

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 regularly to ensure it remains up-to-date with the current scientific landscape of canine training. As our knowledge and understanding of behavioral science grows, the need and demand for trainers who have proven their knowledge and skills also grows. Our certificants meet that demand and fill that need.
- Promotes partnerships between our certificants and other qualified animal care professionals in their communities to ensure the optimum in training, behavioral and medical services for their clients' 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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Knowledge*



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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 pets with training and behavior concerns.

Certified Professional Dog Trainers-Knowledge Assessed (**CPDT-KA**) and Certified Professional Dog Trainers-Knowledge and Skills Assessed (**CPDT-KSA**) are required to provide recommendations by other professionals, pass an independent, psychometrically sound and science-based exam, and demonstrate their knowledge of training.

Certification exams are reviewed and updated regularly. Certificants are required to accumulate continuing education for recertification every three years.



The CCPDT Mission Statement

The Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers establishes and maintains humane standards of competence for animal training and behavior professionals through criteria based on experience, standardized testing, skills and continuing education, and identifies and markets those individuals to the public.



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CPDT-KAs and CPDT-KSAs are committed to:

- Providing quality, sound, science-based services to help clients attain training goals with their dogs.
- Providing accurate, truthful advertising and representations concerning qualifications, experience, performance of services, the preparation of costs of services and expected results.
- Acting honestly and ethically.
- Ensuring the safety of clients and dogs when providing services.
- Complying with applicable laws, regulations and ethical standards governing professional practices when providing services.
- Maintaining and respecting confidentiality of information obtained from clients.
- Pursuing ongoing education and professional development to maintain the credential from CCPDT.

To find a Trainer in your area
call **(855) DO-CERTIFY**
or use the “Find Training &
Behavior Consultants” feature on
www.CCPDT.org