



ARIZONA HUMANE SOCIETY

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PET TRAINING: TRAINING REFERRAL SOURCES

Remember that a well-trained pet is a happy pet! In fact, pets how receive even the most basic training display greater confidence...and have a better chance of staying in their "forever home" as a valued family member. We urge all pet parents to seek out training - before problems start. As you look into training options, please consider these tips:

- Talk to friends, family members, neighbors and co-workers about training services they have utilized. Did they work? Was their pet treated humanely? Would they recommend the trainer?
- Select a trainer who utilizes only *humane* methods and encourages appropriate behavior through *positive reinforcement* such as praise, food or play.
- AVOID trainers who refuse to let you watch how your pet is being trained or who use techniques such as yelling, choking, shocking, leash tugging, scruffing, throwing animals on their backs or any other action that may frighten or injure an animal.
- Ask the trainer for references, such as current or past clients.
- Observe at least one of the trainer's sessions before you enroll in a class or sign up for services.

For training assistance, we suggest you contact a reputable professional service provider* such as:

Association of Pet Dog Trainers

www.apdt.com

Click on "trainer search" for a listing of APDT -member training specialists in the metropolitan Phoenix area and Arizona.

Pet Behavior Solutions

www.petbehaviorsolutions.com

(602) 947-7248

PETsMART

www.petsmart.com

Contact the store nearest you for information about services offered by accredited training specialists.

The Waggin' Train (dogs *and* cats)

www.waggintrain.com

(480) 510-1148

The Waggin' Train provides a \$10.00 discount on training services for dogs and cats adopted from the Arizona Humane Society.

** Training service providers have expressed an interest in working with the Arizona Humane Society. Referral to these providers does not imply endorsement.*

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