

## The Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers:

- Offers the only international, standardized certification for animal training and behavior professionals that is both psychometrically sound and independent of any course of study.
- Reviews each certification exam at least every two years to ensure it remains up-to-date with the current scientific landscape of canine behavior and training. As our understanding of canine behavior improves, the need for training and behavior professionals who are well-versed in canine behavior and applied behavior analysis is growing. Our certificants meet that need.
- Is proud to provide animal care professionals and dog owners with a trusted, quality standard for animal training and behavior professionals.
- Is endorsed by veterinarians, veterinary behaviorists and other animal care professionals.



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***Your clients and  
their dogs will  
thank you!***



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**Certified Canine  
Behavior Consultants  
and  
Training Professionals  
Setting the Standard**



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## Experience and Education

## Excellence

## Why become Certified?

To become a Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed® (CPDT-KA) trainers must have at least 300 hours of trainer experience and provide recommendations from a veterinarian, a client, and a colleague. In addition, they must pass an independent, psychometrically sound and science-based exam to demonstrate knowledge in Instruction Skills, Animal Husbandry, Ethology, Learning Theory, Equipment, Business Practices & Ethics. A practical examination (CPDT-KSA) that tests a trainer's physical skill in dog training is available for CPDT-KAs.



To become a Certified Behavior Consultant Canine - Knowledge Assessed® (CBCCKA) consultants must have at least 500 hours of consulting and provide five recommendations with at least one being from a veterinarian, a client, and a colleague. In addition, they must pass an independent, psychometrically sound and science-based exam to demonstrate knowledge in Applied Behavior Analysis, Biology and Anatomy, Ethology, Body Language & Observational Skills, Health, Development, Life Stages, Consulting Skills & Best Practices and Scientific Method.

## The CCPDT Mission Statement

The Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers establishes and maintains humane standards of competence for animal training and behavior professionals through criteria based on experience, standardized testing, skills and continuing education, and identifies and markets those individuals to the public.

- Certifications are not all the same.
- The CCPDT's certifications are international certification processes for canine behavior consulting and training professionals.
- The Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainer's credentials are respected within the industry and have been developed using consistent, recognized certification practices.
- Certified Behavior Consultants and Trainers are experienced professionals who are committed to continuing education and professional excellence.

- Becoming certified sets you apart from other professionals by offering your clients an established body of knowledge.
- Certification offers the following benefits:
  1. Increase your referrals.
  2. Raise more revenue.
  3. Establish yourself as a cut above!
- The CCPDT markets certificants internationally to the following:
  1. Veterinarians
  2. Shelters and Rescues
  3. Breeders
  4. The Public

