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ACCEPTABLE CERTIFICATIONS FOR TRAINERS & BEHAVIORISTS FOR RARF BEHAVIOR ASSISTANCE FUNDING

RARF requires these particular certifications because they track and require CEUs to maintain, require signed ethical agreements, are verifiable, and are internationally recognized.

Certifications for Dog Trainers & Consultants are:

Certified Council of Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT) as a CPDT-KA or CPDT - KSA

Karen Pryor Academy Certified Training Partner as a KPT CTP

Academy for Dog Trainers as a CTC

Victoria Stillwell Academy as a VSA-CDT

We will also accept IAABC Shelter Division Certifications, which are:

SBA (Shelter Behavior Affiliate)

CSB-D (Certified in Shelter Behavior-Dog)

CSB-C (Certified in Shelter Behavior - Cat)

CSBS (Certified in Shelter Behavior Specialist)

Certification for Behavior Consultants are:

ACAAB/CAAB (MA/Ph.D. in animal behavior science)

Certification from IAABC as a CDBC (dog)

Certification from IAACB as a CCBC (cat)

Certification from CCPDT as a CBCC-KA

Northwest School of Canine Studies graduate as a CCS

Alongside one or more of the above certifications, trainers must emphasize a LIMA (least intrusive, minimally aversive) approach to training.

There will be no exceptions to this requirement.

Learn more about LIMA based training here:

[APDT LIMA](#)

[IAABC LIMA](#)

If you have questions or concerns about any of these qualifications or requirements please contact RARF at info@rarf.org or call 401 -702 - RARF (7273)