

## **Dog Trainer List**

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*This list of dog trainers is provided as a courtesy by POMDR but should not be taken as an endorsement of any trainer on the list. Please remember it is your responsibility to check references and make sure anyone you hire to work with your pets is a good fit for you and your dog. We highly recommend only using trainers who practice pain free positive reinforcement methods.*

### **Monterey County**

#### **Bite Club K9 Training**

Dean Karengin

831-601-7573

Positive reinforcement basic obedience training. Police K9 and protective training.

#### **California Canine**

<https://www.californiacanine.us>

[info@californiacanine.us](mailto:info@californiacanine.us)

831-717-4579

Puppy classes, obedience classes, agility and private training for basic obedience, and problem resolution for leash reactivity, reactivity, and shyness.

#### **Del Monte Kennel Club**

<https://www.dmkc.or>

Obedience training for puppies and dogs of all ages, along with Rally and Trick Dog classes Canine Good Citizenship testing for those who want to become therapy dogs teams.

Betsy at [train.dmkc@gmail.com](mailto:train.dmkc@gmail.com) or 831-308-0415

#### **Divine K-9 (Carmel)**

Andee Burleigh

[divinek9@sbcglobal.net](mailto:divinek9@sbcglobal.net)

(831) 626-1774

#### **From the Heart Animal Behavior Counseling (Salinas)**

Barb DeGroodt

<https://fromtheheartdogtraining.com>

(831) 783-0818

Dog and puppy training classes, lectures, and specialty classes.

Barb is on Peace of Mind Dog Rescue's advisory council.

<https://www.peaceofminddogrescue.org/person.php?id=24>

#### **My K-9's Mind (Salinas)**

Holly Uchida

<https://www.myk9smind.com/home.html>

[myk9smind@me.com](mailto:myk9smind@me.com)

(831) 809-1840

Offering private, in-home, and around-town training for basic obedience, service dog training, OES type 1& 11 (urban and wilderness), search and rescue, therapy dog training, and training dogs to help the hearing impaired.

**SPCA Monterey County (Salinas)**

<https://www.spcamc.org/for-pet-owners/dog-training-pet-behavior-tips/>

(831) 373-2631

**Santa Cruz County**

**Be Mind, Canine! (Santa Cruz)**

[beminecanine.com](http://beminecanine.com)

[be.mine.canine@gmail.com](mailto:be.mine.canine@gmail.com)

831-200-8816

Kristin Myers

Humane and science-based dog training to clients in need to support for dogs with behavior issues such as fear, reactivity, and obedience.

**Bearded K9 Training (Santa Cruz)**

Mike Colucci

[Beardedk9@gmail.com](mailto:Beardedk9@gmail.com) (preferred)

818-903-8938

Private training for puppy and adolescent obedience, basic obedience training, reactivity management, beginning scent work.

**Bingo! Dog Training (Watsonville)**

Cynthia Edgerly

<https://bingodogtraining.com>

[bingodogtraining@yahoo.com](mailto:bingodogtraining@yahoo.com)

831-768-9308

Private lessons that are carefully tailored to your dog's needs and group training using positive reinforcement.

**Clear Canine Mind (Ben Lomond)**

Heather Ross

<http://www.clearmindcanine.com>

831-222-0211

Private lessons specializing in puppies, reactive dogs, and competition training.

**Dogs in Good Hands (Santa Cruz)**

Carla Braden

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

[carlajbraden@gmail.com](mailto:carlajbraden@gmail.com)

Behavior consultations and good manners training specializing in fear, aggression, reactivity, and puppy training.

### **Fearless Dogs**

Brad Green

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

### **Fresh Start Dog Training**

Joanie DeNeffe

[jedmew@gmail.com](mailto:jedmew@gmail.com)

831 332-9777

Behavior consultations and coaching for newly adopted dogs and families in transition. Specializing in fearful and anxious dogs.

### **Living with Dogs (Aptos)**

<https://www.livingwithdogs.us/home>

831-601-2458

Group classes for basic obedience, dog sport, and puppy classes.

### **Jack's K9 Academy (Santa Cruz)**

Matthew Crumley

<https://jacksk9academy.com>

[jacksk9academy@gmail.com](mailto:jacksk9academy@gmail.com)

831-227-7465

Work with fearful dogs, aggressive dogs, and general dog training. Private and group classes.

### **Karma Dog Training (Santa Cruz)**

<http://www.karmadogtrainingsantacruz.com>

831-277-5427

Uses a gentle and enlightened approach to dog training. Puppy classes, basic obedience, canine good citizen, and private training.

### **Monica Pielage Dog Training Services (Santa Cruz)**

Monica Pielage

[mpielage@yahoo.com](mailto:mpielage@yahoo.com)

831-325-3416

Uses positive reinforcement and relationship-based training methods to teach people to communicate effectively with their dogs.

### **Pacific Paw LLC (Santa Cruz)**

Michelle Nolan

[pacificpaw.com](http://pacificpaw.com)

[info@pacificpaw.com](mailto:info@pacificpaw.com)

Basic training for dogs in group training format.

### **Spotlight Dog Training LLC (Scotts Valley)**

**Simone McKenna**

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

[info@spotlightdogtraining.com](mailto:info@spotlightdogtraining.com)

Focus on puppy training with emphasis on prevention training and early basic life skills.

### **Santa Cruz K9 (Santa Cruz)**

Joy Barnett

<https://santacruz9.com/about-us>

(707)694-1702

Obedience training, puppy experience, problems/issues related to possession, territoriality, prey drive, anxiety, dogs and kids, dog-dog issues, dog and other pets or animals.

### **Two Paws Up! (Watsonville and South County)**

Lee Morrow

[lee@twopawsup.us](mailto:lee@twopawsup.us)

[twopawsupwatsonville@gmail.com](mailto:twopawsupwatsonville@gmail.com)

(831) 319-0199

Private training and walk and train sessions. Private training for puppies and newly adopted/rescued dogs.

### **Woof Work Dog Training (Scott's Valley)**

Emily Kay

<http://www.woofworkdog.com>

Woofworkdog@gmail.com

(831) 854-8998

Specializing in dogs that "want to work" to fill the mental and physical exercise requirements of dogs. Offers private training, day training, and working dog programs including Wilderness Air Scent (WAS), Tracking and Trailing, Community Disaster Search (CDS), Human Remains Detection (HRD), and Medical Alert and Assistance. Also, offers basic obedience and training.

### **Wunderdog Training (Santa Cruz)**

Kelly Vaillancourt

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

831.406.7688

Offers two programs, Walk&Train for leash reactivity and Shelter-to-Shin for newly adopted shelter dogs.

### **San Benito County**

**Thriving Canine (Hollister and Santa Clara County)**

Chad Culp

<https://www.thrivingcanine.com>

[Chad@thrivingcanine.com](mailto:Chad@thrivingcanine.com)

408-838-0100

Offers private, in-home dog training.

### **Board and Train Options**

Juniper Zen [www.rufftranslation.com](http://www.rufftranslation.com)

Rebecca King (in Fremont) [fromheadtotailwellness.com](http://fromheadtotailwellness.com)

Sherry Al-Mufti (CSAT, Concord) [polishedpupeastbay.com](http://polishedpupeastbay.com)

Ren Volpe (SF) [familydogboarding.com](http://familydogboarding.com)

Kaajal Tiwary (San Jose) [dfordogtraining.com/adult-dog-board-train](http://dfordogtraining.com/adult-dog-board-train)

Heather Ross (Santa Cruz) <https://www.clearmindcanine.com/>