



*Laura Bussing*, CPDT-KA, CCFT,FP-MT

**Certified Professional Dog Trainer**

*Gone to the Dogs*

3 Locations in Salida & Buena Vista, CO 81201

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## **Qualification Highlights**

Certified Professional Dog Trainer (CPDT-KA) – Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers

Certified Canine Fitness Trainer (CCFT)- University of Tennessee

Master Trainer (FP-MT)- FitPaws

Evaluator – AKC Canine Good Citizen & S.T.A.R. Puppy

Evaluator – Therapy Dogs International

Member - Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT)

Member – International Association of Assistance Dog Partners (IAADP)

Competitor – USDAA & AKC Agility

30 years of experience in training and behavior modification

## **Professional Experience**

***Gone to the Dogs***, Salida & Buena Vista, Colorado (3 Locations) Training Headquarters in Salida  
2009 to Present – Lead Trainer & CEO

Group Classes – Obedience & Manners (5 Levels), Puppy Class

Sport Classes – Agility, FlyBall, Nosework

Specialty Classes – Reactive Dog, Shy & Fearful, Reliable Recall

Service Dog Training – Mobility & Medical Alert

Private Training Consulting – regularly sees multiple owners & dogs for one-on-one sessions weekly

Day Board & Train – Works independently each week with multiple dogs at Training Facility

Curriculum Research & Development

Behavior Consultations conducted for all types of unwanted behavior

Dog Safety Classes - annually to local Pre-Schools with dog “Geri”

Lecturer: Focus & Drive, How to Communicate with your Dog, Nutrition, Bite Inhibition

Leads weekly Free Community Dog Walks to help people with issues such as leash pulling & socialization

***Ark-Valley Humane Society***, Buena Vista, CO

2009 – Present – Consultant Volunteer

Evaluation of aggressive and fearful dogs to recommend protocols for staff

Fearful Dog Management Classes for staff and foster care parents

Rehabilitating challenging dogs and placement in appropriate new homes



**City of Salida, Colorado**

9/18/2012 – Consultant (paid)

Lecturer: Dog Safety Class for city employees focusing on interpreting canine body language and how to proceed in a safe manner around aggressive dogs.

**Tony Bussing, Dog Behaviorist, Ooltewah, TN**

1995-2005 – Apprentice Behaviorist

Assisted in behavior modification consultations with all types of unwanted behavior.

1984 to 1995 – Private Obedience Training when resided in Florida & South Carolina

**Therapy Dog Work**

August 2012 – Tested & Registered with “Geri” (see photo)

Longfellow Elementary – Jan 2012 to present –Reading program for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders

Heart of the Rockies Reg. Med Center – August 2012 to present

Safe Haven Manor – 2012 – 2013

Columbine Nursing Home – 2012 - 2013

**Education**

University of Tennessee (2016) Certified Canine Fitness Trainer

Valencia College, Orlando, FL (1985) - Clermont High School, Clermont, FL (1982)

Apprentice for Dog Behaviorist, Tony Bussing (1995-2005)

Obedience Training – self-taught from a young age from natural gift of understanding dog communication, and refined over the years.

Continuing Education – Classroom and Online on the latest in Animal Behavioral Science; Agility & Obedience  
Attends seminars on Agility, Training Methodology, Health & Nutrition, Problem Behavior Evaluation & Solving, Dog Aggression, Focus & Drive, and Fitness Assessments, Evaluations and Program Design.

**Specialized Skills**

Dog Aggression – causes, treatment & management

Specific Breed Knowledge & Experience for training and grooming

Training equipment knowledge & experience

Identifying drive indicator to facilitate best training practices to accomplish goals

Canine Anatomy, Nutrition and overall Health

Human personality recognition to enhance training experience for owner

Equipment use and misuse (training and remote collars, harnesses, leashes, clickers, etc)

Expert Handling skills

House soiling prevention for puppies and adult dogs

Classical & Operant conditioning (clicker training/reward based training)

Puppy raising and development schedules

"Reading" and explaining dog behavior

Responsible dog ownership

Off-leash training management

Expert Witness Testimony

