



Pet Behavior Consultations & Partners for Life Dog Training



Puppy Kindergarten Class (PKC)

Puppy Kindergarten Class is designed for pups from 8 to 20 weeks of age. It covers all puppy behavior problems, proper nutrition, veterinary care, basic obedience commands and socialization. Training is done with positive reinforcement and training games to make class fun for puppies and owners alike! Using the most humane methods, our classes help owners and puppies establish healthy and long-lasting relationships. The program consists of 6 weekly, one hour sessions.

Good Manners Class (GMC)

Good Manners Classes are designed for dogs 5 months and older. We review basic commands. Dogs will work on: heeling, coming when called, table manners, appropriate behavior when people come to the door, and greeting other dogs and people when out for a walk. The course consists of 6 weekly, one hour sessions.

Puppy Agility & Games Class

For puppies who have graduated from Puppy Kindergarten and want to have fun, while they learn. Have fun with puppies as they learn to navigate simple obstacle courses. Come play games with tunnels, mini jumps, ramps and teeter-totter. All in puppy sizes! The course consists of 6 weekly, one hour sessions.

Off Leash Obedience and Agility Class

This course is intended for dogs who know their basic obedience commands and for owners who are looking for fun activities with their canine companion. The course will focus on recreational obedience training and agility obstacles, not competitive training. The course consists of 6 weekly, one hour sessions. Dogs must be people and dog friendly.

Canine Good Citizen (CGC)

Welcome to the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen Program. The CGC Test is a certification program that test dogs in simulated everyday situations in a relaxed, non-competitive atmosphere. The course consists of 6 weekly, one hour sessions.



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Having and keeping good relationships can be tough. But it's even tougher with an animal who's misbehaving. Behavior problems disrupt human-animal relationships every day. Misbehaving pets are given up, abused or euthanized by owners not aware that there may be alternatives. The staff of Pet Behavior Consultations & Partners for Life Dog Training offers personalized behavioral therapy programs to help owners understand and modify their pet's behavior so that a healthy human-animal bond can be formed and preserved.

Our staff consists of animal behavior consultants who are veterinarians or animal psychologists. All have advanced degrees and years of experience working with all kinds of animal behavior problems. Some are considered to be the top veterinary behaviorists in the country. In addition to helping owned animals we have also used our expertise to help animals without homes through working with several humane organizations.

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We help with all kinds of behavior problems in dogs and cats: aggression, fear, anxiety, house soiling and destruction. Most consultations are done in our office in Lexington, but may also be arranged in owner's homes. Phone, fax and on-line consultations (PetBehaviorProblems.com) to both owners and veterinarians are also available.

During an appointment, the behavior consultant takes a detailed history of the problem from the owners, observes the animal's behavior and performs some behavioral tests. A diagnosis is made and a treatment program set up with the family. Treatment recommendations may consist of management, behavior modification, surgery and drug therapy. Follow-ups are done either by telephone or at the office for an unlimited period of time. Owners' veterinarians are always sent a copy of the treatment plan.



AMY MARDER, VMD CAAB

Dr. Marder, veterinarian and Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist, through the Animal Behavior Society, is a graduate of the University Of Pennsylvania School Of Veterinary Medicine and completed the first residency in veterinary behavior at the same institution. For over 20 years, Dr. Marder helped owners and their pets with behavior problems through her private practice New England Veterinary Behavior Associates. For part of this time, she also served as Vice President of Behavioral Medicine at the ASPCA in New York City, where she founded the Center for Behavioral Therapy. During her time at the ASPCA, Dr. Marder studied behavioral evaluations of shelter dogs with the purpose of developing an objective and predictive test which could be used in animal shelters.

Dr. Marder has written two books and edited another for pet owners on general pet care. She was also the author of Prevention Magazine's "Your Healthy Pet" column and has been a frequent contributor to veterinary textbooks and journals. Her recent article "Food-related aggression in shelter dogs: A comparison of behavior identified by a behavior evaluation in the shelter and owner reports after adoption" was published in the journal of Applied Animal Behavior Science and was very well received.



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Through PetBehaviorProblems.com we can now help people who are having behavior problems with their companion animals but don't have access to a veterinary behaviorist. A detailed behavior history form is available online which is read by one of our behavior consultants. Very often we ask for a video of the problem behavior and often work with the animal's veterinarian if medical problems are involved or drug therapy is recommended. For people who are not able to use the web, we also provide telephone consultations.