



Recommended Professional Dog Trainers *

The list below contains contact information for dog trainers in the St. Louis and Metro East areas. These trainers are all familiar to the Humane Society of Missouri and utilize effective, humane, reward-based methods that make training fun for both owner and pet. (See note at bottom of page) **For serious problems such as aggression, or other, sudden changes in behavior, always contact your veterinarian first to schedule an examination and any appropriate medical tests. This List is in alphabetical order.**

The Greater Saint Louis Training Club was founded in 1940 and is the oldest obedience training club in St. Louis. They offer group Puppy, Family and Competition Dog training. Contact them at www.gsltc.org. All trainers are volunteers who attend continuing education events throughout the year. Many hold certifications from various, respected training organizations and some provide private training through their own businesses. Club trainers employ effective, reward-based training methods that follow guidelines set by the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior.

VETERINARY BEHAVIOR SPECIALIST

Dr. Colleen Koch, DVM, DACVB is a 1990 graduate of the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, a 2010 graduate of the Karen Pryor Academy and in 2017, Dr. Koch passed her board exam to become a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists. She sees behavior cases at Lincoln Land Animal Clinic, Ltd in Jacksonville, IL, 62650. (Phone number: 217-245-9508). She also works out of the University of Missouri Veterinary Health Center at Wentzville, Missouri (Phone number 636-332-5041. Email address: vhcw@missouri.edu). Please contact Dr. Koch if your pet has a behavior problem that is extreme, causing self-harm or dangerous to others.

INDIVIDUAL TRAINERS

Lucy Bailey is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer -Knowledge Assessed and a Karen Pryor Academy Certified Training Partner who owns *Come Click!*® LLC. Visit her web site at www.come-click.com or contact her directly: (314) 973-9151 or lucy@come-click.com. She primarily serves mid-county (Clayton, Ladue, Richmond Heights, University City, Brentwood, and Maplewood) and the area around Forest Park (Central West End, Dogtown). In addition to private sessions, Lucy also teaches group puppy and adult dog classes.

Bob Brasses is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed 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. You can also visit his website: www.thepawdog.com

Michelle Charboneau is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer -Knowledge Assessed and a Karen Pryor Academy Certified Training Partner. She owns Pooch Positive Training, LLC. Michelle is located in St. Charles County, MO and serve most of, St. Louis County, and St. Charles County. Visit her web site: <https://www.poochpositivetraining.com> or contact her at (314 277-9075).

Bill Giese owns *By My Side Dogs Training* and is a Professional Member of the Association of Professional Dog Trainers and a Dog Training Professional Full Member of the Pet Professional Guild. He serves the St. Louis Area and can be contacted at bmysidedog@charter.net, by phone at (314) 497-1104 or visit his web page www.bmysidedog.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

Camelia Isbell owns *Savvy Dog's Choice, LLC* and is a Karen Pryor Academy Certified Training Partner, a Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed Trainers and a member of Greater St. Louis Training Club. She teaches group puppy classes and reactive dog classes. Camelia can be contacted at 314-223-1536 or email: camelia@savvydogschoice.com or visit her web site at: www.savvydogschoice.com

Carol Meagher owns *Pleased to Meet You Dog Training LLC* and is a Karen Pryor Academy Certified Training Partner and a member of the Association of Professional Dog Trainers and Greater St. Louis Training Club. She teaches general dog manners, loose leash walking and CGC prep. Carol can be contacted at 314-359-3221 or email: Carol@p2mudogtraining.com or visit her web site at: p2mudogtraining.com

Beth Newcom owns *Talented Tails Training* and is a Karen Pryor Academy Certified Training Partner and a member of the Association of Professional Dog Trainers and Greater St. Louis Training Club. Beth serves parts of the Metro East area in Illinois. She can be contacted at Beth@TalentedTales.com or 618-258-7448. Visit her web site: www.talentedtails.com

Kama Preston is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer- Knowledge Assessed 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 or call 636-675-5262.

Shelley Pryor owns *Spry Dog Training* and is a Karen Pryor Academy Certified Training Partner, Fear Free Certified, a member of the Association of Professional Dog Trainers and Greater St. Louis Training Club. Shelley offers private in-home sessions on a variety of behaviors. Visit her web site: www.spry.dog or contact her at: 314-616-8959 or email: info@spry.dog

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

**Although the Humane Society has experience with each of the above trainers, we strongly recommend owners talk to the trainers personally and then decide if that trainer is one they are comfortable working with. See our handout "Guide to Finding Trainer/Behaviorist"*