

Darrell Bivens

Owner, Trainer, Behavior Consultant



Darrell started his career working with dogs through his pet sitting business "Pet-Pals In Home Pet Sitting" in 1994. Since that time he has received his Certified Pet Care Technician accreditation, Pet CPR, Behavior Problem Solving I / II and is also a Canine Good Citizen Evaluator. Darrell has had the privilege to study under the internationally recognized British behaviorist John Rogerson and continues his studies under his mentor Lee Mannix, owner of Lee Mannix - Center for Canine Behavior in Austin, Texas. His unique approach to training and understanding of dog behavior and animal/human relationships bring successful communication between the pet and pet owner who have tried and failed at conventional methods of training.

Anna Richards

Assistant Trainer, Behavioral Consultant

Anna started her career with animals at the Houston Zoo working & training primates. She is a Certified Pet Care Technician, CGC Evaluator, Certified in Pet CPR & First Aid and Member of APDT. She continues to learn under Darrell, Lee Mannix & other industry professionals.

Kathy Bunker

Sports Foundation Trainer/Assistant Trainer

Kathy has an extensive background in Search & Rescue, both Federal & State Disaster work and Public Relations with Harris Co Sheriff's Office. She incorporates these skills more in a training atmosphere. She is a Member of the Greater Houston Schutzhund Club and active in agility & Obedience Competitions.

"Wouldn't it be nice if your pet would..."

- Walk on a loose leash
- Walk through a crowd of people without being out of control
- Sit or Lie down on command
- Come with out being called repeatedly
- React appropriately when approached by another dog
- Enjoy a game or puzzle when home alone rather than destroy something they shouldn't

We hope you like what you read and will give us the opportunity to help better the relationship between you and your canine companion. Feel free to call us anytime to learn more.

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Training

Information



The Pet Palace Pet Resort approaches training from the inside out. We do not wrestle dogs to the ground to establish the role of pack leader, nor do we use shock collars, other extraneous devices or violent methods used to whip dogs into submission. As a result, dogs not only learn to obey commands, they become confident, secure and holistically interactive with their owner.

GROUP CLASSES

Basic Training

This class is designed for dogs of any age. We will cover relationship issues, proper socialization, feeding and nutrition, games and puzzles, setting up the recall, and loose leash walking. You will leave this class with an understanding of basic pack leadership, which gives you a foundation for encouraging the behaviors you want and discouraging those you don't.

Class meets 1.5 hours per week for six weeks. Cost: \$200

Advance / Canine Good Citizen Prep

This class prepares you and your dog for the Canine Good Citizen test. The CGC is a certification program that is designed to reward dogs that have good manners at home and in the community. The Program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. There are 10 different tasks that Fido will have to perform under your direction, from walking through a crowd to hitting a perfect recall. All dogs that pass the CGC test receive a certificate from the American Kennel Club. (www.akc.org/events) which allows access to hospitals, schools etc.

Class meets 1.5 hours per week for seven weeks including testing and graduation. Cost: \$225

Sports Foundation

This class is designed for those that have already mastered the basic commands and are interested in having fun while building a stronger bond between pet and owner. Also wonderful way to introduce your pet to Agility or other sports related activity while increasing you pets overall confidence.

Class meets 1 hours per week for six weeks. Cost: \$200

Focus Class

Goal of the Focus class is help you develop a closer bond with your pet, while getting Fido to focus on you and pay less attention to other distractions such as the mailman, the ups man, kids, bicycles, skate board etc.

Class meets 1 hour per week for Four weeks. Cost: \$200

BOARD & TRAIN

Day Board & Train

This program is limited to dogs in our training programs or those preparing for one. While Fido is with us we will work with him throughout the day on specific behaviors i.e. leash walking, recalls, or possibly even aggression issues. Upon pick-up Darrell will spend time covering the day and provide a program to initiate at home.

Cost: \$ 80

Board & Train

For those that feel they don't have the time or patience to train their dog or need a jumpstart, this program could be the answer. While Fido is with us we will work with him throughout the day beginning with the basics. Upon pick-up we will spend time covering what they have learned and provide a program to initiate at home.

7-10 days depending on pet plus 2hr min. check out process
Cost: \$ 400 Plus cost of boarding

SPECIAL SESSIONS

Babies & Dogs

This class is designed for new or expectant parents. We focus on socialization, sharing, value systems and rewards in order to reshape and establish your pack with the baby as the newest member. This is a single-

session class designed for the humans in the family, so your dog should stay at home.

Class meets 1.5-2 hours. Cost: \$40 per family

Puppy Prep

We focus on all issues such as biting, chewing, and of course housebreaking to name a few. We will also discuss the significance of nutrition, grooming, choosing games that are appropriate as well as the importance of properly socializing your puppy.

Class meets 1.5-2 hours. Cost: \$40 per family

Private Session's & In-Home Visits

Have a busy schedule? Need help now? Private Sessions are also appropriate for dogs with uncontrollable issues such as aggression, or separation anxiety. Private Sessions allow us to immediately address inappropriate behavior, move faster through commands and create a customized program for you and your dogs' needs. We can customize the homework to get the most out of the sessions.

One-hour session. Cost \$80 In-Home \$100/Hr + \$15 Trip

Evaluations

If your dog has severe aggression or other behavior issues you we start with a complete profile. Darrell will watch, test, and conduct an overall evaluation of your dog. Upon completion, he will discuss with you why your dog is exhibiting the behavior and give you solid recommendations for correcting it.

One 30-minute session. Cost \$40

The Pet Palace also supports the new AKC
"Puppy Star Program"