

Identifying a trainer for your dog is not a task to be taken lightly. Currently there is no standard certifying body for dog trainers. There is no state licensure. There is no oversight of trainers that can ensure they train using only safe, appropriate science-based techniques. Inappropriate outdated techniques can cause lasting harm to your dog and to your relationship with your dog.

Many training techniques can suppress the initial presenting behavior, so they appear to be effective. If the underlying motivation for the behavior is not changed then these same techniques can often lead to a sudden onset of even more severe problems. Aversive techniques have also been shown to increase fear, anxiety and stress, and can lead to aggression.

**Before considering any trainer, please review the links listed below to determine if they are using safe, sound training methodology.**

[How to Choose a Trainer](#)  
[Puppy Socialization](#)  
[Dominance Position Statement](#)  
[How Well Trained Is Your Trainer](#)  
[The Dangers of Training Collars](#)

**The trainers listed below have had some form of approved education and/or certification and can be recommended.**

Tiffany Baker CPDT-KA  
Kristina Martin CPCC-KA  
Boss Babe Training  
DFW Metroplex  
<https://bossbatedogtraining.com/about>

Griffin Ballard- Certified Dog Trainer  
graduate of Victoria Stilwell Dog Training Academy  
(714) 425-9978  
griffin@griffincanineservices.com  
<https://www.griffincanineservices.com/>

Janelle Bell CTC  
Your Dog's Champion  
(214) 215-3464  
yourdogschampion@gmail.com  
<http://www.yourdogschampion.com>

Beth Berkobien, MS  
Behavior Consultant  
Rehab Your Rescue Behavior Services  
(682) 216-8201  
rehabyourrescue@gmail.com  
<https://www.facebook.com/RehabYourRescue/>

Traci Betts, KPA  
Shape A Pup- Extra service with agility  
Fort Worth, Tx (817) 240-4855  
tracibetts@shapeapup.com

Beth Bowers  
(214) 476-9938  
info@powertothe pawz.com  
<http://powertothe pawz.com/>

Meaghan Cassell - CCUI  
Brave Dog Behavior and Training, LLC  
214-497-9827  
[Bravedogbehaviorandtraining@gmail.com](mailto:Bravedogbehaviorandtraining@gmail.com)

Fanna Easter, KPA, CSAT  
Positive Pooch  
fannae@yahoo.com  
[PositivePooch.net](http://PositivePooch.net)

Fido's Finest  
(214) 864-4489  
info@fidofinestdogtraining.com  
<https://fidofinestdogtraining.com/>

Valerie Fry - KPA-CTP,  
graduate of Victoria Stilwell Dog Training Academy  
(469) 300-9757  
canine\_solutions@att.net  
<https://www.caninesolutionsdallas.net/>

Andrea "Andy" Germann, KPA  
Andy's Happy Hour Dog Training  
Ft Worth TX, US  
(480) 229-8099  
[Andyshappyhourdogtraining.com](http://Andyshappyhourdogtraining.com)

Stacy Greer CPDT -KA- Family Paws Certified-  
Family, Puppies  
Sunshine Dog Training  
(682) 777-4626  
<https://www.sunshinedog.com/>

Karen Reese Heinzig, CPDT-KA, ACDBC,  
Fear Free Certified Animal Trainer, Fear Free  
Shelter Graduate  
(469) 682-3696  
doingdogstuff@icloud.com  
<https://www.doingdogstuff.com/>

Instinct Fort Worth, TX  
Springtown, TX 76082  
fortworth@instinctdogtraining.com  
(817) 482-9994

Nicole Kohaski - Academy of Dog Trainers -  
Aggression, Reactivity, Compulsion  
(214) 210-2695 ( call or text) (469) 333-1043 (text)  
DFW Metroplex  
<mailto:wiggles@wiggiebuttacademy.com>

Cathy Painter- CBCC - KA  
Elite Fear Free Certified Technician  
(817) 983-3553  
[Remarkablebehavior.com](http://Remarkablebehavior.com)

## Veterinary Behaviorists

In some cases, a veterinarian will be the best choice for your pet with a behavior problem. If your pet is displaying any aggression, fear or anxiety or repetitive behaviors, these should ideally be seen by a veterinarian before being seen by a trainer. At this time, there are two veterinarians in the DFW area that are well trained and experienced with diagnosing and treating behavior problems.

They are:

Dr. Amanda Florsheim, DVM  
Veterinary Behavior Solutions  
Carrollton, Texas  
(469) 236-0066  
<https://www.veterinarybehaviorsolutions.com/untitled>

Melissa Scroggs  
Christian Dog Training: Don't Complain, Train  
Abilene, Texas  
(325) 668-7371  
<http://www.christiandogtraining.com>

Tess Windhauser FFCAT, KPA CTP, CBCC-KA,  
CPDT-KA, ABCDT  
Mobile Dog Training for DFW  
(817) 600-3311  
dogownertrainingwithtess@gmail.com  
<https://dogownertrainingwithtess.com/index.html>

Cheryl Woolnough CPDT KA, Certified Fear Free  
Trainer  
Canine Companion Training  
<https://www.facebook.com/caninecompaniontraining/>  
[K9companiontraining.weebly.com](http://K9companiontraining.weebly.com)

## Online Resources

Emily Larlham  
<https://dogmantics.com/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/kikopup>

Goodpup  
<https://goodpup.com/about-goodpup-training>

Dr. Heather Tucker, DVM  
Veterinary Psychiatric And Behavior Center, PLLC  
Fort Worth, Texas  
info@veterinarypsychiatry.com  
<https://www.veterinarypsychiatry.com/>