



## Finding a Trainer

Nevada Humane Society recommends working with trainers who abide by the following guiding principles:

1. The use of positive reinforcement
2. Avoiding the use of intimidation, physical punishment or fear
3. A comprehension of the often misunderstood concept of dominance
4. A commitment to understanding the canine experience from the dog's point of view.

Our philosophy focuses on building a strong, healthy bond between a dog and his person through positive reinforcement. Fear or intimidation-based tactics should never be used to train a pet. Nevada Humane Society believes that reward-based techniques and education on canine behavior are the best way to promote a trusting and respectful relationship between individuals and their dogs.

We have the following suggested questions for you to use when selecting a trainer, and recommend using open-ended questions so that trainers can explain their philosophy to you in depth.

- What method of training do you use?
- What is your educational background in the area of dog training (and behavior if applicable)?
- What are some recent continuing education programs that you have completed?
- What equipment do you use?
- What kind of follow-up do you provide to our clinic on your work with our clients?
- Can you provide a list of clients we can contact for references?
- Do you belong to any professional associations, and if not, why not?
- What are your credentials and do you have any certifications?
- What sort of services do you provide for pet owners? Do you provide specialized services? (i.e. therapy dog training, competitive dog sports training, service dog training)

We have provided a list of Certified Trainers who practice positive reinforcement techniques below. As a reminder, Nevada Humane Society does not endorse any specific trainer but does encourage you to use only positive reinforcement techniques.

## Certified Trainers

### **AmaZulu K9**

Ashwin Ramphal, -- Owner, Professional Medium Member of The Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT)

775-762-0612

Reno, NV 89521

**Services:** Aggression, AKC Obedience, AKC Canine Partner, Assistance Service Dog, Behavioral Consultation, CGC Training, Clicker Training, Private Lessons, Nose Work, Private Training

### **Beyond Obedience**

Jeanie Collins-Duffield, CPDT-KA

530-400-DOGS (3647)

**Reno: 2825 Longley Lane, Suite B ♦ Reno, NV 89502-5942 ♦ 775-856-2000**  
**Carson City: 549 Airport Road ♦ Carson City, NV 89701 ♦ 775-887-2171**  
[info@nevadahumanesociety.org](mailto:info@nevadahumanesociety.org) ♦ [www.nevadahumanesociety.org](http://www.nevadahumanesociety.org)



Verdi, NV 89439

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

**Services:** Behavioral Consultation, Clicker Training, Fun and Games, Group Training, Private Lessons, Private Training

**Locations:** North and West shores of Lake Tahoe, including Incline Village, NV to Tahoma, CA, Truckee, CA as well as Reno, NV.

### **Dogz Inc**

960 Matley Lane #26

Reno, NV 89502

(775)219-4121

[www.dogz-inc.com](http://www.dogz-inc.com)

\$20 discount for all rescue dogs

Se habla espanol

\*Sarah Anderson – Owner CPDT-KA, Professional Medium Member of The Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT)

775-351-4854

**Services:** Aggression, Agility, Assistance Service Dog, Behavioral Consultation, CGC Training, Clicker Training, Fun and Games, Group Training, Private Lessons, Private Training, Rally

**Locations:** Classes in Reno, Carson and Dayton

\*Erin Stissers

630-220-4841

**Services:** Group Training, Private Lessons

**Locations:** Reno and Sparks

### **Dog Training by PJ**

5303 Louis Lane #19

Reno, NV 89511

(775)828-0748

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

**Services:** Aggression, Agility, AKC Obedience, AKC Canine Partner, Assistance Service Dog, Behavioral Consultation, CGC Training, Clicker Training, Fun and Games, Group Training, Private Lessons, Multi Species, Private Training, Rally

**Locations:** Reno, Sparks, Spanish Springs, Verdi, Truckee, Fernley, Fallon, Dayton, Carson City, Minden, Gardnerville, and South Lake Tahoe.

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\*Christina Beckerdite, CPDT-KA

\*Susie Jensen, APDT, ABCDT

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**Fur and Feather Works, LLC**

9475 Double R Blvd. Ste. B-12

Reno, NV 89521

(775)453-5753

<http://furfeatherworks.com>

**Services:** Dog training, cat training, parrot training, dog behavior problems

**Locations:** Reno and surrounding areas

\*Joanna Moritz – Owner, CCPDT, APDT, charter member of the Pet Professional Guild

\*Liz Carter – APDT, AKC Canine Good Citizen Evaluator

\*Jane Detweiler – APDT

**Silver State K9 Training and Holistic Wellness**

\*Jodi Horner – APDT

(775)971-8209

[Jodik9trainer@gmail.com](mailto:Jodik9trainer@gmail.com)

**Carson Dog Sports**

\*Christine Vaught – APDT

(775)225-1252

[zephyrwkelpies@mac.com](mailto:zephyrwkelpies@mac.com)

**Canine Country Truckee**

\*Debora Amaral – APDT (not just treat training, but whistle, treats, love and affection)

(530)587-7807

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

**Petco Locations**

5565 South Virginia Street

Reno, NV 89502

775-829-9200

970 Northtowne Lane

Reno, NV 89512

775-673-9200

911 Topsy Lane #108

Carson City, NV 89705

775-267-2826

**PetSmart Locations**

5110 Mae Anne Avenue

Reno, NV 89523

775-787-7833

6675 S. Virginia Street

Reno, NV 89511

775-852-8490

255 Los Altos Parkway

Spanish Springs, NV 89436

775-354-2224