

Brief Bio for TEAM CANINE Inc., Brad & Tamara Jaffe

Team Canine, Inc. was founded in 1999 by Tamara & Brad Jaffe. Tamara came from a long history of animal training including horses and dogs and Brad was a veterinary technician and Animal Hospital Administrator for 5 years. Neither of us agreed with the techniques that were being taught to train dogs around the valley. We knew there needed to be a better, gentler and more effective style. With a blend of knowledge that we gained through internships, seminars and self study of some of the top behaviorists in the country we developed our own relationship based training methods. We use a psychological/behavior modification approach that educates pet owners on how their pet thinks, communicates, and learns. By changing the way we interact and respond to our pets we *help* them to change their own behavior. Whether we are potty training, teaching basic obedience, or dealing with severe aggression we work together as a TEAM with the animal to facilitate learning. It's very simple and easy for our pets to learn this way because now we are speaking to them in a way they can truly understand.

We provide group training classes for puppy socialization, basic obedience, and advanced obedience / therapy dog certification. We also provide private in-home lessons. We are experts at dealing with severe behavioral problems such as dog-dog aggression, dog-human aggression, and separation anxiety using true behavior modification techniques, not punishment and intimidation. We currently enjoy close working relationships with many of our referring veterinarians.

Brief list of some of our experience;

- In 2003 we were both became nationally Certified Pet Dog Trainers through APDT, The Association of Pet Dog Trainers
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- From 2004 to 2006 we were the trainers and on air dog experts on Channel 3's 'Your Life A-Z' morning television show
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- 2003-2005 behavior specialists and trainers for Sheriff Joe Arpaio's Maricopa County Animal Safe Hospice (M.A.S.H.) unit for abused and neglected animals. Evaluated current and incoming dogs and worked with the female inmates on handling and training dogs for adoption.

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- We are both AKC Canine Good Citizen evaluators

Other noted lectures;

- *2000 invited by a colleague to participate in a series of lectures for the Maricopa County census takers on dog safety and avoiding dog bites
- 2001 participated in an episode of 'Breed All About It' on Animal Planet
 - 2001 & 2002 asked to speak at Bone Apetit Bakery on dog aggression
 - 2002 invited to participate and provide a demonstration for Fountain Hills 'Paws in the Park' celebration
- *2003 and 2004 invited to speak to The Boys and Girls Club of America on dog behavior and safety
 - *2004 interviewed on Channel 5 regarding home owner's insurance companies banning certain dog breeds
- 2004 Mountain Pointe High School lecture on service dogs
- 2004 & 2005 invited to lecture at Three Dog Bakery's 'Yappie Hour'
 - Since our beginning we have lectured at scores of Animal Hospitals around the valley.
 - We have been flown around the country including Hawaii, Montana and Michigan by clients for training.