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Carmen LeBlanc, MS, ACAAB, CPDT, CTC

Carmen LeBlanc has achieved a rare combination of formal education with supervised experience and advanced practical training experience. She is the only Associate Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist in SW Washington/NW Oregon.

- Master of science degree in animal behavior/experimental psychology (the science of learning)
- Graduate specialty in Applied Behavior Analysis (the science of changing behavior)
- Associate Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist (ACAAB) (certified through the Animal Behavior Society)
- Certified Professional Dog Trainer (CPDT) (certified through the Council for Certified Professional Dog Trainers)
- Valedictorian graduate of the “Harvard of dog training schools,” the Academy for Dog Trainers (CTC, certificate in training & counseling). The Academy is taught by one of the world’s leading training and behavior experts, Jean Donaldson.
- 15 years of experience in animal behavior: behavior consulting, teaching group dog training classes and private lessons, writing class curricula and expert handouts at all levels of training, managing training departments from a luxury pet lodging facility in Hood River to animal shelters in Washington and Oregon.
- Competes and titles her own dogs in Rally, Competition Obedience, Canine Freestyle and Tricks.

Awards

- The Marian Breland-Bailey Award for Student Research in applied animal behavior by the Association of Behavior Analysis International, May 2008 (Chicago, IL)
- Outstanding Canine Behavior Consultant, by the Champaign County Humane Society, March 2008 (Champaign, IL)
- PAWS’s Animal Shelter Advocacy Volunteer of the Year award, 1998 (Lynnwood, WA)

Publications

- *Debunking the Dominance Myth: Are Dogs Lying Awake at Night Plotting a Coup?* Published by Dog Nose News, a Portland pet newspaper, and the Society of Veterinary Behavior Technicians newsletter. <http://4pawsu.com/DebunkingDomMyth.pdf>
- *Free Shaping: Does It Make Dogs Better Problem Solvers?* Barks from the Guild magazine.
- *Shelter Primer*, and *Why Adopt a Shelter Pet*, originally published by Petfinder.com
- A library of dog and cat behavior handouts, for the ASPCA, Humane Society of Southwest Washington, and Way To Behave. Links to the following handouts: 10 Tips for Training Your Dog, House Training, MET, NFL, Jumping.
- Puppy Kindergarten, Companion Dog I, Companion Dog II, Advanced Outdoor Recalls class training booklets and handouts for the Behavior & Training Department at Cascade Pet Camp.

Public presentations

- Puppy Classes: Getting from Good to Great and Avoiding the Bad. CAAB Chat, online 2015.
- Behavior Modification for Fatal Predatory Aggression: A Case Study. Poster presentation. Animal Behavior Society. Denver, CO, 2013.

- Taming On-Leash Aggression. Hood River Community College, Community Education, 2012.
- Change and Repeat: Demonstrating Control Over Dogs' Variable and Repetitive Behavior. IFAAB (Interdisciplinary Forum for Applied Animal Behavior), New Orleans, 2008.
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- Dog Parks & Daycares, CARE Center (Companion Animal Resource and Education), Urbana, IL, 2007