

Referrals & Resources

Just Like Home Resources

The following links and contacts are purely my recommendations. I know these individual people and training organizations and have worked with them myself. I'm always happy to add more resources as they are referred to me; however I will check out each one so that I can comfortably add them to this list.

Trainers

Donnasue Jacobi, 209-754-9507 — private in-home training for puppies from 8 weeks to 12 months. I work on what you need to enhance your training experiences from group classes or to work on individual behavior problems.

Bari Halperin, Dog Days, 650-851-5500 (has group classes at Holbrook-Palmer Park, Atherton); fun and knowledgeable. Offers a variety of classes including puppy socialization, obedience, and Canine Good Citizen. One of the best group classes I've even been in.

My dogs' favorite boarding referral: Danni Diebert, 650-747-0953, La Honda, CA.

Training Clubs

- * Menlo Park Schutzhund Club – <http://menloparkschutzhund.com/>
- * Peninsula Canine Corps – <http://www.sfpc.org/pcc/home/>

Pet Directories (where we and other pet sitters can be found)

- * <http://www.peninsulapetsitters.com/>
- * <http://www.petsit.com/>

Pet Supplies & Services

* The Pet Place; 777 Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park 650-325-7387 — I just love this shop and its owners, Lynn and Marc. They are true animal lovers and do alot of community outreach in their store.

* Bow Wow Meow; 737 Laurel Street; San Carlos, CA — They have a great grooming facility and one of my clients just loves 'em. Phone: 650-802-2845

Bunny/Rabbit Resources

* For Other Living Things, 1261 S, Mary Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94087; Phone: 408-739-6785; www.forotherlivingthings.com

Rescue Organizations

* Pets-In-Need, 873 Fifth Avenue, Redwood City (a no-kill facility), 650-367-1405, info@petsinneed.org

* German Shepherd Rescue – <http://www.savegsd.org>

Vets: Standard and alternative veterinary care:

Mid-Peninsula Animal Hospital, 1125 Merrill Street (across from the train depot), Menlo Park, CA 94025, 650-325-5671 — my Rottie's personal favorite is Dr. Karen Blount

Quincy & Sunny

Accupuncture & Rehab Therapy

Scouts House
506 Santa Cruz Avenue, MP
650-328-1430

Pathways to Healing – Mt. View
Lina McCain, DVM
650-450-3052

Dr. Gary Brown
Veterinary Orthopedic & Surgery Specialist
1618 Washington Blvd.
Ohlone Village, Fremont, CA 94539
510-657-6343

- * APDT
- * Menlo Park Dog Owners Group
- * Petsitters International
- * Pet Sitters Associates
- * Petsit USA
- * Pet Tech
- * Peninsula Professional Pet Sitters Network
- * Menlo Park Schutzhund Club
- * Peninsula Canine Corps
- * Professional United Petsitters

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- * Breeder Information
- * Costs of Owning A Dog
- * Crate Training
- * Holiday Tips
- * Poisonous Plants & Dangerous Foods
- * Surviving Bloat
- * Summer-time Fun
- * Travel Tips for your Pet

Tick Removal:

Removing a tick from your dog's body is probably one of the least things you'll want to do. But you do need to get this pest off your pet. The easiest way I have found is to use a cotton swab, wet it with rubbing alcohol, then hold it over the tick's body for about a minute. Then slowly test to see if the tick just slides off. If you need to use any pressure pulling the tick off, hold the swab over it a little longer as the rubbing alcohol will make the tick "back out" and release it's hold. This method should get the entire tick if you hold the soaked swab long enough around the tick's body.

Using a cotton swab also prevents your fingers from touching the tick body. Once removed, flush down the toilet.

De-Skunking Recipe:

- * 1 quart (3%) hydrogen peroxide
- * 3/4 cup baking soda
- * 1 teaspoon Dawn dish-washing liquid

Mix all 3 ingredients together in a gallon container just before putting dog into the tub. Soak dog/cat completely. Apply mixture to animal and work in thoroughly. Allow lather to sit on pet for 5 minutes. I usually use this time to flush out the eyes. Rinse, rinse, rinse thoroughly, then follow up with a scented conditioner. There is no need for any other shampoo unless dog is filthy as well as skunked.

Courtesy of Mary Arnold, Bit O'Blarney Pet Services, TICA Allbreed Judge,
www.bitoblarney.com

Choosing a Breeder (click here for more tips)

Finding a good reputable breeder is challenging and may take some time. The best source would be to contact an obedience club — there are many clubs that have obedience classes at local parks. Or, if you admire a friend's dog, ask them for information on how

they found the breeder of their dog. Don't be surprised if a good breeder asks you a lot of questions — they want to make sure they place puppies in loving responsible homes. Also another source may be certain breed rescue groups. Some rescue groups work closely with breeders to help someone find the right fit. Also breed rescue groups are a great resource to finding that special pet. "Second hand" dogs make some of the best friends and companions you can ever hope for.

Please do not purchase a puppy as a "gift" for someone else; instead offer a gift certificate and help them find the right dog. There is a wonderful book called "Choosing the Right Dog for You" and it's available at most book stores and at Amazon.com. This book describes almost every AKC breed and some rare breeds where you will find out about temperament, life longevity, grooming requirements, training requirements, personality traits, and some genetic health problems to watch out for. This is a worthwhile investment if you don't know what kind of dog you (and your family) will be happy with.

Please, please do not get a puppy for Christmas! As a former volunteer, I was always guaranteed a puppy to foster by New Year's Eve — when the puppy got to be too much work after the holidays. Puppies/dogs have feelings and are easily stressed during holidays. No reputable breeder will sell puppies during the holidays except to those that were specifically waiting for a particular puppy.