

Meet Our Dog Training Teachers

Pat Blocker, CPDT-KA

Pat, owner of Peaceful Paws Dog Training is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer with over 18 years' experience. She has a passion for helping to enhance people's relationships with their dogs through education and training. She is a contributing writer for Mile High Dog Magazine and & various community newsletters. Pat is a professional member of the Association of Professional Dog Trainers, a certified evaluator for the AKC's Canine Good Citizen and S.T.A.R. Puppy Programs and co-founder of Professional Therapy Dogs of Colorado. She is the author of "Taking the Lead without Jerking the Leash, The Art of Mindful Dog Training."

Ethan Bonen, ABCDT

Ethan, owner of Wagging Pawsibilities Dog Training, is a certified dog trainer and a graduate of three different dog training schools located in two different countries. Ethan lived in Germany for four years and was involved in the process of testing army and police dogs. Ethan have also completed continuing education programs in cat training and rehabilitation of shelter dogs. Ethan's passion is helping owners and their pets understand each other better and achieve their training goals, enjoying every moment of their life together!

Dirza Dittberner

Dirza's goal is to help you form a loving and lasting relationship with your dog through understanding. She is the owner of Paws-Abilities Training & Counseling and is a Charter Member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers. She has over 23 years experience in dog behavior counseling and teaching dog training classes. Dirza has acquired hundreds of hours of continuing education on the most advanced positive training & behavior techniques. Dirza is a certified evaluator for the AKC's Canine Good Citizen program.

Ruth Stricker, CPDT

Ruth has been training dogs for basic obedience since 2003. She specializes in working with adopted dogs, using only positive methods to help the owner and adopted dog resolve behavior problems. Ruth is a certified evaluator for the AKC's Canine Good Citizen program, a founding member of Live and Let Fly Flyball Club, a member of Dog Scouts of America & a consulting trainer for Westie Rescue Network.