

Dear Rory,

I am pleased to recommend your dog training services. My experience was when our German Shepherd, Dante, was 9 months old. He was sweet and lovable, and completely out of control! WE hadn't even succeeded in teaching him the most basic commands--he jumped up on others and us and when off-leash at the beach he would run far away after other dogs.

While we wanted Dante to have good manners, we were very concerned that he be taught in a kind and gentle manner, and certainly not roughly treated or browbeaten. I left Dante with you for one month, visiting him a couple of times to see how you were progressing and to learn what I should expect of him.

At the end of the month I was thrilled to have my sweet-natured Dante back and completely trained to sit, lie down, stay, come, walk on leash without pulling, not jump on people, and to return to us at the beach when give the hand signal he had been taught.

Dante is not 3 years old and my constant companion. I frequently receive compliments on his good behavior and he is welcome at many of Santa Barbara's outdoor restaurants where he lies quietly beside the table as my husband and I dine.

I was so surprised the other day when Dane broke away from his group of dog playmates and run all the way across the park directly up to you after not seeing you for over two years! His obvious recognition and delight at seeing you reminded me of how closely he had bonded with you and how gentle and kind you were to him during his brief training period. It was so endearing when you went to leave and he followed you to your truck to jump inside!

I am grateful and indebted to you and you can always use my name as a referral.

Fondly,

Dawn Eaton  
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