



trainer & certified dog  
behavior consultant

Risë VanFleet, Ph.D.

shown here with Kirrie

The Playful Pooch Program's dog training and behavior consulting program arises from Risè's lifelong interest in dogs and other animals. Her current dog training business grew out of her work with therapy dogs and rescue dogs in a variety of projects with children and teens. She has many years of experience working as a child/family psychologist and play therapist, and from this, Risè applies her knowledge of behaviorism, child/family development, relationship-building, and teaching to her services as a dog trainer. Her qualifications as a dog trainer and consultant are below.

- Certified Dog Behavior Consultant (IAABC)
- Training & experience with positive, effective, behaviorally-based, and relationship-oriented dog training.
- Knowledge of canine communication signals.
- Dog training experience with many breeds and rescued/adopted dogs.
- Knowledge and many years of experience working with children and families.
- Approved Evaluator with the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen® Program.
- Full member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers.
- Author of the award-winning book, *Play Therapy with Kids & Canines*.
- Winner of the 2010 Maxwell Award for best magazine series about dog training (Dog Writers Ass'n of America).
- Regular contributing author of articles about dog training for *The APDT Chronicle of the Dog* magazine.
- Co-Chair of the Special Interest Group on Animal Assisted Therapy of the Animal-Human Interaction Section (Div. 17, APA).
- Dedication to positive, dog-friendly and family-friendly dog training methods that work.
- Currently has 5 companion dogs and 2 cats.

Kirrie learns to operate the lever on a treat dispenser



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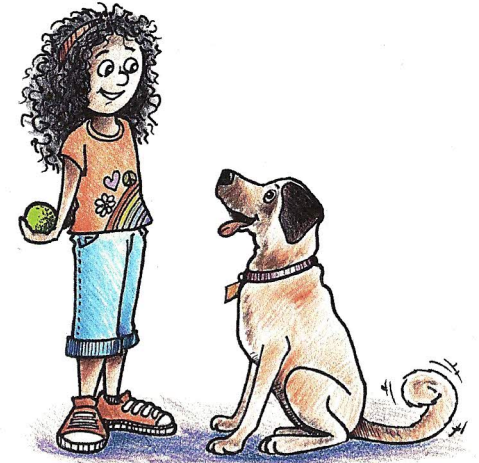


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