

TRU Recommended Dog Trainers in MD, PA, VA (updated Nov, 2025)

These trainers were personally used and recommended by
TRU Rescue's Fosters, Adopters and Volunteers.

Those with an asterisk* before their name have been used by TRU Rescue directly.

This list is by no means exhaustive.

1. ***Frank Woods (Northern Baltimore County, MD/Southern PA)**
wfi@comcast.net
410-409-8462
2. ***Polite Pooches, Forest Hill, MD**
<https://www.politepooches.com>
kathy@politepooches.com
Kathy Krajcir Forthman, 410 533 9926
3. ***Dog Crazy Lady, Owings Mills, MD**
<https://www.dogcrazylady.com/>
tanzi@dogcrazylady.com
Tanzi Leary, 443-613-1994
4. ***Sam's School for Dogs, Mt. Airy, MD**
<https://facebook.com/samsschoolfordogs/>
dogschool86@gmail.com
Samantha Valle, 631-960-5812
5. ***Tom Soul (Baltimore County, MD)**
410-905-5603
6. ***Sit Means Sit, Cockeysville, MD and Bel Air, MD**
<https://Sitmeanssit.com>
Matt Strong, Owner/Trainer (there are many other locations & trainers as well)
Cockeysville, 443-330-6151
Bel Air, 410-420-2273
7. ***Branchwater Training Center, Reisterstown, MD**
<https://branchwaterbc.com/classes/donna-brown/>
agilebc.corgi@gmail.com
Donna Brown, 410-771-0071
8. ***Samuel Lee Kahl, Baltimore City & County, MD**
www.Baltimore.Dog
BaltimoreDog1@gmail.com
443—322-4490
9. ***Stateline Canine, Hanover, PA**
www.statelinecanine.com
info@statelinecanine.com
Janet, 717-632-1111
10. ***Boomerang K9, Mt. Airy/Lisbon, MD**
<https://www.boomerangk9.com/>
nikki@boomerangk9.com
443-632-4480
11. **Taking the Lead at Timberbrook Farm, Freeland, MD**
<http://takingthelead.org>
info@takingthelead.org
Chelsea Whitaker, 443-690-1176
12. **Pawsitive Paul's Dog Training, Baltimore, MD**
<https://www.pawsitivepaul.com/>
pawsitive.paul@icloud.com
Paul Sheinberg, 410-493-9028
13. **Mid-Atlantic Dog Training, Baltimore, MD**
<https://www.facebook.com/midatlanticdogtraining/>
Tom Boone, 240-670-6171
14. **My K9 Buddy, Westminster, MD**
<https://myk9buddy.net/>
717-476-2449

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- 15. Alma's Balanced Canines, Baltimore, MD**
<https://www.facebook.com/almabalancedcanines/>
almabalancedcanines@gmail.com,
443-742-6583
- 16. Wilde Acres, Glyndon, MD**
<https://wildeacresmd.com/>
office@wildeacresmd.com
410-833-2300
- 17. Pet-U-Cation Training and Rehabilitation Services, Catonsville, MD**
<https://www.petucationtraining.com/>
petucationinfo@gmail.com
410-493-1074
- 18. Free State Canine, Anne Arundel County/Southern Baltimore County, MD**
<https://freestatecanine.com/>
info@freestatecanine.com
410-598-4449
- 19. Off Leash K9 Training LLC, Elkridge, MD**
maryland@offleashk9training.com
Tim, 443-743-3221
- 20. Off Leash K9 Training LLC, Harrisburg, PA**
<https://harrisburgdogtrainers.com/>
chris@offleashk9training.com
717-970-9777
- 21. Gray House Dog Training, South Central, PA**
<https://grayhousedogtraining.com/>
717-814-8527
- 22. Always Faithful K9, Fawn Grove, PA**
alwaysfaithfultraining@gmail.com
Nicole Orem, (443) 243-0818
- 23. Sadie's Rules K9 Training, Nellysford, VA (Central VA)**
<http://www.sadiesrulesk9training.com/>
Jess@SadiesRulesK9Training.com
434-993-8208
- 24. Operant Group Dog Training, Montclair, VA (Northern VA and serving any location virtually)**
Ogdogtraining@gmail.com
Joshua Jones, 541-936-1702
- 25. Pet Professional Guild (National Organization - search by zip code)**
<https://www.petprofessionalguild.com/Find-a-Member>
- 26. Maryland SPCA**
List of: [Maryland-Area Trainers \(mdspca.org\)](http://mdspca.org)
410-235-8826
- 27. Denise Willis Dog Training, LLC, Baltimore, MD**
www.dwdogtraining.com
denise@dwdogtraining.com
443-429-0445
- 28. *Mason Dixon K9, Manchester, MD**
<https://www.masondixonk9.com/>
info@masondixonk9.com
(443) 639-5407
- 29. Lionheart K9, Westminster, MD**
<https://www.lionheartk9.com/>
coeurdlionk9@gmail.com
Linda Kaim, 717-880-4751