



Scott Raymond, MS, CPDT

Qualifications

- Certified Pet Dog Trainer (CPDT) since 2004
- CPDT Education Re-certification in 2007
- Head trainer Project Pooch in 2008
- Delta Society Therapy Dog Team in 2008
- Co-founder Positive Pet People, Inc. in 2001
- Canine Good Citizen Evaluator since 2001

Affiliations

The organizations I join and the affiliations I have reflect my desire to promote the philosophy of positive dog training and to improve the welfare of pets.

- Association of Pet Dog Trainers member since 2001
- Founding member of the Georgia Alliance of Positive Dog Trainers
- President of Pet Assistance & Welfare Society (PAWS) of Athens in 2003 and 2004
- Member of the Mixed Breed Dog Club of America

Professional Education

I believe that one of the most important characteristics of a professional dog trainer is the desire to continue learning. Building my knowledge through continuing education allows me to be a better instructor and learn how to address problem behaviors.

- 2008: Attended & Assisted “Control Unleashed” classes: Portland & Vancouver
- 2007: Annual APDT Conference: Portland (32 hours of CE)
- 2006: “Beyond the Basics” with Terry Ryan workshop: Atlanta (7 hours of CE)
- 2005: “Take a Bow, Wow” with V. Broitman & S. Lippman: Atlanta (12 hours of CE)
- 2005: Kay Lawrence workshop: Atlanta (16 hours of CE)
- 2005: Annual APDT Conference: San Jose (40 hours of CE)
- 2004: Annual APDT Conference: Denver (35 hours of CE)

References

- Perri Combs-Taber (Client and owner Town & Country Pet Sitting, Portland): info@tcpetsitting.com, 503-292-2546
- Maureen Schaffer (Client, Portland): Sch3home@aol.com
- Olivia Jones (Client, Portland): drlivij@yahoo.com

Client Testimonials

Olivia Jones and Dexter

“If my little dog only knew what a savior Scott and Behave Dog Training were to him, he would be bringing Scott treats! I cannot sing his praises loudly enough.

“I adopted a cute little mutt from a rescue society about 2 years ago, and very shortly thereafter, he began to develop horrible aggression problems toward strangers. It made our lives miserable! He barked or growled at every person or dog that came near him. I stopped having people over to my house and started sneaking out the back stairs of my building when I needed to walk him. He got evicted from his Doggy Daycare for his mean little attitude toward the new dogs, and I was at my wit’s end.

“I went to two trainers before Scott. The first one told me I may need to just euthanize him as she wasn’t sure he was fix-able. She referred me to a second trainer, who also told me that Dexter was going to require more assistance than she was going to be able to give him, and she couldn’t help us. Then we met Scott, and apprehensive, aggressive little Dexter loved him immediately and was taking treats out of his hands during the first visit. That never happens with strangers! Now, every time Dexter sees Scott, he runs to him full speed, tail wagging, so excited to see him.

“Scott has shown the patience of a saint and unbelievable insight into the mixed up little brain of my lovable dog. Dexter has come leaps and bounds and it is all thanks to Scott’s wise, persistent, gentle training of both my dog and me! I am living with a different dog! I take him running on the crowded waterfront, and he doesn’t even notice the bikes, skateboards, children, etc.... that come zooming past us. Now, instead of sneaking out the back steps, we ride the elevator proudly and my neighbors actually refer to him as “the best behaved dog in our building!” Not a week has gone by in the past 2 months, that someone from my building doesn’t comment, “Wow! He is doing so much better!” (Frequently people I have never met!).

“Scott quite literally saved my dog’s life! I would whole heartedly recommend him to anyone who needs a little (or a lot of!) behavioral help with their dog. If he is this much of a miracle worker, with my incredibly challenging dog, I can only imagine what he could do for other dogs!”

Perri Combs-Taber

“I have taken a puppy class and a family dog class from Scott. Each week I looked forward to it and did my homework to qualify for a prize in class. I am loving the training classes. I’ve had such a great time that I was practically giddy during class!

“The young dog I was working with really learned quickly with the positive training. I found Scott to be a gifted teacher. He is informative, articulate, kind and has a sense of humor so classes are really fun. I have been recommending Synergy to friends and our clients as well. I recommend Synergy for an experienced trainer and a positive experience for your dog.”

J.D. and Chuck

“Family Dog 1 class was phenomenal for both my dog and me. I learned about the concepts of clicker training and positive reinforcement, but more importantly I learned their application. Having a good instructor like Scott is important for dealing with your own dog’s idiosyncratic reactions.

“For example, my dog was so distracted by the other dogs in the class that he would rather bark than listen to me. In seven short weeks, we progressed from standing several yards away from the group to standing quietly next to another dog. The speed of progress and retention of learning are exciting to me and fill me with a sense of success and pride in my dog. I am really, really pleased with the results of this class and intend to continue using clicker training in the future.”