

PET BEHAVIOR AND TRAINING EXPERTS IN OUR AREA

Dog training companies and behavior management experts come by our hospital on a regular basis and want to leave business cards or other advertising materials with us. We rarely accept these offers as we feel that our clients assume we are endorsing these groups when in fact we do not have experience with most of them. Still, we need to start somewhere when our clients need a behavior expert or even a simple puppy socialization trainer. We have collected this list of trainers and behaviorists. We invite our clients to send in testimonials which we may post on our web site which can help others in selecting behavioral assistance for pets.

West Los Angeles Obedience Training Club

www.wlaotc.com 310-851-6350

Very reasonably priced classes for basic obedience, agility or conformation (show ring) training. The club also organizes competitions.

Doggie Manners

www.doggiemanners.com 1-877-7-DOGGIE

Offers puppy kindergarten, basic obedience classes (both group and private) plus classes in performing tricks, nosework, and special small dog classes. Reasonably priced.

I Said Sit Services

www.isaidsit.com 1-800-400-TRAIN

This company has been established locally for many years. They offer puppy classes, basic training, and private training in your home. They also offer behavior problem solving. Dogs only.

Dog Remedy

www.dogremedy.com 310-390-0380

This group focuses on behavior problems and proper puppy citizenship through private training. They are members of the International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants (iaabc.org).

DogProblems.com

www.dogproblems.com

Services are web-based only and include a free newsletter as well as free question/answer area once you sign up as a member. No actual classes or "hands on" with the trainer, however.

Fun Paw Care

FunPawCare.com

This company offers both dog training services as well as day care. Phone consultations also available. Basic training and socialization are available as well as management of problem behaviors.

Dognition.com

www.dognition.com

Learn how your dog actually thinks and from there learn how best to communicate through games and training exercises.

This company uses cutting edge behavior science to bring you and your dog to the best relationship based on a new level of understanding.

Veterinary Behaviorists

Sometimes a behavior problem requires expert intervention. We are fortunate to have a veterinary behaviorist (a veterinarian who specializes in behavior) in our area. Consultation with such an expert is at least an hour and involves follow-up visits. If possible, the entire family as well as the pet should be present for the evaluation, as all the dynamics at work must be assessed. Medications as well as exercise and training regimens may be prescribed. For this kind of an in-depth problem-solving evaluation, please contact:

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<http://www.marvistavet.com>