

FROM THE DESK OF TRACY BRITT, CERTIFIED MASTER DOG TRAINER

As a trainer my philosophy and techniques go beyond the Pack Perspective. Before hiring me I would like to offer you a glimpse of my Training Perspective.

First, allow me to share with you what I believe dog training is not about.

Training your dog and truly investing in its overall mental and behavioral well-being isn't just a quick phone call to a trainer looking for some advice.

It's not a, one-size-fits all training philosophy that is motivated or corrected by any one single method. In most cases, it's not a quick fix, and it most certainly is not about a trainer creating a scenario in which, you as the owner, do not need to participate in the continued reinforcement of your dog's schooling.

What is it about?

It's about finding a trainer that has a wide variety of tools in their toolbox, so they can tailor the training to you and your dog's needs. There are many paths in which a dog can learn, but there's always one they learn best on. Training is about finding that path and getting the job done in a way that your dog will respond best.

It's about commitment, dedication and the desire to practice the instruction the trainer provides to you. It's also the willingness to be educated and open to all different types of training options and tools.

It's about patience, and the understanding that in many cases, change doesn't happen overnight and that coaching your dog to good behavior can, and often does, take quite some time to accomplish.

It's about the desire to understand your dog for what it is, its nature and what makes it tick. It's about putting the dog's mental health needs above your own human expectations so you can give it the best chance to succeed at being balanced, confident, and happy.

Trainers can only succeed as much as you allow us to.

I can give you all the tools, education and direction, but if you're not invested in the practice when I'm no longer present or reject the structural changes I implement and suggest, your dog will soon revert back to its poor habits and its unpleasant behavior that provoked you to contact a trainer to begin with.

How do I begin to evaluate and assess you and your dog's needs?

As a Certified Master Dog Trainer I will evaluate the following during the required in-home visit;

1. Initial behavior of dog(s) upon entrance of stranger
2. Owner's level of control and interaction with dog(s) upon the entrance of stranger
3. Guest Management: Dog(s) and Owner(s) behavior
4. Environmental Network: Experience and Engagement
5. Owner's level of experience and frame of reference
6. Evaluate: Motivational payoffs
7. Proposition and Contingencies: Evaluating responsive behavior
8. Documented Deliverables

The in-home behavioral analysis is a mandatory prerequisite to all of my training options. It is an integral part of the process and success rate. The fee for this visit can be applied toward the recommended training plan.

