

ABOUT THE TRAINER

Laura Garber, CPDT, is a professional member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) and is certified by the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT), the first national certification for dog trainers. She is an approved AKC CGC Evaluator. Laura worked as a behavior counselor in the behavior department at the ASPCA in Manhattan and has appeared on the famous TV show *Animal Precinct*. She received an honors certificate from the Dog Trainers' Academy at the San Francisco SPCA and did a training internship with the Monks of New Skete. Laura has authored columns on dogs and dog behavior in the magazines *Animal Companion* and *Your Pet Connection*.

Stop by and visit with Laura at Cornerstone Pets in Hoboken on Sundays from 12pm to 2pm. She'll be happy to answer your questions, trouble-shoot a behavior issue, or just give some fun training tips.

TRAINING TIP:

Consider a **sit** to be your dog's way of saying "please." This can be especially helpful when you need her to wait quietly while you juggle your belongings or open your umbrella before venturing out into the rain. Before you give her a tasty treat, cross an intersection or open the door -- before virtually any activity she considers wonderful, wait until she's sitting pretty!.



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Woof Gang

Committed to deepening the Canine-Human Bond in your Woof Gang



GROWING THE BONDS IN YOUR WOOF GANG

Our pets have become members of the family – working, playing, eating, and sleeping at our sides. To ensure that we live together harmoniously, both human and canine family members must learn each other's needs and limits.

WoofGang, LLC can help your family:

-  By teaching obedience training protocols for puppies and adult dogs
-  By offering behavior modification services for dogs with behavior issues
-  By assisting in a potential adopter's selection of an animal who will be a good match for lifestyle and temperament
-  By providing training support and written material for new adopters
-  By evaluating dogs as AKC Canine Good Citizens (CGC)

WoofGang would like to help your family develop a loving, respectful relationship with its canine member. Call today or visit our website at www.myWoofGang.com!

TRAINING USING TECHNIQUES OF POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT

WoofGang's training methodology applies positive reinforcement techniques.

Reward-based training is an effective and non-aversive way of learning for dogs. It facilitates the acquisition of new behavior without causing fear or anxiety.

Timing, vocal intonation, and pace of training are all important components to efficient and thorough learning. Unfortunately, unintentional behaviors can develop due to poorly executed training.

We believe strongly in strengthening the bond between human and companion animal. For this reason, we regard training as an exercise in building relationship rather than obedience. Such an approach promises greater understanding and symbiosis within our family packs.

Let **WoofGang** help you develop effective and accurate communication between you and your canine companion. Call us today!

They say the eyes are the windows to the soul. Well, eye contact can be a great way to strengthen the bond between you and your dog, too. Every time her eyes meet yours, say "Good girl!" and give her a treat. She'll start looking at you more often. Try smiling as you gaze at her... it will soften your eyes and relax your face, an attitude she will definitely appreciate.

PROBLEM BEHAVIORS

Does your dog bark, destroy things, or break housetraining in your absence? Does she refuse food and water or groom herself excessively while you're away? She may have **separation anxiety**.

Is your puppy still having accidents in the house? He may need more thorough **housetraining**.

Does your dog threaten people coming into the home? He is exhibiting **territorial aggression**.

Does your dog bark or bristle at strangers, passers-by, or children? She may be expressing **fear-based aggression**.

Does your dog bark and lunge at passing dogs on the street. She is **leash reactive**.

Does your dog stiffen or growl when you approach his bowl, chew toy, or bed? He is **resource guarding**, a potentially dangerous behavior.

Let **WoofGang** guide you in overcoming these problem behaviors for a safer, happier relationship with your canine companion.

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