

Laurey Weiner

CPDT-KA (*Certified Professional Dog Trainer, Knowledge Assessed*)



Laurey is head of the Pet Obedience Program at the Canine Sports Center.

The Canine Sports Center is fortunate to have Laurey on staff. She has been with us since our inception in 1998, and she is largely responsible for the syllabus used in our pet obedience program. As our “behavioral consultant” she also handles the majority of behavior cases that are referred to the Canine Sports Center by Veterinarians and other trainers. For the past five years she has worked in conjunction with Labrador Retriever Rescue of Connecticut on their behavior cases as well.

Laurey is a member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) and was one of the first 139 nationally certified professional dog trainers in the country. She is also a member of the International Institute for Applied Companion Animal Behavior, an AKC Canine Good Citizen Evaluator and an AKC Rally Obedience Judge.

Laurey realized a lifelong dream in 1979 when she opened her own pet, feed and grooming shop. In 1984, “Lucy,” an abused Doberman rescued by a friend, became a part of Laurey’s family. Realizing that this dog could become a problem because of her lack of confidence and fear of people, Laurey sought out a trainer, and together they trained Lucy to be not only a wonderful companion but also a guard dog. This initial introduction resulted in canine training becoming a large part of Laurey’s life.

With the loss of Lucy in 1990 and the purchase of another Dobie, “Tess,” Laurey knew that she would train this dog in competition obedience. Before Tess was a year old, she had her CD (Companion Dog) Title and went on to earn her CDX (Companion Dog Excellent) Title. At the same time Laurey sold her shop and became affiliated with veterinary clinics in New York and Connecticut that specialized in grooming the “difficult animal.” Her instincts in animal behavior led her to the field of animal communication, which in turn led to energy healing, Canine Myotherapy, and every available workshop, clinic, and seminar dealing with the development of the canine/human bond.

In 1994, with the addition of her first Australian Shepherd, she found another best friend and true heart beat in “Kai.” With Kai, Laurey initiated the search to find a “kinder and gentler” way of training, and she was introduced to positive reinforcement methods. Together, Kai and Laurey earned four obedience titles in two different venues, six agility titles including Kai’s Master Jumpers and Master Standard titles before Kai retired at the age of 12. They also enjoyed the sport of canine freestyle as well as other shared activities through venues such as Delta Society Pet Partners and Therapy Dogs International.

Kai gave Laurey three beautiful litters. One of Kai’s sons, “Buzz,” was her first Conformation Champion and earned two obedience titles in two different venues plus five agility titles and was two legs short of his Master Standard agility title when he passed away, at the age of 10 years in August 2006.

Sadly in the fall of 2008 Laurey lost Kai at the age of 14 1/2.

In 1995, Laurey, befriending a local Greyhound adoption group, was asked to take on a couple of dogs with behavior problems and, subsequently, she became a freelance behavior consultant for that group. She also started teaching puppy classes for the Obedience Dog Training Club of Waterbury and Beginner Obedience for a local chapter of Animal Behaviorist and Training based out of California, doing in-home private training and behavior consultations, in addition to the classes she was teaching at the Canine Sports Center.

In 2005 a wonderful addition was made to the household – “Dex” a Border Collie. Dex earned his Conformation Championship at the age of 14 months. “Ch. Willowbrooks All Decked Out” began his training in Agility, Competition Obedience and became Laurey’s demo dog for classes.

Together, Laurey and Dex have discovered the new world of Canine Water Sports in which Dex seems to be a natural. Dex has earned 10 water-dog titles, became a Delta Society Pet Partner in 2007 and in 2010 Dex finished his AKC Rally Excellent title, AKC Companion Dog title and his Novice Agility title. In 2011 they hope to finish his AKC Companion Dog Excellent title and to continue to train in the new sport of Canine Nose Work, with a smidgeon of Herding thrown in.

In December of 2007 another Border Collie was added to the household, Shorelands Ruby Slipper. “Ru” was the dog sent to remind Laurey how much work a new puppy can be. Ru is a “work in progress” training for the Competition Obedience ring along with Canine Nose Work with some Agility and Herding on the side.

“A dog should be given the opportunity to be more than just a pet. It should be given the opportunity to be your companion.”

Courses taught by Laurey at the Canine Sports Center:

- 🐾 Behavioral Consultations
- 🐾 Training Consultations
- 🐾 Puppy Preschool
- 🐾 Beginner Obedience 101
- 🐾 Advanced Beginner Obedience 201
- 🐾 K-9 Nose Work
- 🐾 Canine Good Citizen Course Instructor & Evaluator
- 🐾 Agility for Fun!
- 🐾 Beginner Agility
- 🐾 Advanced Beginner Agility
- 🐾 Intermediate I Agility
- 🐾 Intermediate II Agility
- 🐾 Advanced Agility

“Laurey is not only exceptionally knowledgeable and experienced in the canine field, she is also highly innovative, always looking for new ways to entertain and train our best friends. Her latest endeavor is ‘K-9 Nose Work.’ This relatively new sport, founded in 2006 by the National Association of Canine Scent Work, borrows elements from detection canine training but puts the dog in a recreational setting. Laurey’s first K-9 Nose Work course, held at CSC on May 5, 2010, was a rousing success with both handlers and their dogs having a great time.”

~Bill Gregware, Owner – The Canine Sports Center