

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

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

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

Adelaide, Adelaide Hills and Murray Bridge

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

Northern Suburbs & Rural SA

Organisation and/or Contact Person	Qualifications & Services	Contact Details
All Paws In Dog Training Aaron Gilson & Tessa Wright	Cert IV in Companion Animal Services, BSc (Animal Science) Private Consultations in NE & surrounding Northern suburbs	Mobile: : 0415 256 859 Email: allpawsindogtraining@gmail.com Facebook: fb.me/allpawsinforcefreedogtraining
Barking up the Right Tree Dog Training Sharon Hobbs	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services Private consultations in Northern suburbs.	Mobile: 0468 780 438 Email: sharon@righttreedogtraining.com.au
Cheery Dog Training Elaine Kennedy	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services Private consultations in Barossa, Mid North and northern suburbs.	Mobile: 0428 138 056 Email: cheerydogtraining@gmail.com
Gawler Animal Hospital Sonia Van De Kamp Tracey Taylor	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services Puppy playschool & senior puppy class. Private consultations and training	Phone: 08 8522 3500 Email: reception@gawlervets.com.au Website: https://www.gawlervets.com.au/services/
Joanne Davies	Cert IV in Companion Animal Services Puppy pre-school at Semaphore Veterinary Surgery. Pet dog training classes Level 1 & 2 held on Birkenhead Reserve. Private consultations at Semaphore Vet Surgery.	Mobile: 0412 400 923 Email: svsdogtraining@gmail.com
Paws for Thought Dog Training Laura Brady	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services Pet dog training northern suburbs/hills.	Mobile: 0417 417 058 Email: laura_brady_au@hotmail.com
Positively Pawsome Training Solutions Sara Martin	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services Pet dog training classes & Delta Good Citizen Program in Nuriootpa. Private consultations in Barossa Valley and surrounding area. Online consultations	Mobile: 0437 795 520 Email: smartin@internode.on.net Website: https://positivelypawsome.com.au/
Virginia & Community Dog Training Centre Elisabeth Brady	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services Pet dog training classes held at Virginia. Puppy pre-school held at Salisbury Highway Veterinary Surgery	Mobile: 0427 034 874 Email: elisabethbrady@yahoo.com

Southern Suburbs & Southern Fleurieu Peninsula

Organisation and/or Contact Person	Qualifications & Services	Contact Details
Beachwood Dog School Kerrie Gerrits	CAP 1 & 2 Puppy pre-school & pet dog training classes in Aldinga Beach.	Mobile: 0407 390 242 Email: beachwooddogschool@yahoo.com.au Web: www.beachwooddogschool.com
dogs etc Kate Lloyd	CAP 1 & 2 Private consultations and training in O'Sullivan Beach and southern suburbs	Mobile: 0404 464 793 Email: kate@dogsetc.com.au Web: www.dogsetc.com.au
Fleurieu Education for Dogs And Owners Diane Oakley	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services Puppy pre-school Paws Galore Vet Centre, Christies Beach; Pet dog training classes Nangkita, via Mt Compass. Private consultations available Northern Suburbs & Rural SA	Phone: (08) 8556 9130 Email: diana.oakley@bigpond.com
School for Dogs Aldinga Bay Head Instructor Colleen Johnson	Professional Canine Trainer – Accredited (PPAB), Canine Training Technician – Accredited (PPAB) Puppy pre-school & Pet dog training classes held at Symonds Reserve, Aldinga Beach. Agility courses for fun	Mobile: 0411 473 745 Email: sfdabmessage@gmail.com Web: http://www.sfdab.org.au/
ScruffyPups n' GrumpyCats Pet Services Colleen Johnson	Professional Canine Trainer – Accredited (PPAB), Canine Training Technician – Accredited (PPAB) Private training available Southern Suburbs	Mobile: 0431 451 848 Email: scruffypupsngrumpycats@gmail.com
SuperDogs Positive Behavioural Training Sophie Rosevear & Ashwin Nathan	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services Pet dog training classes held at O'Halloran Hill and Grange. Private consultations in Adelaide and surrounding suburbs.	Mobile: 0466 650 945 Email: info@superdogstraining.com Web: www.superdogstraining.com
Unleashed Force Free Dog Training Paula Dickerson	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services Private consultations in Southern Suburbs	Mobile: 0409 878 334 Email: greecehereicome@gmail.com

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 Pet dog training classes held at Wingfield for puppies & adult dogs.	Phone: (08) 8348 1331 Email: dogtraining@awlsa.com.au Web: www.awlsa.com.au
Annabel Hamilton	Karen Pryor Academy Certified Training Partner (KPA CTP) Private consultations in Adelaide and Western suburbs	Mobile: 0418 202 880 Email: annabelhamilton@hotmail.com
Canine Interaction Megan Molloy	Certificate IV in Dog Behavioural Training Pet dog training classes held at Croydon Park with puppy pre-school , basic & advanced dog training classes. Private consultations also available	Mobile: 0432 247 999 Email: info@canineinteraction.com.au Web: www.canineinteraction.com.au
Holdfast Dog Centre Megan Molloy	Certificate IV in Dog Behavioural Training Pet dog training classes held at Hove with puppy pre-school , basic, advanced, masters class & agility. Private consultations	Phone: : (08) 8377 0737 Email: info@holdfastdogcentre.com.au Web: www.holdfastdogcentre.com.au
Joanne Davies	Cert IV in Companion Animal Services Puppy pre-school at Semaphore Veterinary Surgery. Pet dog training classes Level 1 & 2 held on Birkenhead Reserve. Private consultations at Semaphore Veterinary Surgery.	Mobile: 0412 400 923 Email: svsdogtraining@gmail.com
SuperDogs Positive Behavioural Training Sophie Rosevear & Ashwin Nathan	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services, BSc (Animal Science) Pet dog training classes held at O'Halloran Hill and Grange. Private consultations in Adelaide and surrounding suburbs	Mobile: 0466 650 945 Email: info@superdogstraining.com Web: www.superdogstraining.com
Taylorred Dog Training Tracey Taylor	Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services Private consultations in northern and western suburbs, Gawler & Barossa	Mobile: 0422 056 455 Email: tt79@icloud.com Web: http://www.taylorreddogtraining.com.au

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Maree Neave	Certificate IV in Dog Behavioural Training Puppy pre-school held at Blue Lake Vet Clinic, Pet dog training classes held at Scout Hall in Margaret St. Private consultations available	Mobile: 0417 892 706 Email: maree@multimetals.com.au

Naracoorte

Organisation and/or Contact Person	Qualifications & Services	Contact Details
The Training Shed Joanne Griffiths	Karen Pryor Academy Certified Training Partner (KPA/CTP) Pet dog training classes , puppy pre-school and private consultations at Naracoorte.	Mobile: 0418 464 567 Email: joanne@thetrainingshed.com.au Web: http://www.thetrainingshed.com.au/

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. Pet dog training classes are held at Nelson Square, Port Lincoln on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Private consultations are also available on weekends in Port Lincoln & surrounding districts.	Mobile: 0408 895 817 Email: trainhumane@bigpond.com

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

See over for Veterinarians with Behavioural expertise

Veterinarians with Behavioural Expertise

Adelaide, Surrounding Suburbs, Adelaide Hills

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

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

Southern Suburbs

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

Northern Suburbs

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