

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.

The purpose of this list is to advocate for and promote Force-Free training methods only. While the RSPCA South Australia is not able to officially endorse the members of this list, these trainers are required to adhere to the welfare, ethical and ongoing educational requirements outline below in order to remain on the list.

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."

Check chains and prong collars are not promoted or used under any circumstances by trainers on this list. The use of electric collars in South Australia is prohibited.

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. They are also required to provide proof of continuing education every two years in order to keep up to date with best practice methods.

Dog trainers & behaviour consultants

Adelaide, Eastern Adelaide and surrounding suburbs

| Organisation Contact Person | Qualifications Locations Contact Details | Puppy School | Dog Training Class | Private training |
|---|--|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Bodil Schou-Hansen Adelaide Pet Dog Training | Cert IV Companion Animal Services; CAP 1 & 2 Puppy school: Stephen Tce Veterinary Clinic Classes: Blackwood & Burnside Consults: Adelaide & surrounding suburbs Phone: (08) 8272 0018 Mobile: 0409 991 530 Email: bodil@petdogtraining.com.au Web: http://www.petdogtraining.com.au/ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Angela Beaton – Dog Training Professional Services | Cert IV Companion Animal Services Consults: Adelaide & surrounding suburbs Email: angela.beaton@hotmail.com Web: Angela Beaton – Dog training | | | ✓ |
| Fiona De Rosa Balancing Act Adelaide | Currently unavailable due to PhD studies Dip. CBST Mobile: 0431 863 357 Email: fiona@balancingactadelaide.com.au Web: http://www.balancingactadelaide.com.au/ | | | |
| Bev Clark | Cert IV Companion Animal Services Puppy school: The Parade Veterinary Clinic, Norwood Mobile: 0413 430 763 | ✓ | | |
| Petra Edwards (Head Instructor) Canine Behavioural School (Inc) | Instructors with various qualifications: BSc. (Animal Behaviour); Cert IV Companion Animal Services; PCT-A; CTA-A; KPA-CTP Classes: Felixstow Mobile: 0481 395 337 Email: info@caninebehaviouralschool.com.au Web: http://www.caninebehaviouralschool.com.au/ (Online bookings essential) | | ✓ | |
| Kate Denman Dog Knows | Cert IV Companion Animal Services; PCT-A; CTT-A; KPA-CTP; DN-DBCD Puppy School: St Bernards Rd Veterinary Clinic Consults: Adelaide & surrounding suburbs | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Petra Edwards | Currently unavailable short term PCT-A; CAP 1 & 2; PhD (Dog welfare/ behaviour); BSc. (Animal Behaviour) (Hons) Email: petra@petraedwards.com Web: www.petraedwards.com | | | |

| Organisation Contact Person | Qualifications Locations Contact Details | Puppy School | Dog Training Class | Private training |
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| Felice Case Puppy Partners | Cert IV Companion Animal Services; DN-DBCD Puppy school: Salisbury Highway Vet Surgery, St Bernards Road Vet Clinic; Puppy Partners Ridgehaven Consults: Ridgehaven; Adelaide & surrounding suburbs Mobile: 0408 089 555 Email: PuppyPartners@outlook.com Web: www.PuppyPartners.com.au | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Sharon Milne | Cert IV Companion Animal Services Consults: Adelaide & surrounding suburbs Mobile 0400 447 675 | | | ✓ |
| Susanne Eckert | Cert IV Companion Animal Services Puppy school: Walkerville Vet Surgery, Stephens Tce Vet Clinic Consults: Adelaide & surrounding suburbs Mobile: 0412 500 661 Email: jenekc@esc.net.au | ✓ | | ✓ |

Adelaide Hills and Murray Bridge

| Organisation Contact Person | Qualifications Locations Contact Details | Puppy School | Dog Training Class | Private training |
|---|---|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Jess Dunduk Family Pet Education | KPA-CTP Consults: Adelaide, North East Adelaide and Adelaide Hills Mobile: 0403 145 909 Email: jess.dunduk@yahoo.com.au Web: https://familypeteducation.com.au/ | | | ✓ |
| Lena Logan Paws and Reward | PCT-A; BSc. (Animal Behaviour & Welfare)(Hons) Puppy school: Blackwood Classes: Blackwood Consults: Adelaide hills, Adelaide & Southern suburbs Mobile: 0432 885 874 Email: pawsandrewardaustralia@gmail.com Web: Paws and Reward Australia | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Janelle Irvin Scholars in Collars | Cert IV Companion Animal Services; KPA-CTP Puppy Playgroup: Balhannah Classes & Workshops: Balhannah & Mount Barker Consults: Adelaide Hills, East & North Eastern suburbs Mobile: 0400 205 667 Email: janelle@scholarsincollars.com.au Web: www.scholarsincollars.com.au | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

Western suburbs

| Organisation Contact Person | Qualifications Locations Contact Details | Puppy School | Dog Training Class | Private training |
|---|---|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Annabel Hamilton | KPA-CTP Consults: Adelaide & Western Suburbs Mobile: 0418 202 880 Email: annabelhamilton@hotmail.com | | | ✓ |
| Megan Molloy Canine Interaction | Cert IV Dog Behavioural Training Puppy school: Croydon Park Classes: Croydon Park Consults: West & surrounding suburbs Mobile: 0432 247 999 Email: info@canineinteraction.com.au Web: www.canineinteraction.com.au | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Anna Gigliotti-Skret Forward Thinking Dog Training | KPA-CTP Consults: Adelaide, West & surrounding suburbs Phone: 0491 757 837 Email: anna@forwardthinkingdogtraining.com.au Web: www.forwardthinkingdogtraining.com.au | | | ✓ |
| Megan Molloy Holdfast Dog Centre | Cert IV Dog Behavioural Training Puppy school: Hove Classes: Hove Consults: South & surrounding suburbs Phone: (08) 8377 0737 Email: info@holdfastdogcentre.com.au Web: www.holdfastdogcentre.com.au | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Joanne Davies | Cert IV Companion Animal Services Puppy School: Semaphore Vet Surgery Classes: Semaphore Consults: Semaphore Vet Surgery Mobile: 0412 400 923 Email: svsdogtraining@gmail.com | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Kate Denman Dog Knows | Cert IV Companion Animal Services; PCT-A; CTT-A; KPA-CTP; DN-DBCD Puppy School: St Bernards Rd Veterinary Clinic Consults: Adelaide & surrounding suburbs | | | ✓ |
| Kimberley Nicolle Tenelle Rosser Pawly Understood | Cert IV Companion Animal Services Puppy School: Westbourne Park Consults: Westbourne Park, Adelaide & surrounding suburbs Mobile: 0468 451 313 Email: pawlyunderstood@gmail.com Web: http://www.pawlyunderstood.com/ | | | ✓ |
| Tracey Taylor Taylored Dog Training | Cert IV Companion Animal Services; BSc (Animal Behaviour) (Hons) Consults: Western suburbs, northern suburbs, Gawler & Barossa Mobile: 0422 056 455 Email: tt79@icloud.com Web: www.tayloreddogtraining.com.au | | | ✓ |

Southern Suburbs & Southern Fleurieu Peninsula

| Organisation Contact Person | Qualifications Locations Contact Details | Puppy School | Dog Training Class | Private training |
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| Paula Dickerson Onlead Force Free Dog Training | Cert IV Companion Animal Services Classes: Aberfoyle Park Consults: Southern suburbs Mobile: 0409 878 334 Email: paula@onlead.com.au | | ✓ | ✓ |

Northern Suburbs & Rural SA

| Organisation Contact Person | Qualifications Locations Contact Details | Puppy School | Dog Training Class | Private training |
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| Sharon Hobbs Barking Up the Right Tree | Cert IV Companion Animal Services Consults: Northern suburbs Mobile: 0468 780 438 Email: sharon@righttreedogtraining.com.au | | | ✓ |
| Tracey Taylor Sonia Van De Kamp Gawler Animal Hospital | Cert IV Companion Animal Services Puppy School & consults: Gawler Animal Hospital Phone: (08) 8522 3500 Email: reception@gawlervets.com.au Web: https://www.gawlervets.com.au/services/ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Laura Brady Paws for Thought Dog Training | Cert IV Companion Animal Services Classes: Northern suburbs & surrounding suburbs Mobile: 0417 417 058 Email: laura_brady_au@hotmail.com | | | ✓ |
| Sara Martin Positively Pawsome Training Solutions | Cert IV Companion Animal Services Classes: Nuriootpa Consults: Barossa Valley & surrounding suburbs (& Online) Mobile: 0437 795 520 Email: smartin@internode.on.net Web: https://positivelypawsome.com.au/ | | ✓ | ✓ |

Mt Gambier

| Organisation Contact Person | Qualifications Locations Contact Details | Puppy School | Dog Training Class | Private training |
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| Maree Neave | Cert IV Dog Behavioural Training Puppy School: Blue Lake Vet Clinic Consults: Mt Gambier Mobile: 0417 892 706 Email: ptforyourpooch@gmail.com | | | ✓ |

Veterinarians with Behavioural Expertise

| Organisation Contact Person | Qualifications Locations Contact Details | Practice Services |
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| Dr. Elle Parker Adelaide Vet | MANZCVS (Veterinary Behaviour); BSc BVMS (Hons) Mobile: (08) 8169 9755 Location: Westbourne Park, Trinity Gardens, Prospect & Stirling Web: https://adelaidevet.com.au/behaviour-consulting | General Practice Behaviour consultations |
| Dr. Elle Parker Pawly Understood | MANZCVS (Veterinary Behaviour); BSc BVMS (Hons) Mobile: 0468 451 313 Location: Westbourne Park Email: pawlyunderstood@gmail.com Web: www.pawlyunderstood.com | Behaviour consultations |
| Dr. Ian McBryde Salisbury Highway Vet Surgery | BSc BVMS (Hons) Mobile: (08) 8258 7978 Location: Salisbury & Paralowie Email: info@shvs.com.au Web: http://www.shvs.com.au/ | General practice Behaviour consultations |

Force Free Certification Abbreviations:

| Acronym | Certificate Name | Organisation |
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| Cert IV Companion Animal Services | Certificate IV Companion Animal Services | Animals On Course (RTO – Adelaide); Delta Society Australia (RTO- Sydney) |
| Cert IV Behavioural Dog Training | Certificate IV Behavioural Dog Training (obsolete) - now replaced by Cert IV Companion Animal Services | Delta Society Australia (RTO- Sydney) |
| Dip CBST; Dip ABST | Diploma Canine Behaviour Science and Technology; Diploma Animal Behaviour Science and Technology | Companion Animal Sciences Institute (Canada) |
| PCT-A; CTT-A | Professional Canine Trainer – Accredited; Canine Training Technician - Accredited | Pet Professional Accreditation Board |
| KPA-CTP | Karen Pryor Academy – Certified Training Partner | Karen Pryor Academy, AUS/ USA |
| DN – DTC; DN DBCD | DogNostics – Dog Trainer Certificate; DogNostics – Dog Behaviour Consultant Diploma | DogNostics, USA |
| CAP 1 & 2 | Competency Assessment Programme Level 1 & Level 2 (Clicker training) | Learning about Dogs, England |