

# BEHAVIOR RESOURCES

## **BEHAVIOR HELPLINE**

The Richmond SPCA provides a free helpline for assistance managing a variety of behaviors in both dogs and cats. The helpline is available to all pet guardians—not just those who adopted their companions from the Richmond SPCA. Our professional behavior and training specialists are available to answer your questions by phone at 804-643-7722 or by e-mail at [behaviorhelpline@richmondspca.org](mailto:behaviorhelpline@richmondspca.org).

## **LOW-COST BEHAVIOR CONSULTATIONS**

When additional assistance is needed, in-person or virtual behavior consultations with professional trainers at our humane center are also available for a low fee. For more information on these services, please visit [richmondspca.org/behavior](http://richmondspca.org/behavior).

## **WORKSHOPS**

We offer group workshops on more than 20 behavior topics including popular topics like de-jumping, leash pulling, separation anxiety, house training and more. For more information, please visit [richmondspca.org/training](http://richmondspca.org/training).

## **PRIVATE LESSONS**

Private lessons are available on a limited basis to pet guardians who wish to focus on the development of individual skills. For more information, please visit [richmondspca.org/training](http://richmondspca.org/training).

## **GROUP TRAINING CLASSES**

Classes can be a great way to teach your dog basic skills and manners, build your understanding of animal behavior and improve your relationship with your pet. They are also lots of fun! A current schedule of class offerings as well as class descriptions and related registration information may be found at [richmondspca.org/training](http://richmondspca.org/training).

## **SCHOOL FOR DOGS**

The Richmond SPCA School for Dogs program offers specialized training and socialization for your dog. Dogs are dropped off one or two days a week for individualized instruction from our skilled trainers. Class sizes are kept small to assure quality training time. As a result, we maintain a waiting list if sessions are presently full. For more information, please email [school@richmondspca.org](mailto:school@richmondspca.org) or visit [richmondspca.org/schoolfordogs](http://richmondspca.org/schoolfordogs).

## **CONTACT**

Education and Training Administrator: 804-521-1332 or [classes@richmondspca.org](mailto:classes@richmondspca.org)  
Manager of Training Education: 804-521-1326

## **RICHMOND AREA TRAINERS**

When individualized training is needed inside the home, we refer pet guardians to reward-based behavior professionals in the Richmond area. **Professionals listed here are not affiliated with the Richmond SPCA. They charge their own fees and have their own policies and procedures.**

**Donna Anderson** *Fear Free Certified Groomer*

Petite Pet Inn & Spa

804-622-1556, donna@petitepetinn.com, petitepetinn.com

**Lulu Clarke** *KPA-CTP, Fear Free Certified Professional, PPG*

Yellow Brick Dogs

804-200-3902, luluclarke@gmail.com, yellowbrickdogs.com

**Dr. Amy Learn, VMD** *Low Stress Handling Certified, Fear Free Certified Professional*

Chief of Medicine at Animal Behavior Wellness Center Richmond

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**Michelle Mullins** *CDBC, KPA CTP, CPDT-KSA*

Fear Free Certified Animal Trainer at Honest To Dog

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**Katherine Smith** *CDBC, Professional Member APDT, PPG, AKC CGC Evaluator*

Shaggeypaws Dog Behavior & Consulting

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**Joyce Sobey** *KPA-CTP, CPDT-KA, APDT, IAABC Associate*

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**Janet Velenovsky** *CPDT-KA, KPA CTP, Fear Free Professional, Service Dog Coach*

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