

## Immediate press release

Local canine behavior consultant, Dee Ganley, of 82 Tucker Mountain Road in East Andover NH is one of 29 professionals to be certified as a Certified Behavior Consultant Canine-Knowledge Assessed (CBCC-KA). Dee's certification is issued through The Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers® (CCPDT)

The CCPDT, created in 2001, is the only independent organization certifying trainers and behavior consultants using standardized, psychometrically sound testing procedures. The goal of the CCPDT certification program is to establish and maintain humane standards of competence for animal training and behavior professionals through criteria based on experience, standardized testing, skills and continuing education. The CCPDT's certificants, including Dee Ganley, CPDT-KA, CBCC-KA help the public make decision on where and how to get help for their dog – particularly if they are struggling with behavior problems. For more information on The CCPDT visit [www.ccpdt.org](http://www.ccpdt.org)

Candidates who pass the exam earn the title Certified Behavior Consultant Canine – Knowledge Assessed and may use the designation “CBCC-KA” after their names. All certified canine behavior consultants must earn continuing education credits to maintain their designations or take the examination again in five years.

Dee Ganley's work with dogs – classes, workshops and publications can be accessed through her web site: [www.deesdogs.com](http://www.deesdogs.com) .

### **Local Canine Behavior Consultant, Dee Ganley Earns National Certification**

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Until the creation of the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers in 2001, there was no true certification process for canine professionals. Though there are schools and organizations that offer take-home tests for “certification”, only since the National Certification Council of Professional Dog Trainers have the knowledge and skills needed by canine professionals been standardized. The goal of the CCPDT certification program is to establish and maintain humane standards of competence for animal training and behavior professionals through criteria based on experience, standardized testing, skills and continuing education. For the general public these certifications will help them in their decision on where to get help training their dog – particularly if they are struggling with behavior problems.

This unprecedented certification process for dog trainers was originally implemented by the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) founded by noted veterinarian, behaviorist and author Dr. Ian Dunbar. A task force of approximately 20 internationally known dog training professionals and behaviorists worked for three years to research and develop the first comprehensive examination. Professional Testing Corporation was hired to ensure the process met professional testing standards. APDT then created a separate, independent council – The Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers – to manage the accreditation and pursue future development.

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