

# Force-Free Trainers – South Australia

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If none of the RSPCA Force-Free training classes are convenient for you, you will find a selection of other Force-Free training services below.

RSPCA South Australia is not able to officially endorse the following list, but does both advocate for and promote Force-Free training methods. Each trainer listed below has signed the following declaration based on the definition of 'Force-Free' by the [Pet Professional Guild](#):

“I confirm that only 'Force-Free' dog training methods are used, defined as:

***No shock, No pain, No choke, No fear, No physical force, No compulsion based methods are employed to train or care for a pet.”***

All of the trainers below hold at least a minimum force-free dog training qualification, the acronyms for which are at the end of this document along with the institutions offering them.

**NB:** Check chains & prong collars are not promoted or used under any circumstances by trainers on this list

The listings below are colour coded to help you find a trainer who offers the service you're looking for:

**Puppy Pre-school**

**Pet Dog Training Classes**

**Private Training / Consultations**

## Adelaide, Eastern Adelaide and surrounding suburbs

Organisation and/or Contact Person	Qualifications & Services	Contact Details
<b>Adelaide Pet Dog Training</b>	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services; CAP 1 & 2 <b>Puppy pre-school</b> at Stephen Terrace Veterinary Clinic <b>Small group pet dog training courses</b> held at Blackwood and Burnside. <b>Private consultations</b> in Adelaide and surrounding suburbs.	<b>Phone:</b> (08) 8272 0018 <b>Mobile:</b> 0409 991 530 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:bodil@petdogtraining.com.au">bodil@petdogtraining.com.au</a> <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.petdogtraining.com.au">www.petdogtraining.com.au</a>
<b>Adelaide Veterinary Behaviour Services</b> Tracy Irons	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services <b>Private consultations</b> in Adelaide and surrounding suburbs	<b>Mobile:</b> 0488 038 054 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:tracyb@avbs.net.au">tracyb@avbs.net.au</a> <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.adelaideveterinaryservices.com.au">www.adelaideveterinaryservices.com.au</a>
<b>Balancing Act Adelaide</b> Fiona De Rosa	Dip. Canine Behaviour Science & Technology <b>Private consultations</b> in Adelaide and surrounding suburbs	<b>Mobile:</b> 0431 863 357 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:fiona@balancingactadelaide.com.au">fiona@balancingactadelaide.com.au</a> <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.balancingactadelaide.com.au">www.balancingactadelaide.com.au</a>
<b>Bev Clark</b>	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services <b>Puppy pre-school</b> at The Parade Veterinary Clinic, Norwood	<b>Mobile:</b> 0413 430 763 <b>Email:</b>

Organisation and/or Contact Person	Qualifications & Services	Contact Details
<b>Canine Behavioural School Inc (CBS)</b> <b>Head Instructor:</b> <b>Kate Denman</b>	Professional Canine Trainer – Accredited (PPAB), Canine Training Technician – Accredited (PPAB), Certificate IV Companion Animal Services <b>Pet dog training classes</b> held at Patterson Sportsground, Felixstow from beginners to advanced	<b>Mobile:</b> 0481 395 337 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@caninebehaviouralschool.com.au">info@caninebehaviouralschool.com.au</a> <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.caninebehaviouralschool.com.au">www.caninebehaviouralschool.com.au</a>  Online bookings essential
<b>Dog Behaviour Solutions</b> <b>Felice Case</b>	Certificate IV Companion Animal Services <b>Puppy pre-school</b> at Newton Veterinary Clinic. <b>Pet dog training classes</b> held in Modbury Heights. <b>Private consultations</b> in Eastern & Northern suburbs of Adelaide and Adelaide Hills	<b>Mobile:</b> 0408 089 555 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:DogBehaviourSolutions@outlook.com">DogBehaviourSolutions@outlook.com</a>
<b>Dog Knows</b> <b>Kate Denman</b>	Professional Canine Trainer – Accredited (PPAB), Canine Training Technician – Accredited (PPAB), Certificate IV Companion Animal Services <b>Puppy pre-school</b> at St Bernards Rd Vet Clinic. <b>Private consultations</b> in Adelaide and surrounding suburbs	<b>Mobile:</b> 0414 446 878 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:woof@dogknows.com.au">woof@dogknows.com.au</a> <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.dogknows.com.au">www.dogknows.com.au</a>
<b>Emma Gane</b>	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services <b>Puppy pre-school</b> at Port Road Veterinary Centre	<b>Phone:</b> (08) 8340 0388 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:staff@portroadvet.com.au">staff@portroadvet.com.au</a> <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.portroadvet.com.au">www.portroadvet.com.au</a>
<b>K9s On the Couch</b> <b>Todd Hollister</b>	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services <b>Private consultations</b> in Adelaide and surrounding suburbs	<b>Mobile:</b> 0432 074 134 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:petdogtrainer@gmail.com">petdogtrainer@gmail.com</a>
<b>Pawly Understood</b> <b>Kimberley Nicolle</b>	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services <b>Private consultations</b> in Adelaide and surrounding suburbs	<b>Mobile:</b> 0468 451 313 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:pawlyunderstood@gmail.com">pawlyunderstood@gmail.com</a> <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.pawlyunderstood.com">www.pawlyunderstood.com</a>
<b>Petra Edwards</b>	BSc (Animal Behaviour), Professional Canine Trainer - Accredited (PPAB), CAP1 & 2 Currently unavailable due to PhD studies in Animal Behaviour	<b>Mobile:</b> 0439 471 440 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:petra@petraedwards.com">petra@petraedwards.com</a> <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.petraedwards.com">www.petraedwards.com</a>
<b>Positive Dog Training</b> <b>Sharon Crichton</b>	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services, CAP 1 & 2 <b>Pet dog training classes</b> held at Unley and Clarence Park including Basic Dog Manners, Intermediate and Advanced. <b>Private consultations</b> in Adelaide Metro and Adelaide Hills	<b>Mobile:</b> 0418 886 698 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@positivedogtraining.com.au">info@positivedogtraining.com.au</a> <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.positivedogtraining.com.au">www.positivedogtraining.com.au</a> and <a href="http://www.positivedogproducts.com.au">www.positivedogproducts.com.au</a>

Organisation and/or Contact Person	Qualifications & Services	Contact Details
<b>Sharon Milne</b>	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services <b>Puppy pre-school</b> at St Bernards Rd Vet Clinic. <b>Private consultations</b> in Adelaide and surrounding suburbs	<b>Mobile:</b> 0400 447 675
<b>Susanne Eckert</b>	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services <b>Puppy pre-school</b> at Payneham Veterinary Centre, Walkerville Vet Surgery and Stephens Terrace Vet Clinic. <b>Private consultations</b> in Adelaide Metro area	<b>Mobile:</b> 0412 500 661 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:jeneck@esc.net.au">jeneck@esc.net.au</a>
<b>Two Brown Dogs Canine Behaviour &amp; Training</b> <b>Vicki Richardson</b>	Member: Institute of Modern Dog Trainers <b>Private training</b> in Adelaide and surrounding suburbs	<b>Mobile:</b> 0434 680 444 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@twobrowndogs.com.au">info@twobrowndogs.com.au</a>

### Adelaide, Adelaide Hills and Murray Bridge

Organisation and/or Contact Person	Qualifications & Services	Contact Details
<b>Scholars in Collars</b> <b>Alexis Davison</b>	Certificate IV in Behavioural Dog Training, Karen Pryor Academy Certified Training Partner (KPA CTP) Certified Professional Dog Trainer – Knowledge Assessed (CPDT KA) <b>Puppy pre-school</b> in Stirling and Balhannah. <b>Pet dog training classes</b> held in Balhannah and Mt Barker. <b>Private consultations</b> throughout Adelaide Hills, East & North Eastern suburbs of Adelaide & Murray Bridge.	<b>Mobile:</b> 0400 205 667 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:alexis@scholarsincollars.com.au">alexis@scholarsincollars.com.au</a> <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.scholarsincollars.com.au">www.scholarsincollars.com.au</a>
<b>Tracey Rogers</b>	Karen Pryor Academy Certified Training Partner (KPA CTP) <b>Puppy pre-school</b> at Avenue Road Stirling Veterinary Surgery (bookings Ph 8339 2842) <b>Private consultations</b> in Adelaide and surrounding suburbs	<b>Mobile:</b> 0426 814 795 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:traceyprogers@gmail.com">traceyprogers@gmail.com</a>

## Northern Suburbs & Rural SA

Organisation and/or Contact Person	Qualifications & Services	Contact Details
<b>All Paws In Dog Training</b> <b>Aaron Gilson &amp; Tessa Wright</b>	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services, BSc (Animal Science). <b>Private Consultations</b> in North East and surrounding Northern suburbs	<b>Mobile:</b> : 0415 256 859 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:allpawsindogtraining@gmail.com">allpawsindogtraining@gmail.com</a> <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="https://fb.me/allpawsinforcefreedogtraining">fb.me/allpawsinforcefreedogtraining</a>
<b>Barking up the Right Tree Dog Training</b> <b>Sharon Hobbs</b>	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services <b>Private consultations</b> in Northern suburbs.	<b>Mobile:</b> 0468 780 438 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:sharon@righttreedogtraining.com.au">sharon@righttreedogtraining.com.au</a>
<b>Cheery Dog Training</b> <b>Elaine Kennedy</b>	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services <b>Private consultations</b> in Barossa, Mid North and northern suburbs.	<b>Mobile:</b> 0428 138 056 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:cheerydogtraining@gmail.com">cheerydogtraining@gmail.com</a>
<b>Jo Davies</b>	Cert IV in Companion Animal Services <b>Pet dog training classes Level 2 &amp; 3</b> at Parafield Gardens High School	<b>Work No:</b> (08) 8249 9999 <b>Mobile:</b> 0412 400 923 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:svsdogtraining@hotmail.com">svsdogtraining@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Paws for Thought Dog Training</b> <b>Laura Brady</b>	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services <b>Pet dog training</b> northern suburbs/hills.	<b>Mobile:</b> 0417 417 058 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:laura_brady_au@hotmail.com">laura_brady_au@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Virginia &amp; Community Dog Training Centre</b> <b>Elisabeth Brady</b>	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services <b>Pet dog training classes</b> held at <b>Virginia</b> including adult and older puppy training. <b>Puppy pre-school</b> held at Salisbury Highway Veterinary Surgery	<b>Mobile:</b> 0427 034 874 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:elisabethbrady@yahoo.com">elisabethbrady@yahoo.com</a>

## Southern Suburbs & Southern Fleurieu Peninsula

Organisation and/or Contact Person	Qualifications & Services	Contact Details
<b>Beachwood Dog School</b> <b>Kerrie Gerrits</b>	CAP 1 & 2 <b>Puppy pre-school &amp; pet dog training classes</b> in Aldinga Beach.	<b>Mobile:</b> 0407 390 242 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:beachwooddogschool@yahoo.com.au">beachwooddogschool@yahoo.com.au</a> <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.beachwooddogschool.com">www.beachwooddogschool.com</a>

Organisation and/or Contact Person	Qualifications & Services	Contact Details
dogs etc Kate Lloyd	CAP 1 & 2 <b>Private consultations and training</b> in O'Sullivan Beach and southern suburbs	<b>Mobile:</b> 0404 464 793 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:kate@dogsetc.com.au">kate@dogsetc.com.au</a> <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.dogsetc.com.au">www.dogsetc.com.au</a>
Fleurieu Education for Dogs And Owners Diane Oakley	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services <b>Puppy pre-school</b> Paws Galore Vet Centre, Christies Beach; <b>Pet dog training classes</b> Nangkita, via Mt Compass. <b>Private consultations</b> available Northern Suburbs & Rural SA	<b>Phone:</b> (08) 8556 9130 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:diana.oakley@bigpond.com">diana.oakley@bigpond.com</a>
School for Dogs Aldinga Bay Head Instructor Colleen Johnson	Professional Canine Trainer – Accredited (PPAB), Canine Training Technician – Accredited (PPAB) <b>Puppy pre-school</b> & <b>Pet dog training classes</b> held at Symonds Reserve, Aldinga Beach. Agility courses for fun	<b>Mobile:</b> 0411 473 745 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:sfdabmessage@gmail.com">sfdabmessage@gmail.com</a> <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.sfdab.org.au/">http://www.sfdab.org.au/</a>
ScruffyPups n' GrumpyCats Pet Services Colleen Johnson	Professional Canine Trainer – Accredited (PPAB), Canine Training Technician – Accredited (PPAB) <b>Private training</b> available Southern Suburbs	<b>Mobile:</b> 0431 451 848 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:scruffypupsngrumpycats@gmail.com">scruffypupsngrumpycats@gmail.com</a>
SuperDogs Positive Behavioural Training Sophie Rosevear & Ashwin Nathan	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services <b>Pet dog training classes</b> held at O'Halloran Hill and Grange. <b>Private consultations</b> in Adelaide and surrounding suburbs.	<b>Mobile:</b> 0466 650 945 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@superdogstraining.com">info@superdogstraining.com</a> <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.superdogstraining.com">www.superdogstraining.com</a>
Unleashed Force Free Dog Training Paula Dickerson	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services <b>Private consultations</b> in Southern Suburbs	<b>Mobile:</b> 0409 878 334 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:greecehereicome@gmail.com">greecehereicome@gmail.com</a>

## Western Suburbs

Organisation and/or Contact Person	Qualifications & Services	Contact Details
Animal Welfare League SA Mutts with Manners Aaron Gilson	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services <b>Pet dog training classes</b> held at Wingfield for puppies & adult dogs.	<b>Phone:</b> (08) 8348 1331 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:dogtraining@awlsa.com.au">dogtraining@awlsa.com.au</a> <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.awlsa.com.au">www.awlsa.com.au</a>

Organisation and/or Contact Person	Qualifications & Services	Contact Details
<b>Annabel Hamilton</b>	Karen Pryor Academy Certified Training Partner (KPA CTP) <b>Private consultations</b> in Adelaide and Western suburbs	<b>Mobile:</b> 0418 202 880 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:annabelhamilton@hotmail.com">annabelhamilton@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Canine Interaction</b> <b>Megan Molloy</b>	Certificate IV in Dog Behavioural Training <b>Pet dog training classes</b> held at Croydon Park with <b>puppy pre-school</b> , basic & advanced dog training classes. <b>Private consultations</b> also available	<b>Mobile:</b> 0432 247 999 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@canineinteraction.com.au">info@canineinteraction.com.au</a> <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.canineinteraction.com.au">www.canineinteraction.com.au</a>
<b>Holdfast Dog Centre</b> <b>Megan Molloy</b>	Certificate IV in Dog Behavioural Training <b>Pet dog training classes</b> held at Hove with <b>puppy pre-school</b> , basic, advanced, masters class & agility. <b>Private consultations</b> also available.	<b>Phone:</b> : (08) 8377 0737 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@holdfastdogcentre.com.au">info@holdfastdogcentre.com.au</a> <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.holdfastdogcentre.com.au">www.holdfastdogcentre.com.au</a>
<b>Jo Davies</b>	Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing, Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services <b>Puppy pre-school</b> at Semaphore Vet Surgery <b>Pet dog training classes</b> at Semaphore (Point Malcolm Reserve). <b>Private consultations</b> in Western Suburbs	<b>Vet Surgery</b> (08) 8249 9999 <b>Mobile:</b> 0412 400 923 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:svsdogtraining@hotmail.com">svsdogtraining@hotmail.com</a>
<b>SuperDogs Positive Behavioural Training</b> <b>Sophie Rosevear &amp; Ashwin Nathan</b>	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services, BSc (Animal Science) <b>Pet dog training classes</b> held at O'Halloran Hill and Grange. <b>Private consultations</b> in Adelaide and surrounding suburbs	<b>Mobile:</b> 0466 650 945 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@superdogstraining.com">info@superdogstraining.com</a> <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.superdogstraining.com">www.superdogstraining.com</a>
<b>Taylorred Dog Training</b> <b>Tracey Taylor</b>	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services <b>Private consultations</b> in northern and western suburbs, Gawler & Barossa	<b>Mobile:</b> 0422 056 455 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:tt79@icloud.com">tt79@icloud.com</a> <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.taylorreddogtraining.com.au">http://www.taylorreddogtraining.com.au</a>

## Mt Gambier

Organisation and/or Contact Person	Qualifications & Services	Contact Details
Maree Neave	Certificate IV in Dog Behavioural Training <b>Puppy pre-school</b> held at Blue Lake Vet Clinic, <b>Pet dog training classes</b> held at Scout Hall in Margaret St. <b>Private consultations</b> available	<b>Mobile:</b> 0417 892 706 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:maree@multimetals.com.au">maree@multimetals.com.au</a>

## Naracoorte

Organisation and/or Contact Person	Qualifications & Services	Contact Details
The Training Shed Joanne Griffiths	Karen Pryor Academy Certified Training Partner (KPA/CTP) <b>Pet dog training classes</b> , <b>puppy pre-school</b> and <b>private consultations</b> at Naracoorte.	<b>Mobile:</b> 0418 464 567 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:jo@thetrainingshed.com.au">jo@thetrainingshed.com.au</a>

## Port Lincoln

Organisation and/or Contact Person	Qualifications & Services	Contact Details
Train Humane Emma Coates	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services, Bachelor of Science (1st Class Honours) majoring in Animal Behaviour. <b>Pet dog training classes</b> are held at Nelson Square, Port Lincoln on Monday and Wednesday evenings. <b>Private consultations</b> are also available on weekends in Port Lincoln & surrounding districts.	<b>Mobile:</b> 0408 895 817 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:trainhumane@bigpond.com">trainhumane@bigpond.com</a>

***See over for Trainer qualification details***

## Force Free Training Qualifications

Organisation	Qualification Acronyms
Animals on Course - Registered Training Organisation, Adelaide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cert IV CAS</li> </ul>
CASI = Companion Animal Sciences Institute, James O’Heare, Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dip CBST</li> <li>• Dip ABST</li> </ul>
Delta Society Australia - Registered Training Organisation, Sydney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cert IV CAS</li> </ul>
DogNostics, USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DN-DTC</li> <li>• DN-DBCD</li> </ul>
Institute of Modern Dog Trainers - membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IMDT</li> </ul>
Karen Pryor Academy for Animal Training & Behavior, Melbourne / USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KPA CTP – (KA)</li> </ul>
Learning About Dogs – Kay Laurence, England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CAP 1</li> <li>• CAP 2</li> <li>• CAP 3</li> <li>• CAP 4</li> </ul>
PPAB: Pet Professional Accreditation Board. Not a teaching body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CTT-A</li> <li>• PCT-A</li> <li>• PCBC-A</li> </ul>

***See over for Veterinarians with Behavioural expertise***



# Veterinarians with Behavioural Expertise

## Adelaide, Surrounding Suburbs, Adelaide Hills

Veterinarian & Practice	Qualifications	Contact Details
<b>Dr Elle Parker</b> <b><i>Pawly Understood</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MANZCVS – Behaviour</li> <li>• Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Hons)</li> <li>• Bachelor of veterinary medicine and surgery (Hons)</li> </ul> <p><b>Private Behaviour consultations</b> also available</p>	<b>Mobile:</b> 0468 451 313 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:pawlyunderstood@gmail.com">pawlyunderstood@gmail.com</a> <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pawlyunderstood/">https://www.facebook.com/pawlyunderstood/</a>

Veterinarian & Practice	Qualifications	Contact Details
<b>Dr Elle Parker</b> <b><i>Adelaide Vet Animal Hospital</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Trinity Gardens</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Goodwood Road</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Prospect</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Stirling</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MANZCVS – Behaviour</li> <li>• Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Hons)</li> <li>• Bachelor of veterinary medicine and surgery (Hons)</li> </ul>	<a href="https://adelaidevet.com.au/contact">https://adelaidevet.com.au/contact</a>

## Southern Suburbs

Veterinarian & Practice	Qualifications	Contact Details
<b>Dr Tracey Henderson</b> <b>Dr Chalette Brown</b> <b><i>Adelaide Veterinary Behaviour Services</i></b> <i>McLaren Vale</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BSc BVMS MANZCVSc (Veterinary Behaviour)</li> <li>• BSc DVM MANZCVS (Veterinary Behaviour)</li> </ul>	<b>Phone:</b> (08) 7480 0597 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@avbs.net.au">info@avbs.net.au</a>

## Northern Suburbs

Organisation and/or Contact Person	Qualifications & Services	Contact Details
<b>Dr Ian McBryde</b> <b><i>Salisbury Highway Veterinary Surgery</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Salisbury</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Paralowie</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BVMS, BSc - Veterinarian/Practice Owner</li> <li>• Keen interest in canine and feline behaviour</li> </ul>	<b>Phone:</b> (08) 8258 7978 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@shvs.com.au">info@shvs.com.au</a>