



# Doggie Training

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure

*MLRR is dedicated to force-free positive training for all our adopted dogs. We firmly believe that training – without pain, force or fear – is an essential part of rescue and critical for future rescue prevention. Our adoption policies reflect this dedication.*

## SUMMARY OF TRAINING POLICIES

- ✓ Every adopter is strongly encouraged to enroll with their adopted dog in a basic skills/manners **training class** (or private session) within 30 days after adoption.
- ✓ Trainer must use only **force-free positive** training techniques.
- ✓ Beyond the training class, every adopter must agree to use only force-free positive training techniques for addressing behaviors and general interaction throughout the dog's **lifetime**.
- ✓ A list of **approved trainers** follows on the next page.

### WHAT IS FORCE-FREE POSITIVE TRAINING?

- Humane approach based on modern behavioral science without pain, force or fear
- Positive reinforcement to reward and encourage desirable behaviors, and re-direct undesirable behaviors
- Focus on understanding how dogs experience the world and communicate
- Mentality of fun, not obedience
- Benevolent leadership, not dominance

### WHAT IS NOT APPROPRIATE?

- The use of pain, force or fear
- Techniques based on fear, intimidation, pain, physical punishment, asserting dominance, being the alpha or similar concepts are strictly prohibited
- Examples: shock collars, prong or pinch collars, choke collars, electric or invisible fencing, hitting, kicking, pinning, alpha rolls and leash-jerking





# Approved Trainers

Accredited professionals committed to a humane science-based approach without pain, force or fear

## TRAINING PARTNERS

*We highly recommend and are very grateful to our force-free positive training partners who volunteer their professional talents to help our rescued labs and foster homes.*

### **Enjoy Your Dog**

Downers Grove

[www.enjoyyourdogtraining.com](http://www.enjoyyourdogtraining.com)

(630) 203-7016

### **Narnia**

Plainfield, Lisle

[www.narniapets.com](http://www.narniapets.com)

(630) 904-0895

### **Over the Moon**

Batavia

[www.overtmoontraining.com](http://www.overtmoontraining.com)

(630) 870-9265

## ADDITIONAL APPROVED TRAINERS

*We can also suggest the following force-free positive trainers throughout the Chicagoland area.*

### **A Sound Beginning**

Batavia, Oak Park, South Elgin,  
Munster

[www.asoundbeginningchicago.com](http://www.asoundbeginningchicago.com)

(630) 776-8197

### **Anything is Pawzible**

Chicago

[www.anythingispawzible.com](http://www.anythingispawzible.com)

(773) 919-7297

### **Clicker Canines**

South & Southwest

[www.clickercanines.com](http://www.clickercanines.com)

(708) 557-4913

### **Affinity Dog Training**

St. Charles

[www.affinitydogtraining.com](http://www.affinitydogtraining.com)

(630) 762 9271

### **Sally Bushwaller**

Chicago, Wilmette

[www.bushwaller.com](http://www.bushwaller.com)

(773) 570-0364

### **Animal Behavior Training**

#### **Concepts**

Chicago

[www.abtconcepts.com](http://www.abtconcepts.com)

(773) 998-2242

### **Happy Hound University**

(Northwest)

[www.happyhounduniversity.com](http://www.happyhounduniversity.com)

### **Debbie's Dogs**

Melrose Park

[www.debbiesdogs.com](http://www.debbiesdogs.com)

(312) 498-3647

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## ADDITIONAL APPROVED TRAINERS (continued)

**For Your K9**

Elmhurst

[www.foryourk9.com](http://www.foryourk9.com)

(847) 671-6844

**Lucky Dog Academy**

Plainfield

[www.whosaluckydog.com](http://www.whosaluckydog.com)

(815) 302-8143

**The Puppy Professor**

Glen Ellyn

[www.the-puppy-professor.com](http://www.the-puppy-professor.com)

(630) 853-9272

**Two Paws Up**

Waukegan

[www.twopaws-up.com](http://www.twopaws-up.com)

(847) 235-2263

**DoGone Fun**

Chicago

[www.dogonefunchicago.com](http://www.dogonefunchicago.com)

(312) 765-9364

**Go Dog! Training**

Remote Services Only

[www.godog4training.com](http://www.godog4training.com)

(630) 802-3213

**Pet Harmony**

Western Chicago Suburbs

[www.petharmonytraining.com](http://www.petharmonytraining.com)

(331) 444-2687

**ROOT Dog Training**

Wilmette, Palatine, Lake Bluff

[www.rootdogtraining.com](http://www.rootdogtraining.com)

(847) 235-6290

**Topnotch K9**

Marengo

[www.topnotchk9.com](http://www.topnotchk9.com)

(815) 505-4450

**Dogz'nHarmony**

La Grange

[www.dogznharmony.com](http://www.dogznharmony.com)

(630) 992-9200

**Go Fido Good Fido**

In-home only (Chicago, North)

[www.gofidogoodfido.com](http://www.gofidogoodfido.com)

(773) 784-8474

**Love Honor and Obey Pet Services**

In-home only (South, Southwest)

[www.lovehonorandobey.org](http://www.lovehonorandobey.org)

(708) 341-3708

**KinDog Behavior and Training**

Greater Chicago

[www.kindogbehavior.com](http://www.kindogbehavior.com)

*Locations listed are typical locations for group classes. All approved trainers also offer private in-home training.*

*Trainer details are subject to change. Please consult trainer websites or contact trainers for most up-to-date or additional information.*