

The Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers

- offers the only international, standardized certification for professional dog trainers that is both psychometrically sound and independent of any course of study
- reviews each certification exam annually to ensure it remains up-to-date with the current scientific landscape of canine behavior and training. As our understanding of canine behavior improves, the need for training and behavior professionals who are well-versed in canine behavior and applied behavior analysis is growing. Our certificants meet that need
- is proud to combine our scientific knowledge and skills with that of the veterinary community as partners for pet wellness. Working arm in arm, veterinarians and CPDT-KAs provide clients with a team of experts who help them ensure both the physical and behavioral health of their canine companions
- is proud to provide animal care professionals and dog owners with a trusted, quality standard for dog training professionals.



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***Your patients
and their people
will thank you!***



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**The Partnership
Between
Veterinarians
and
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Why Choose a CPDT-KA?

As a trusted partner in the care of their dog, owners often look to veterinarians for referrals to dog training and behavior professionals.

With no licensing or mandatory educational requirements for dog trainers, it can be difficult to determine which trainer has the experience and knowledge to best help your clients with training and behavior concerns.

Certified Professional Dog Trainers-Knowledge Assessed® (CPDT-KA®) are required to provide recommendations by a veterinarian, a client, and a colleague. In addition, they must pass an independent, psychometrically sound and science-based exam to demonstrate knowledge in Instruction Skills, Animal Husbandry, Ethology, Learning Theory, and Equipment.

The CPDT-KA exam is updated annually to reflect changes in the industry and the current scientific data.

CPDT-KAs must re-certify every three years by accumulating continuing education units approved by the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT®).



Refer with Confidence

The CCPDT Mission Statement

The Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers serves to establish and maintain recognized standards of competence in dog training by certifying trainers through criteria based on experience, standardized testing, continuing education, and identifies those individuals to the dog owning public.



“Training is a quality of life issue for pets, and it affects your bottom line...Working with all aspects of behavior requires a true partnership, and everyone benefits from the outcome.”

Brammeier, Brennan, Brown, et al. “Good trainers: How to identify one and why this is important to your practice of veterinary medicine.” *Journal of Veterinary Behavior: Clinical Applications and Research*. 2006; 1:47-52.

What Will a CPDT-KA Do For Me?

“It has been estimated that up to 15% of patients are lost to [veterinary] practices annually because of behavior problems” (Sigler, 1991). To help prevent the loss of those patients, we recommend that you refer to a Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed to help strengthen the human-animal bond.*

- Collaboration with CPDT-KA sets you apart from other practices by offering your clients integrated services.
- CPDT-KAs are equipped to assist you in resolving your patients’ behavioral needs.
- Meeting patients’ behavioral needs increases client retention while decreasing stress on staff.
- Behavioral wellness makes your job easier because well-trained animals are easier to examine.
- CPDT-KAs understands the need to refer cases back to the veterinarian when there may be contributing medical issues.
- Veterinarians and CPDT-KAs both strive to keep dogs in their homes.

*Overall, Karen. *Clinical Behavioral Medicine for Small Animals*, Elviesier Health Sciences. 1997: Pg. 2, citing Sigler, 1991.