Kevin Walsh

DOG TRAINER

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SUMMARY

Dog trainer with 4 years of obedience training and behavior modification, teaching 6 group classes a week and coaching 15 private clients. Builds plans on positive reinforcement and clicker training, and coaches owners with clear communication and customer service so progress holds at home.

SKILLS

Positive Reinforcement • Obedience Training • Behavior Modification • Puppy Training • Clicker Training
Leash Reactivity • Group Classes • Customer Service • Communication

EXPERIENCE

Dog Trainer 04/2023 - Present
Music City Canine Academy Nashville, TN
Training school offering group classes, private lessons and day training.

- Teach **6** group classes a week in puppy training, basic manners and Canine Good Citizen prep.
- Run behavior modification plans for 15 private clients facing leash reactivity, resource guarding or fear.
- Prepare class graduates for the Canine Good Citizen test, with 85% passing in 2025.
- Grow the private client list from 6 to 15 through referrals from 3 local vet clinics.

Kennel Technician and Training Assistant 06/2021 - 03/2023
Cumberland Pet Resort Franklin, TN
Boarding resort with a board-and-train program.

- Ran board-and-train sessions for 4 dogs a week under the head trainer.
- Logged sit, recall and loose-leash progress in daily notes for 20 boarding guests.
- Supervised playgroups of 12 dogs, splitting groups by size and play style.
- Walked 30 owners a month through the cues their dogs learned in board-and-train, with handouts at pick-up.

Behavior Volunteer 08/2019 - 05/2021
Knox County Humane Alliance Knoxville, TN
Volunteer program working with long-stay shelter dogs.

- Trained 12 long-stay dogs on sit, down and polite greetings using clicker training.
- Recorded weekly progress notes that adoption staff used in 30 adoption interviews.
- Reduced barrier barking in 5 kennel-reactive dogs with daily desensitization sessions.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science 05/2021
University of Tennessee, Knoxville Knoxville, TN
Animal Science

CERTIFICATES

Certified Professional Dog Trainer - Knowledge Assessed (CPDT-KA)
Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers
10/2023