

# Referrals for Dog Training Programs



Training for your companion dog is as essential as providing him or her with food! Sensible, ongoing training will strengthen the bond between you and your pet, and help make your dog a permanent member of your family.

The following list is provided for your convenience. The Humane Society Silicon Valley has reviewed all the listed organizations to make sure they meet our criteria, including:

- Uses mainly positive reinforcement to teach commands.
- Teaches puppies separately from adult dogs.
- Provides standard curriculum that includes essential commands.
- Provides general information regarding dog learning and training theory, prevention for behavior problems, and breed traits.
- Dogs are required to be healthy before starting class.
- Provides education about responsible pet ownership, including the benefits of “indoor” dogs, spaying or neutering family pets.
- Maintains manageable class sizes, and much more.

Note: Certified Professional Dog Trainers (CPDT) are focused on humane training practices and the latest scientific knowledge related to dog training. Competence and continued growth in training practices is promoted through the recertification of qualified professionals. To learn more, please see our handout, Choosing a Humane Dog Training Program and the ASPCA’s article Finding Professional Help at [aspc.org](http://aspc.org).

## NATIONWIDE DOG TRAINING SEARCH SITES

### **ASSOCIATION OF PET DOG TRAINERS**

[www.apdt.com](http://www.apdt.com)

### **CERTIFICATION COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL DOG TRAINERS**

[www.ccpdt.org](http://www.ccpdt.org)

## TRAINING CLASSES, WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS @ HSSV

Don’t forget, we offer a variety of training classes, workshops and seminars that are perfect for your new pet. We also offer special prices to reward those who have chosen the *adoption option* from any 501(c)3, not-for-profit animal welfare organization. Check out our course catalog at [www.hssv.org/training!](http://www.hssv.org/training!)

## GENERAL TRAINING and BEHAVIORAL COUNESLING

### **CANINE HIGHER LEARNING**

(408) 656-4386 (M. Cecelia Sternzon, CPDT)

[www.caninehigherlearning.com](http://www.caninehigherlearning.com)

*Private Lessons; specializing in the Child-Dog Relationship.*

### **STACY’S WAG’N’TRAIN**

[www.wagnttrain.com](http://www.wagnttrain.com)

(Stacy Braslau-Schneck, CPDT)

*Private lessons; classes.*

### **MARTHINA’S DOG TRAINING FOR PEOPLE**

(408) 460-4244 (Marthina McClay, CPDT)

[www.dogtrainingforpeople.com](http://www.dogtrainingforpeople.com)

*Puppy and adult group lessons; private lessons  
Canine Good Citizen Evaluator and Therapy Dog Tester*

### **HAPPY TAILS TO YOU DOG TRAINING**

(408) 267-7606 (Dawna Caldwell, CPDT)

[www.happytailstoyoudogtraining.com](http://www.happytailstoyoudogtraining.com)

Location: San Jose and Cambrian  
*Puppy and adult group lessons, private lessons*

**DOWNTOWN DOGS, INC.**

(408) 287-2267 [www.downtowndogs.com](http://www.downtowndogs.com)

Location: San Jose

*Puppy and adult group lessons; specialty classes; agility for fun classes.*

**FETCH SAM**

(650) 504-2058 (Susanne Cohen) [www.fetchsam.com](http://www.fetchsam.com)

Basic Obedience, Agility, and private training

**CZ DOG TRAINING**

(650) 574-9246 (Cerena Zutis)

<http://www.k9essentials.com>

*Puppy and adult group lessons; specialty classes; private lessons*

**SIRIUS TRAINING**

1-800-419-8748 [www.siriuspup.com](http://www.siriuspup.com)

Locations: Throughout the bay area, call to find a site nearest you

*Puppy and adult group lessons*

**PAWSITIVE PALS DOG TRAINING**

408-806-2021 (Nannette Morgan, CPDT)

[www.pawsitivepals.net](http://www.pawsitivepals.net) Locations: Morgan Hill & all Santa Clara County Puppy & adult group lessons, private lessons, workshops, pre- and post-adoption counseling

**DJ'S CLEVER CANINES**

408-225-6042 (Donna Johns)

Locations: San Jose

*Los Gatos Puppy & adult group lessons, private lessons, tricks class*