

<b>Training Programs and Schools</b>	<b>Pre-requisites</b>	<b>Estimated Time to Complete</b>	<b>Evaluations during the course</b>	<b>Final Examination</b>
<b>Academy of Dog Trainers</b>  <b>CTC</b>	None stated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximately 2 years</li> <li>• 4 levels with exam at end of each.</li> <li>• 6 months to complete each level.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Video-training specific behavior</li> <li>• Pass required assignments</li> <li>• Pass the knowledge test</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Animal Behavior College</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ABCDT-Dogs</li> <li>• ABCCT- Cats</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18 years of age</li> <li>• High school diploma or GED.</li> <li>• “Ability to Benefit” exam* can be used in place of above.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12-18 months</li> <li>• 11 Stages</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mentor Program 60 hours (dogs)</li> <li>• Volunteer at a shelter 25 hours (cat)</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Karen Pryor Academy</b>  <b>KPA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18 years of age</li> <li>• 2 years of college recommended but not required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximately 9 months</li> <li>• 4 units</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hands on Workshops every 6-8 weeks</li> </ul>	yes
<b>Victoria Stilwell Academy</b>  <b>VSPDT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18 years of age</li> <li>• High school diploma or equivalent</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 26 weeks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-person Intensives*</li> <li>• Field Modules with Mentors*</li> <li>• Cyber classes</li> </ul>	Yes- Final Day Assessment over 7 days

\*Administered by a third-party, the Ability to benefit exam is a nationally recognized standardized test that measures applicant’s basic educational knowledge.

\* Intensives= learning experiences lead by Victoria Stilwell and other VSA faculty. Includes classroom study, hands on experience, and field trips.

\* Field Modules:

Field study 60 days: Observe and Assist mentor in group and private in-house training classes

Field training 90 days: Teach and lead exercises with mentor’s clients

Certifications	Requirements	Examination	Recertification	Business Insurance Required
<b>Certification Counsel for Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CPDT-KA</li> <li>• CPDT-KSA</li> <li>• CBCC-KA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No minimum age stated</li> <li>• High school Diploma or GED</li> <li>• CPDT-300 hours of dog training within the last 3 years.</li> <li>• CBCC- 300 hours of canine behavior consulting within the last 3 years</li> <li>• Signed attestation statement from a CCPDT Certificant or veterinarian</li> <li>• Sign Code of Ethics</li> </ul>	<p>CPDT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes</li> <li>• 250 multiple choice questions</li> <li>• 4 hours</li> </ul> <p>CBCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes</li> <li>• 180 questions</li> </ul>	<p>CPDT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every 3 hours</li> <li>• 36 units lecture/workshop</li> </ul> <p>CPDT-KSA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every 3 years</li> <li>• 12 units hands on</li> <li>• 36 units lecture/workshop</li> </ul>	
<b>Pet Professional Accreditation Board</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CTT</li> <li>• PCT</li> <li>• PCBC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age above 21 years of age</li> <li>• Past 12 months-50 hours of group training/private training</li> <li>• Past 24 months-70 hours of group training or private</li> <li>• Written reference from PPG Professional or Associate Member</li> <li>• Letter of Recommendation from a client</li> </ul>	<p>Knowledge Based Assessment Quiz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 questions</li> <li>• 3 hours</li> </ul> <p>Class Instructing videos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Training Skills</li> <li>• Positive Conditioned Emotional Response Video</li> <li>• Running Training Classes Videos</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every 24 months</li> <li>• 10 hours of CEU</li> <li>• Fee</li> </ul>	Yes

**Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT)** is a membership that has no requirements. A fee is paid annually and benefits depends on the fee paid.

Other Organizations	Requirements	Certification	Recertification	Insurance Required
<p><b>Applied Animal Behaviorists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACAAB</li> <li>• CAAB</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACAAB-Master's Degree</li> <li>• 2-year experience in applied animal behavior</li> <li>• CAAB-Doctorate degree + 5 years of professional experience</li> <li>• DVM + 2-year residency + 3-year professional experience</li> </ul>	<p>No exam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case reports</li> <li>• Published research</li> <li>• 3 Letters of Recommendation</li> </ul>	<p>Certified for 5 years but must be renewed annually</p> <p>Annually:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fee</li> </ul> <p>Every 5 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of continued experience</li> <li>• Endorsement for 3 animal behavior professionals</li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><b>International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACDBC/CDBC</li> <li>• ACCBC/CCBC</li> <li>• ACHBC/CHBC</li> <li>• ACPBC/CPBC</li> </ul>	<p>Supporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application Fee</li> </ul> <p>Shelter Behavior Affiliative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High school diploma/ GED</li> <li>• 200 hours working in shelter or rescue</li> <li>• 3 letters of reference</li> <li>• Application</li> </ul> <p>Associate Certified Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High school diploma/GED</li> <li>• 300 hours animal behavior consulting with client present</li> <li>• 150 hours of coursework, mentorship, and seminars</li> </ul> <p>Certified Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High school diploma/GED</li> <li>• 3 years/500 hours experience in animal behavior consulting</li> <li>• 400 hours of coursework towards Core Areas of Competency</li> <li>• Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists</li> <li>• Certified Clinical Animal Behaviourists accredited by the ASAB</li> </ul>	<p>Associate Certified Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 written case studies</li> <li>• Completion of questions for terminology, techniques, assessments, and history taking</li> <li>• Demonstrate Knowledge in at least the first three Core Areas of Competency*</li> </ul> <p>Certified Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 written case studies</li> <li>• Written discussion of 4 case scenarios</li> <li>• Completion of questions regarding terminology, techniques, assessment, and history taking</li> </ul>	<p>Every 3 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 36 CEU's every 3 years</li> <li>• Annual dues</li> </ul> <p><b>*Core Areas of Competency</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment</li> <li>• Behavioral Science</li> <li>• Species-Specific Knowledge</li> <li>• Consulting Skills</li> <li>• General Knowledge of Animal Behavior</li> <li>• Biological Sciences as Related to Animal Behavior Consulting</li> </ul>	<p>No</p>

