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## What others say about us

I hired Kasia - Houston Dog Coach to work with me on training our new dog Frida who we had recently adopted from Friends for Life. It amazed me how quickly Frida responded to the training sessions. In a short time she learned how to sit, lie down, walk on a lose leash, stop being aggressive around her dog bowl, give and take, not lunge at joggers. I learned how to work with Frida using positive feedback rather than punishing and saying no no no no. One thing that sticks in my mind is I now pay attention to a dogs body language and what is being communicated. I can't imagine having a dog and not learning how to train with him/ her. Thank you! *Gena V., Houston, TX* 

It has been really great working with you. What you've taught us has really saved our relationship with Gavin. We were definitely at the point where we thought that we were going to have to find a new home for him, but now we are feeling much more positive about being a family. Thank you so, so much. Gavin is a wonderful dog and we are going to continue to try and help him cope with these stressful situations.

Lisa H., Houston, TX

Kasia was truly amazing! Two of my dogs were at each other's throats. Kasia worked with my dogs: Lilly, Kelley, Sammy, and Angel. They were like putty in her hands! Not only that, but Kasia was so kind when she would gently correct me. I worked with another dog trainer before, and Kasia is the best! My dogs are much better behaved now. When, I think of Kasia and how she worked with me, she can best be described as someone who works with love, acceptance, and respect. Delores D., Houston, TX

Kasia is an amazing trainer (not just dogs, but people, too). I can only imagine the patience it must take to be able to handle the more "difficult" clients as she does, and yet Kasia still finds the time to answer my more mundane questions! She is a wonderful person, and truly wants only the best possible relationship between you and your partner. I have recommended her numerous times and will continue to do so. My dog (a Belgian Malinois), is in training to become a service dog under Kasia's supervision. Service dog training is very involved and proper "manners" (as she likes to call them) are her priority. I have emailed and called her with specific issues, and in turn she has given me hours of her time. In the first conversation, you will hear her level of dedication, and feel it in the amount of time she will take for you. Promise, you will be as amazed as I was.

Michelle U., Blossom, TX

Thank you for your help with my dog – Rico (a large pit bull mix). After having Rico only a few months I was afraid that I would have to give him up. You assessed Rico and saw the same things that everyone else sees; a very large, strong, energetic, puppy-like dog that is relaxed, loves to play and please his family. Shortly, thereafter we had a very successful training session with you. (...)Your assessment and expert training turned things around. Rico is home to stay. *Vick M., Houston, TX* 

Kasia has helped me with training my own dogs and my foster dog. She showed me effective tricks how to make him stop pulling on the leash so much. She is very patient and calm and uses body language a lot to make the dog understand. Of course, she also helps you to understand the dog's body language. I really enjoy working with Kasia and can only recommend her as your dog trainer. *Kristin R., Houston, TX* 

As a mother of three young children and a new dog owner, I felt that Kasia's consultation was a necessity! She came to our home and met with all of the family. She listened, observed and taught us many things in the hour-long session. One of the things I appreciated most was how she was able to interpret the dog's behavior and body language so accurately. She also had great recommendations for books, resources, and local dog happenings/services. The things I learned from Kasia gave me confidence as a new dog owner! *Emily R., Houston, TX* 

Kasia showed me how to help our rescued foster dog overcome her fears using positive reinforcement. We have been working with our foster dog at home and are seeing steady improvement. We still have a ways to go but we see progress every day! Suzan V., Houston, TX

We met with Kasia and she was excellent. Before this, we were struggling with the sudden changes in new puppy Ronnie's behavior. Kasia helped a lot, and with our new found skills, I am pleased to report that Ronnie is like a different dog. What a difference some knowledge and practice can make! *Graham R., Houston, TX* 

Kasia has helped our organization implement a pilot animal training program, providing one on one, and group training for our shelter dogs. Her professionalism and experience is helping our dogs by providing basic obedience to better help them assimilate into their new homes, and educating new dog adopters about dog behavior. We look forward to watching our training program grow with Kasia on board. *Melanie Lynn, Adoption Manager of the Friends For Life Animal Shelter*