



CHICAGOLAND RECOMMENDED TRAINERS

SAYV ANIMAL ORGANIZATION

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Below are recommended trainers from SAYv Animal Organization. ALL of these trainers only use positive reinforcement training, which is the only type of training that we believe should be used. These methods do not allow things like choke/prong collars, are based on scientific research, and have great success in supporting animals.

A SOUND BEGINNING

[Website link](#)

info@asoundbeginningprogram.com

[Additional contact info link](#)

Additional details

- Offers in-person, in-home training, virtual training, and workshops – basic obedience, intermediate training, behavior training
- Services Chicagoland and surrounding areas (IL)

AFFINITY DOG TRAINING

[Website link](#)

affinitydt@comcast.net

630-762-9271

Additional details

- Offers group classes and in-home consultations – basic obedience, intermediate training, behavior training
- Services Elgin, South Elgin, Aurora, North Aurora, St. Charles, Geneva, Batavia, Elburn and Maple Park (IL)

ANIMAL INTUITIONS

[Website link](#)

amber@aitrainers.com

952-484-4396

Additional details

- Offers pop-up training clinics and in-home training – basic obedience, intermediate training, behavior training
- Services Batavia, IL and surrounding areas



ANIMAL BEHAVIOR TRAINING CONCEPTS

[Website link](#)

learn@abtconcepts.com

[Free training videos](#)

773-998-2242

Additional details

- Offers in-home training, seminars and workshops – basic obedience, intermediate training, behavior training
- Services downtown Chicago, Lincoln Park, West Loop, South Loop, Old Town, Streeterville, Gold Coast, Bridgeport, and Hyde Park (IL)

ANYTHING IS PAWZIBLE

[Website link](#)

[Inquiry form](#)

773-919-7297

Additional details

- Offers private consultations (obedience work, behavioral consultations, child and pet adaptation classes) as well as group classes and service dog training
- Locations – Avondale, Humboldt Park, West Loop/Garfield Park
- Services Chicagoland, IL

BEST CHOICE DOG TRAINING

[Website link](#)

[Contact form](#)

laura@bestchoicedogtraining.net

847-306-9346

Additional details

- Offers in-home and virtual training – basic training, intermediate training
- Services Hoffman Estates, IL and surrounding areas

BEST OF BEHAVIOR

[Website link](#)

[Contact form](#)

Additional details

- Offers in-home training – basic training, intermediate training, behavior training
- Services Chicagoland, IL



CLICKER CANINES

[Website link](#)

patricia@clickercanines.com

708-557-4913

Additional details

- In-home consultations and phone consults – basic training, intermediate training, behavioral training
- Services Chicagoland

CLOUD K9 ACADEMY

[Website link](#)

[Free videos](#)

rachel@cloudk9academy.com

630-686-4800

Additional details

- Offers group classes, obedience training, dog sports/agility, behavioral training, service dog training
- Services Naperville, IL and surrounding areas

DEBBIE'S DOGS

[Website link](#)

[Contact form](#)

312-498-3647

Additional details

- Offers group classes, private instructions, workshops/seminars, phone sessions, video sessions – basic training, intermediate training, behavioral training
- Services Elmhurst, IL and surrounding areas (in-person in Elmhurst)

DOG BEHAVIORAL SOLUTIONS

[Website link](#)

[Contact form](#)

dogbehaviorsolutions@comcast.net

773-617-2374

Additional details

- Offers behavioral assessments, behavior modification, training (obedience, behavioral, dog sports),
- Services Chicagoland, IL



DOG FORWARD TRAINING

[Website link](#)

alisa@dogforwardtraining.com

224-407-5016

Additional details

- Offers in-home and virtual training – basic obedience training, intermediate training (for puppies only)

DOG OBEDIENCE BY GINA

[Website link](#)

*Contact form on landing page of website

847-293-2934

Additional details

- Offers private classes, stay and learn, day training – basic training, intermediate training, behavioral training
- Services Belvidere, IL and surrounding areas

KIKI YABLON DOG TRAINING

[Website link](#)

[Contact form](#)

kikiablondogtraining@gmail.com

[Training articles](#)

Additional details

- Offers virtual training, in-home private training – basic training, intermediate training, behavioral training
- Services Chicagoland, IL

DOGZ 'N HARMONY

[Website link](#)

[Contact form](#)

630-992-9200

Additional details

- Offers virtual training, group classes, and in-home training – basic training, intermediate training, behavioral training
- Services Burr Ridge, La Grange, Hinsdale, Westmont, Oak Brook, and surrounding suburbs (IL)



ENJOY YOUR DOG

[Website link](#)

info@enjoyyourdogtraining.com

630-203-7016

Additional details

- Offers group classes, in-home training, dog therapy training – basic training, intermediate training, behavioral training
- Services Downers Grove, IL and surrounding areas

FOR YOUR K9

[Website link](#)

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847-671-6844

Additional details

- Offers virtual programs, private lessons, seminars and workshops – basic training, agility training, intermediate training, behavioral training
- Services Elmhurst, IL and surrounding areas

GO DOG: PUPPY + DOG TRAINING (MOBILE APP)

[Website link](#)

[Apple device download](#)

[Android device download](#)

*in app purchases (not free)

GO FIDO GOOD FIDO

[Website link](#)

[Contact form](#)

fran@gofidogoodfido.com

773-784-8474

Additional details

- Offers in-person and virtual training – basic training, intermediate training, behavioral training
- Services Northside Chicago (Andersonville, Edgewater, Park Ridge, Glenview, Northbrook, Highland Park) (IL)

GRATEFUL DOG TRAINING

[Facebook page](#)

sandygirls23@gmail.com

847-323-3309

Additional details

- Offers in-person training – basic training, intermediate training, behavioral training
- Services Round Lake Heights, IL and surrounding areas



HAPPY HOUND UNIVERSITY

[Website link](#)

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info@happyhounduniversity.com

Additional details

- Offers in-person and group training classes – basic training to behavioral issues
- In-home dog training serving Elk Grove Village, Arlington Heights, Schaumburg, Palatine, Buffalo Grove, Itasca, Des Plaines, Mt. Prospect, Roselle, Wooddale, Bensenville, Hoffman Estates, Park Ridge, Niles, Prospect Heights, Wheeling, and surrounding areas (IL)
- Group classes in Des Plaines

I GOT THIS SIT

[Website link](#)

[Contact form](#)

Additional details

- Offers virtual, phone, in-home and in-person training (doesn't offer in-home training by itself) – basic training, intermediate training, behavioral training
- Services St. Charles, IL, Huntley, IL and surrounding areas

IT'S A 'PAWS'-ITIVE THING

[Website link](#)

[Contact form](#)

gayle@itsapawsitivething.com

630-881-4778

Additional details

- Offers group classes, in-person training – basic training, basic agility, intermediate training, behavioral training
- Services Justice, IL and surrounding areas

JUST US POSITIVE PUPS

[Website link](#)

justuspositivepups@gmail.com

206-759-2714

Additional details

- Offers in-home training and virtual – basic training, intermediate training, behavioral training
- Services Chicagoland



LOYAL COMPANIONS TRAINING

(part of Loyal Companions Animal Hospital and Pet Resort)

[Website link](#)

630-524-2125

Additional details

- Offers basic in-person training (five week course)
- Services St. Charles, IL and surrounding areas

MATILDA'S DOGGIE DREAMLAND

[Website link](#)

[Contact form](#)

lovedogs@matildasdoggiedreamland.com

Additional details

- Offers in-home training and virtual – basic training, intermediate training, behavioral training
- Services the Chicagoland area

MINDFUL METHODS COMPANION COACHING

[Website link](#)

[Contact form](#)

info@mindfulmethodstraining.com

[Free resources](#)

630-835-7947

Additional details

- Offers in-home training and virtual – basic training, intermediate training, behavioral training
- Services the Chicagoland area

NARNIA PET BEHAVIOR AND TRAINING

[Website link](#)

[Contact form](#)

info@narniapets.com

630-904-0895

Additional details

- Offers group classes, private training, in-home training, workshops and seminars – basic training, and behavioral training
- Services Naperville/Plainfield, IL, Lisle, IL and surrounding areas



ONE HAPPY DOG

[Website link](#)

margaret@onehappydog.com

847-356-5566

Additional details

- Offers in-person training – basic training, dog sports (web seminars), and behavioral training
- Services Mundelein, IL and surrounding areas (Chicago North Shore)

OVER THE MOON DOG TRAINING

[Website link](#)

overthemoondogtrainer@gmail.com

630-870-9265

Additional details

- Offers in-person training, private training, group classes – basic training, dog sports, behavioral training
- Services Batavia, IL and surrounding areas

PET HARMONY ANIMAL BEHAVIOR AND TRAINING

[Website link](#)

info@petharmonytraining.com

[Contact form](#)

Additional details

- Offers in-home training and virtual training – basic training, intermediate training, behavioral training
- Services Naperville and surrounding areas (see radius [here](#))

THE PUPPY PROFESSOR

[Website link](#)

amy@thepuppyprof.com

630-853-9272

Additional details

- Offers in-person, virtual and group classes – basic training, intermediate training, therapy dog training
- Services Glen Ellyn, IL and surrounding areas



SALLY BUSHWALLER (TRAINER)

[Website link](#)

sally@bushwaller.com

[Resources](#)

773-570-0364

Additional details

- Offers in-person, virtual and group classes – basic training, intermediate training, and behavioral training
- Services Chicagoland, IL (in-person and group in Wilmette)

SPOT ON K9 SPORTS

[Website link](#)

spotonk9s@me.com

630-945-1437

Additional details

- Offers in-person, group classes, in-home lessons – basic training, intermediate training, behavioral training, nose work, tricks and agility training
- Services West Chicago, IL and surrounding areas

TOPNOTCH K9 PROFESSIONAL DOG TRAINING

[Website link](#)

[Contact form](#)

[Resources](#)

kimberly@topnotchk9.com

Additional details

- Offers in-person, group classes – basic training, intermediate training, scent detection
- Services Marengo, IL and surrounding areas

TWO PAWS UP DOG TRAINING

[Website link](#)

847-235-2263

Additional details

- Offers group classes, in-person, in-home, and play groups – basic training, intermediate training, agility training, nose work, behavioral training
- Services Northside Chicago, IL