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## Recommended Professional Dog Trainers \*

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This handout contains contact information for dog trainers in the St. Louis and Metro East areas. These trainers have all worked with the Humane Society of Missouri and utilize effective, humane, methods that make training fun. (See note at bottom of page) For serious problems such as aggression, always contact your veterinarian first to schedule an examination and any appropriate medical tests. Your veterinarian may also recommend consulting with a Veterinary Behavior Specialist. In alphabetical order:

**The Greater Saint Louis Training Club** offers group Puppy and Family Dog training. Contact them at [www.gsltc.org](http://www.gsltc.org). Trainers are volunteers who attend Continuing Education events throughout the year. Many hold certifications from well-known training organizations. They follow guidelines set by the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior.

**Lucy Bailey** is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer and a Karen Pryor Academy Certified Training Partner who owns *Come Click!* Visit her web site at [www.come-click.com](http://www.come-click.com). She serves mid-county (Clayton, Ladue, Richmond Heights, University City, Brentwood, and Maplewood) and the Forest Park area (Central West End, Dogtown). Lucy also teaches group puppy classes.

**Bob Brasses** is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer and a Karen Pryor Academy Certified Training Partner. Bob owns *The Pawsitive K-9* and offers private as well as group sessions. He serves the Southwest St. Louis County area. Bob can be reached by phone at (314) 651-7364 or visit his website: [www.thepawdog.com](http://www.thepawdog.com)

**Tracy Buck** is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer and Karen Pryor Academy graduate. Her contact #314-566-9038 or website [www.tracybuck.com](http://www.tracybuck.com). She serves St. Charles County, West County, Chesterfield, St. Peters, Wentzville, Foristell, and New Melle.

**Gail Czarnecki-Maulden** is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer and a Karen Pryor Academy Training Partner. Gail serves the Metro East area of Illinois. She can be reached at (618) 960-9920 or visit her web site: [www.GailCzarneckiDogTraining.com](http://www.GailCzarneckiDogTraining.com)

**Bill Giese** owns *By My Side Dogs Training* and is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer. He offers group and in-home private lessons. Bill serves the St. Louis Area and can be contacted at [bymyside@charter.net](mailto:bymyside@charter.net) or visit his web page [www.bymysidedog.com](http://www.bymysidedog.com)

**Sarah Hoth** owns *The Persuaded Pooch* and is a Karen Pryor Academy Certified Training Partner. She serves the St. Louis and Metro East area offering private in-home training. You can contact her at: 314-609-1094 or visit her web site: [www.persuadedpooch.com](http://www.persuadedpooch.com)

**Judy Luther** is a Karen Pryor Academy graduate and a Victoria Stilwell - endorsed [Positively](http://www.positively.com) Dog Trainer. She owns *Dog Stars* at [www.dogstars.biz](http://www.dogstars.biz) or (314) 422-2700. Judy offers group classes as well as private lessons and serves the area around Chesterfield.

**Kama Preston** is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer who owns *Ideally Dog*. Kama offers group classes as well as private sessions. Kama also provides individual problem solving sessions for owners who want to concentrate on specific problems behaviors. Visit her web site: [www.ideallydog.com](http://www.ideallydog.com) or call 636-675-5262.

**Marc Scher** is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer and owner of *The Way of the Dog*. He offers private, in home training in the Greater St. Louis Area. Email Marc at [trainermarc@charter.net](mailto:trainermarc@charter.net) or call 314-218-0565.

**Erin Wigginton** is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer and owner of *Helping Hounds Training*. She works with several associate trainers who possess similar credentials. They offer in-home and group training in the St. Louis and St. Charles areas. Visit her web site: [www.helpinghoundstraining.com](http://www.helpinghoundstraining.com) or call: 314-369-6557.

**Cinder Wilkinson-Kenner** is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer and a Karen Pryor Academy graduate who owns *Best Friend Pet Care* at 314-477-7387 or e-mail at [www.bestfriendpetcare.com](http://www.bestfriendpetcare.com) Cinder offers private in-home sessions as well as group classes. She serves St. Louis City and County.

*\*Although the Humane Society has experience with each of the above trainers, owners should always talk to the trainers personally, visit one of their classes, and then decide if that trainer is one they are comfortable working with. See our handouts "Guide to Finding Trainer/Behaviorist" and "Questions to Ask Your Trainer"*