

Best Friend Pet Care, LLC

Training Information

Training by Best Friend Pet Training is personalized to your needs. We train using only positive-motivational methods, based on operant conditioning theory and general learning theory. Our belief is that a good relationship with your dog is the basis for all training success, and therefore we strive to help you strengthen your relationship with your dog. Part of achieving a good relationship with your dog is establishing your role as a fair and kind pack leader, which is achieved not through the use of force or coercion, but through the judicious control of resources. We will instruct you in taking a leadership role with your dog before attempting to do any sort of work with the dog. The goal is for your dog to work with you as a team, and become an integral part of your family "pack".

Training dogs in this manner avoids creating fearful or intimidated dogs, as well as overly dominant and pushy dogs. It is a method which works for people of all ages, sizes and physical abilities, and it maintains the fun and joy in your relationship with the dog. Sometimes it takes a bit longer in the beginning, but the payoff of a dog who really knows what you want, and isn't afraid of you, is worth it.

Head trainer Cinder Wilkinson has been training dogs since she was a child, using many different methods of training. She has trained dogs for competitive obedience, worked to solve behavior problems, re-trained foster dogs for placement in new homes and taught group and private companion obedience classes. She has a working relationship with Dr. Debra Horwitz, a local behavioral veterinarian, for the dogs who need more help than she can offer. Cinder is an AKC certified Canine Good Citizen test administrator, and is currently working toward her Certified Pet Dog Trainer (CPDT) certification through the Association of Pet Dog Trainers, of which she is a professional member. She is a former veterinary technician, a professional pet sitter, a member of Mound City Obedience Training Club, Gateway Australian Shepherd Club, and several rescue groups.

Best Friend Pet Training also provides training and problem solving for cats, on a limited basis, using the same methods of training.

We look forward to meeting with you to determine your training needs, and customize a training plan to meet your needs.