



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.

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/classes/behavior-consultation/.

WORKSHOPS

We offer affordable group workshops on more than 30 behavior topics for cats and dogs. For more information, please visit richmondspca.org/behavior. Behaviors covered include leash pulling, jumping, litter box issues, scratching and much more! Most workshops are one session, held virtually for 90 minutes.

PRIVATE LESSONS

Private lessons are available to pet guardians who wish to focus on the development of individual skills. For more information, please visit richmondspca.org/classes/private-lessons/.

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.

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 or visit richmondspca.org/schoolfordogs.

CONTACT

Education and Training Administrator: 804-521-1332 or classes@richmondspca.org
Manager of Training Education: 804-521-1382

RICHMOND AREA TRAINERS

When individualized training is needed inside the home, we refer pet guardians to reward-based (positive reinforcement) 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.**

Mariah Dudley CPDT-KA

Confident Canine Coach

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Hannah Fuqua CPDT-KA

Canine Adventure LLC

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804-432-7570, training@canineadventure.net

Species: Dogs

Gabrielle Johnson CDBC, CPDT-KA

Best Life Dog Services

bestlifedogservices.com

804-334-4699, bestlifedogservices@gmail.com

Species: Dogs

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

Chief of Medicine at Animal Behavior Wellness Center Richmond

abwellnesscenter.com

888-438-0788, richmond@abwellnesscenter.com

Species: Any

Michelle Mullins CDBC, KPA CTP, CPDT-KSA

Fear Free Certified Animal Trainer at Honest To Dog

honesttodogrva.com

804-405-4494, michelle@honesttodogrva.com

Species: Dogs and Other

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

Shaggeypaws Dog Behavior & Consulting

shaggeypaws.com

804-539-3650, Shaggeypaws@aol.com

Species: Dogs

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

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Species: Dogs

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

Kaizen Pet Training & Behavior "Improve Your Pet, Improve Your Life"™

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Species: Cats and Dogs