



How to Find a Qualified Animal Behavior Professional

Locating a qualified professional can be tricky, especially in more rural areas. Following are some guidelines to help you:

Remember that *anyone* can call themselves a behaviorist, behavior specialist, or trainer. Do not rely solely on a person's title to tell whether or not they are qualified. Here are some questions you can ask:

1. What credentials does the consultant, behaviorist, or trainer have? Where did this person receive their training? Do they enroll in continuing education?
2. What methods does the consultant use? Discuss this in great detail (it is a good idea to do your homework first so that you know what types of questions to ask).
3. What learning theories does the consultant base his or her work on?

Be sure to get referrals from at least a couple of the person's clients. Ideally it is also a good idea to get a referral from a veterinarian that has worked with the consultant.

Below are some websites where you can find more information:

www.dacvb.org

(American College of Veterinary Behaviorists)

<http://www.animalbehavior.org/Applied/>

(Animal Behavior Society)

<http://www.apdt.com/>

(Association of Pet Dog Trainers)



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Behavior and Training Resources

*A listing of
recommended
books, videos
and websites
pertaining to
dog, cat, bird
and horse
training.*



TRAINING RESOURCES



The CSU veterinary behavior club believes that positive animal training will help to enhance the human-animal bond and will provide for a healthier, happier pet. We have provided a listing of a few animal behavior and training resources that promote the use of positive training methods as much as possible.

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~~Books~~

GENERAL

Don't Shoot the Dog

By Karen Pryor

Animals in Translation

By Dr. Temple Grandin (CSU Professor)

DOGS

The Power of Positive Dog Training

By Pat Miller

Positive Perspectives: Love Your Dog, Train Your Dog

By Pat Miller

The Other End of the Leash

By Patricia McConnell

Puppy Primer

By Brenda Scidmore & Patricia McConnell

I'll be Home Soon (book on Separation Anxiety)

By Patricia McConnell

How to Behave So Your Dog Behaves

By Sophia Yin

Before & After Getting your PUPPY

By Ian Dunbar

(These books can be found at www.dogwise.com; Puppy Primer and I'll be Home Soon are available through the behavior club.)



CATS

Think Like a Cat: How to Raise a Well-Adjusted Cat and Not a Sourpuss

By Pam Johnson-Bennett

Pyscho Kitty—Understanding your Cat's Crazy Behavior

By Pam Johnson-Bennett

Twisted Whiskers-Solving your Cat's Behavior Problems

By Pam Johnson-Bennett

Cats on the Counter: Therapy & Training for your Cat

By Larry Lachman

BIRDS

Good Bird! - A Guide to Solving Behavioral Problems in Companion Parrots

By Barbara Heidenreich

The Parrot Problem Solver—Finding Solutions to Aggressive Behavior

By Barbara Heidenreich

Clicker Training for Birds

By Melinda Johnson

HORSES

Communicating with Cues: The Rider's Guide to Training and Problem Solving

By John Lyons

Clicker Training for Your Horse

By Alexandra Kurland

Making Not Breaking: The First Year Under Saddle

By Cherry Hill

Natural Horse-Man-Ship: Six Keys to a Natural Horse-Human Relationship

By Pat Parelli

The Horse Behavior Problem Solver

By Jessica Jahiel

OTHER LARGE ANIMAL

Cattle Behavior and Welfare

By Clive Phillips

~~Websites~~

Disclaimer: The behavior club is not responsible for the information on or the integrity of the following websites.

DOGS/CATS/BIRDS

<http://petsforlife.org/>



<http://www.littlebigcat.com/>

<http://www.naturalencounters.com/> (Parrot behavior, click on Papers and Presentations hypertext link)

Dog/Cat Behavior Info in Spanish

http://www.hsus.org/pets/pet_care/our_pets_for_life_program/spanish_pet_behavior_tip_sheets_2.html

HORSES:

<http://www.perfecthorse.com/index.html>

<http://www.horsekeeping.com/>

<http://www.theclickercenter.com/>

<http://www.parcelli.com/>



~~Videos/DVDs~~

DOGS

Calming Signals: What Your Dog Tells You

By Turid Rugaas

Really Reliable Recall

By Leslie Nelson

Feeling Outnumbered? How to Manage and Enjoy a Multi-dog Household

By Patricia McConnell

Train Your Dog

By Nicole Wilde and Laura Bourhenne

(All above dog videos available at www.dogwise.com.)

Complete Dog Training

(Available at www.petsincredible.com.)

BIRDS

Understand Bird Behavior AND

Training Through Positive Reinforcement (Parrots)

Both by bird trainer, Steve Martin

Available at www.naturalencounters.com.

HORSES

Josh Lyons Teaching Series

(See www.johnlyons.com. Click on Products, then on Videos and DVDs).