

## The Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers

- Offers the only international, standardized certification for professional dog trainers
- Offers a certification you can rely on to be independent of commercial influence and not tied to a specific school or institution
- Administers a psychometrically sound, standardized examination to assess dog trainer knowledge and competency
- Identifies trainers you can trust are current in their knowledge of behavioral science; remain up-to-date in advances in training; demonstrate a proficient level of knowledge; and strive to exemplify professional excellence in the field!



# CPDT-KA

CERTIFIED  
PROFESSIONAL  
DOG TRAINER  
KNOWLEDGE ASSESSED

*Your puppies  
and their people  
will thank you!*



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## The Partnership Between Dog Breeders and Certified Professional Dog Trainers



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## It's All About the Dogs

Dog breeders and dog trainers share a common goal: helping dogs to live healthier, happier and longer lives. Working together, we have the ability to combine our knowledge and resources and to offer much more to dogs and their owners.

Certified Professional Dog Trainers - Knowledge Assessed:

- Can help provide a safe transition for your pups into the world of humans
- Will add an experienced training professional to the support group for your puppies' owners
- Can be proactive in preventing normal puppy behavior from developing into a behavioral problem
- Can work with breeders to provide feedback about behavior and build appropriate handling and socialization programs to introduce your litters to the world
- Can provide instruction in recognition of canine body language and communications which leads to better understanding between your puppy and their owners
- Can help raise well-behaved dogs, increasing the human-animal bond which decreases the chances of abandonment and rehoming

## The CCPDT Mission Statement

The Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT) 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.



## Working with a Certified Professional Dog Trainer

Currently, there are neither licensing requirements nor mandatory educational requirements for dog trainers. By establishing the Certified Professional Dog Trainer credential, CCPDT has determined a means to measure the trainer's knowledge and indicate their intent to remain current in the field of dog training.

CCPDT certified trainers have passed a rigorous application process and examination to attain certification. They must have had 300 hours of current dog training experience and must provide references from a trainer colleague, a client, and a veterinarian in order to be eligible to take the exam.

The examination verifies knowledge in Instructional Skills, Animal Husbandry, Ethology, Learning Theory, and Equipment. CPDT-KAs have knowledge of required vaccinations, symptoms of contagious diseases, symptoms that suggest veterinary referral, preventative nutrition, parasites, effects of spay/neuter, and health and hygiene.

CPDT-KAs must re-certify every three years by obtaining continuing education units available through approved educational opportunities or by retaking the exam. Only trainers who have passed the exam and who meet the CCPDT's experience and continuing education requirements can earn and maintain the CPDT-KA credential.