some trainers try to get you to buy multiple sessions before they even know what's going on with your dog. Instead during the first session we show you how to hit the Ctrl/Alt/Delete button and start over again with an understanding of where you want to go and how to get there. Most of our calls are for getting a dog to stop doing something, not getting them to do something. Most bad behaviors stem from anxiety and once you understand that most problem behaviors are easy to modify.

CONTACT US



We would love to hear from you!

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