

CATCH CANINE TRAINERS ACADEMY

# Professional Dog Training Skills Workshop

**One-Week Intensive Hands-On Study Course**  
**All students work a variety of dogs to gain hours of**  
**invaluable experience and enhanced training skills.**



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EARN A CERTIFICATE LEARNING TO TRAIN ANY BEHAVIOR & GET LASTING RESULTS

# One-Week Workshop Catalog: Professional Dog Training Skills

*Train Any Behavior, Get Lasting Results*



**2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Edition**  
**Serious Training Techniques for Serious Dog Lovers**

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## Professional Dog Training Skills Workshop: Build Any Behavior, Get Lasting Results

*Hands-On at Select Training Campuses & Animal Welfare Centers Across the U.S.*



“It was a great team of students bringing together their prior knowledge and experiences. This was so helpful for peer support and coaching. On the instructors, having David and Pia to guide me through the training and provide on-going support was the opportunity of a lifetime.” – Jennifer H., Graduate Spring 2015

- **Intensive 1-week, in-person workshop, training dogs every day**
- **On-site at a select modern training facility and/or shelter**
- **Earn a certificate** to showcase your skills
- **Complete your workshop as a standalone achievement or in combination** with any full-length CATCH course
- **Totally immersive hands-on training** where we provide many different dogs for you to practice with
- **You will be coached and evaluated by expert trainers** to build your skills in a fun, supportive setting
- **Workshops are limited to 12 total slots** for a personalized, intimate learning experience

**Get ready to eat, sleep, and breathe dogs.** If you are looking for an in-depth learning experience alongside a world-class team of trainers, then the hands-on workshops are for you. This is a fun, challenging, and comprehensive week of training with a chance to develop your skills and have them evaluated to earn a certificate.

Upon completion of your week’s work, you will receive a frameable diploma highlighting your studies and accomplishments. Every day we will be doing hands-on training work with a variety of dogs at our modern training facilities and shelter campuses. This will make a huge difference in your skills *and* in the lives of the shelter dogs you will be helping by providing needed enrichment and manners training.



## Graduate Goals and Achievements

**Proficient graduates of this workshop will have achieved the skills used to train dogs on a professional level.** These skills can be applied in a range of ways in the dog industry including in services such as group classes, private lessons, walk-and-train, board-and-train, or as a foundation for training service/working dogs. Graduates will also be able make a positive impact in their local dog community or business with the ability to train shelter dogs, day care dogs, and of course their own dogs – to a high level. Expect to see a marked increase in your ability to communicate with dogs and get faster, better results in all your training sessions.

**Established trainers who are seeking to round out their knowledge, sharpen their techniques, or gain exposure to new ideas, will find this to be a very productive week.** The focus on building and practicing a strong technical foundation for training will make a noticeable difference in your skill set that will impress clients, colleagues, and the dogs you work with.

**In summary, this workshop is ideal for dog lovers and professionals who want:**

- **Hands-on study in the complete process of training any behavior** from getting the dog to learn the first moves to fading lures and generalizing performance to all situations, including distracting environments
- **A Certificate** highlighting that you have been coached and evaluated by a Certified Mentor Trainer
- **A very productive week of hands-on training with in-person coaching** from accomplished professionals
- **To close gaps in your knowledge and refine/refresh your skill set** by teaching a wide variety of behaviors to dogs of all sizes and personalities
- **To learn innovative professional, science-based training techniques** with force-free, positive reinforcement methods
- **To enrich the lives of shelter dogs** and help their chances of finding a great home

Workshop dates are listed below in the Dates and Details section.

**Contact our friendly Student Support Team to ask us questions or receive an application:**

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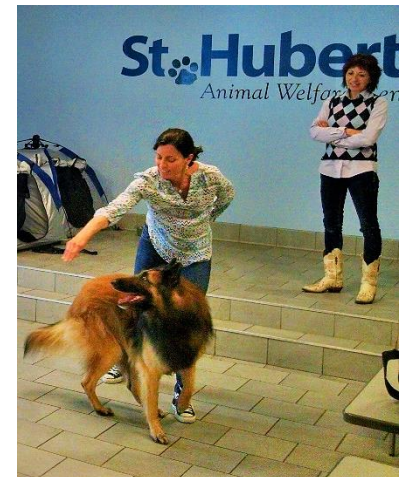


## Key Topics of Study

- **Techniques for building any behavior from scratch: basic to advanced obedience, tricks and more.** Luring, prompting, shaping, capturing, and targeting will all be covered.
- **Creating the steps of your training plan and thinking fast** to modify them during training sessions. You will learn how to make good decisions that keep the dog focused and progressing quickly.
- **Reward selection and diversification**, knowing the priority motivator in any given situation and how to deal with distractions
- **How to fade the lure; When to add the cue; When and how to change schedules of reinforcement**
- **Markers, timing; the difference between praise and a marker** and when to use each one
- **Mechanical skills: reward delivery, reward placement, leash handling and body positioning**
- **Verbal cues (naming behaviors) and physical cues (hand signals);** Teaching a dog to discriminate and putting a behavior on stimulus control
- **Advancing behaviors to higher levels of difficulty:** the right way to add parameters like distance, duration and distraction
- **Keeping behaviors strong for lasting results** and generalizing performance to many different situations and environments



Nancy doing a beautiful job on the long line, training a recall with Chocko. "The program was well planned, written and executed. Thanks for all your help."



Lisa teaching Gillie how to "spin" while Pia Silvani coaches. "The program was incredibly professionally run. I learned more than I ever dreamed I could/would."



## Expert Coaching

We'd like to welcome you to the world's most fascinating classroom, where lead instructors like [David Muriello](#), CPDT-KA, CCDDT (CATCH Founder and seven-year Director of Training for the biggest dog care business in New York City) and [Ferdie Yau](#), CPDT-KA (wildlife biologist and animal trainer who has trained polar bears, sea lions, and primates in addition to dogs) and Bobbie Bhambree, CPDT-KA (dog trainer and behavior expert with experience ranging from field deployments for the ASPCA Anti-Cruelty Behavior Team to competing in professional agility)... will guide you through a week of intense skill-building and knowledge discovery. Upon completion of this workshop, you will earn a certificate and be ready to make an impact on the dog world with an impressive skill set to put behind your passion.



Chrislyn collaborating with David Muriello on a training plan for Gunner. He is excited to start working!

"Thank you so much for having me in your class and allowing me to work with such amazing animals. I'd do it all over again if I could."

- Chrislyn R., Graduate

## Dates and Details

- **Who:** Each session is limited to 12 students, making this an intimate and personalized learning experience. Dog lovers, aspiring trainers, and established professionals from all over the world are welcome.
- **What:** Modern, science-based, force-free training with positive reinforcement techniques that are used to quickly build reliable behaviors from basic to advanced obedience.
- **Where:** On-site at outstanding dog training campuses such as the new and renowned St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center in Madison, NJ (45 minutes from New York City) and the Miami-Dade Animal Services center in Miami, FL. Ask us about the many accommodations and housing opportunities.
- **When:** Mon – Fri, 9am - 5pm
  - **For the most updated information on available dates, check the "Dog Trainer Workshops" page on our website or contact us via phone/email as shown below.**
- **Looking to start right away?** Ask us about specially priced packages to start a program in your hometown *before* your on-campus experience begins.
- **CEUs:** If you are seeking to earn continuing education units for certified trainers with CPDT-KA or KSA, contact Student Support so we can arrange that for you.

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## Tuition

- Enrollment is currently limited to 12 students.
- \$1,990 includes all course materials and equipment needed. We will provide the dogs, study guide, training tools, demonstrations, and coaching. Just bring your passion to learn!
- CATCH will also provide plenty of power snacks all day
- Payment plans are available during the pre-enrollment period. Ask us for details.
- Housing: Ask us about the many accommodations and housing opportunities.



Like all CATCH courses, the 1-week on-campus program is designed to be an intensive, but supportive and fun learning experience that's easy for everyone to love – the students, the instructors, and the dogs.

## Self-Paced Courses from Your Town

**In addition to the hands-on workshops, CATCH offers the Master Class and other self-paced courses that can be completed in your own town, on your own schedule.** You can graduate from these courses with a Certified Dog Trainer title or a certificate from our Basics Pro or Core Skills programs. All programs can be combined with the Dog Trainer Workshops described in this catalog for a fantastic in-depth learning experience.

## Contact

**We are looking forward to hearing your goals and helping you choose which course is best for you.** Our Student Support Team is here to answer all your questions.

*Call to ask us about course details, payment plans and the Ready to Roll Discount.*

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## Enrollment Requirements

All enrolled students must be over 18 years. Instruction for the program will be provided in English therefore all enrolled students must have a sound working knowledge of written and spoken English. All enrolled students must possess a high school diploma, GED, high school equivalency or pass the Ability to Benefit Test. All enrolled students must be physically competent to perform dog training activities as outlined below. CATCH respects and welcomes students with prior education in dog training and behavior, but does not require this prior to enrollment.

## Physical Requirements

### Use of Hands

- Student must be able to:
  - Grasp and hold a leash, demonstrating the ability to control small, medium, and large dogs.
  - Use both hands for repetitive action such as tightly gripping and guiding a leash.
- Fine motor skills in both hands are required for repetitive actions such as attaching and detaching collars and leashes, as well as delivering food rewards to the dogs during training.
- Students must have good hand-eye coordination.

### Use of Legs and Feet

- Standing and walking are frequent activities every day throughout the workshop.
- Student must be able to:
  - Walk at a brisk pace during certain training exercises and when leading dogs to and from training areas.
  - Move feet forwards and backwards during training exercises.
  - Change direction abruptly during certain training and handling exercises.
  - Maintain balance while working dogs and simultaneously watching the dog's behavioral responses.

### Balance and Range of Motion

- Student must have:
  - Good range of motion in joints; particularly in the back, wrists, elbows, and knees.
  - Ability to balance when interacting with dogs; for example, to be able to stay on their feet while a strong dog may be pulling on leash, or when a dog jumps up on them.
  - Ability to bend, kneel, or sit on the floor, and return to standing from any of those positions.
- Student must be comfortable and competent in physically restraining small, medium, and large dogs.

### **Visual Requirements and Hearing Requirements**

- Glasses and/or contacts are permitted.
- Student must be able to:
  - Visually observe people and dogs up to 100 feet away.
  - See the body language of the dog in front of him/her.
  - Hear and recognize dog vocalizations both soft and loud.
  - Hear normal speech within regular speaking range as well as loud speech from up to 100 feet away and in environments such as an outdoor training space or busy indoor classroom.

### **Learning Environments**

- Students may be required to walk on uneven surfaces such as grassy play areas for dogs, hillsides, curbs or stairs.
- Training may at times take place outdoors in chilly or wet weather.
- Students may be asked to cross parking lots or streets thus the utmost care must be taken with yourself and animals.
- Noise: canine vocalizations and barking are common in shelters and training classes.
- Odors: animal odors are common in shelters.
- Exposure to the following in shelters and training rings:
  - Cleaning agents and disinfectants commonly used for animal care and training
  - Dogs may defecate or urinate during walks, training, or other.
  - Animal dander and hair

### **Coaching and Evaluation**

All students will receive extensive coaching throughout the workshop. During the second half of the week, each student will receive an in-person evaluation of the skills they have learned and practiced. This is designed to be supportive and encouraging, giving students a chance to show off what they've learned while also getting feedback on their biggest strengths and where to focus on further improvements in technique.

Students will know ahead of time exactly what we will be looking for during the evaluation and have opportunities to practice these items daily. Written feedback on the evaluation is completely private and will only be shared with each individual. Experience has shown us that students make tremendous progress from their first day to the last. The evaluation process is an exciting way to document that and the form which each student gets to keep is designed to provide students with:

- A comprehensive list of the many different skills that are used when training dogs professionally
- Personalized feedback that highlights the areas you are excelling in and those you'll want to focus on improving as you continue to grow
- A "snapshot" document that you can keep and refer back to as you advance your skills over time in this field

## Course Materials and Equipment

**All enrolled students will receive the following items which are yours to keep:**

- CATCH Workshop Study Guide with detailed text on training and handling techniques
- Access to the CATCH Student Center online with training demo videos available to watch before and during the course
- Text book with step-by-step instructions for how to teach all key behaviors from basic to advanced obedience and tricks
- Treat pouch and clicker (Clickers will not be our main focus, but we will teach you how to use them effectively as well as the pros and cons of this tool.)
- CATCH Professional Trainer's Polo Shirt

## THANK YOU

Everyone on the CATCH team thanks you for reading this Dog Trainer Workshops catalog and for entrusting us to shape your skills by participating in our Professional Dog Trainer Courses. If you are interested in the complete CATCH course catalog with all our programs listed, just let us know and we'll be happy to send it along.

We'll see you soon, training dogs!

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