



ARPO BELIEVES IN RESPONSIBLY TRAINING YOUR DOG WITH POSITIVE METHODS

Part of being a responsible dog owner is training your dog with the best and most positive methods available – and there are several trainers in the HRM that teach using only positive techniques.

When you're looking for a trainer or class to go to – here are some things to look for –

Ask what methods they use to train with –

Do they only use positive methods? Or do they train using praise AND correction? What types of correction do they use? That is a huge red flag if they use any types of correction. Some local trainers still use choke chains and will jerk and pull your dog around in order to get them to “obey you”. With all of the positive techniques and trainers available to you – you do not need to seek those trainers' advice. There IS a better way – and the trainers below will gladly show you and your dog how to become great members of our dog friendly society.

In no particular order – here are a few GREAT local trainers –

Aimee Leduey – teaches puppy classes at Fetch Inc on Joseph Zatzman Drive in Dartmouth – their website is at <http://www.fetchinc.ca/>

Silvia Jay – is one of the best dog trainers in the province of Nova Scotia – she moved here from Alberta a couple of years ago and she teaches one on one. She comes to your house and figures out a tailor made plan – how to make you and dog good canine and human citizens and is able to intuit what is at the core of any problems you're having, bringing to the table decades of experience with the human/canine bond. She is amazing – her website is at <http://www.voice4dogs.com/>

Adina MacRae – has been a dog walker and canine coach in the HRM area for almost a decade and has been solving human canine problems for even longer. Her work started with Bob Ottenbrite at Lietash – and she now works for herself using positive only principles – she has a website at <http://k9coach.ca/>

Amy Slaunwhite also started out at Lietash Training and has branched out on her own in the past few years – she gives the opportunity of teaching small classes and gives very personalized attention. There is no other trainer locally teaching with such passion for rescue dogs – and her methods in positive training are cutting edge – her website is at <http://www.furmyfriends.ca/>

Tamara MacFarland is out in Tantallon – for the folks who live in that area, and she teaches a couple different types of classes – and her methods are completely positive based – her website is at <http://www.unleashedpaws.ca/>

Lietash is the grand-daddy of training academy's locally and is located out in Mount Uniacke – but they have classes in the HRM as well – their website is at <http://www.lietash.com/>