

TESTIMONIAL

This letter serves as a testimonial for the services of Mr. John Earle, RVT, Applied Animal Behaviorist.

I adopted a dachshund mix puppy in November 2013 and realized very shortly thereafter that I was not adequately equipped to provide her with the kind of training and leadership that she deserved. A friend of mine had used John's services with her own dog and spoke very highly of his work.

After my first meeting with John, I knew he was the trainer for me. As a Clinical Psychologist who works with helping people in a cognitive-behavioral format, I immediately recognized a fellow practitioner of the highest degree in John.

John understands dogs: He understands how they think, what they feel, and how making simple adjustments in your understanding of the dog's basic experience of safety and threat assessment can lead to a calmer, more cooperative experience for both you and your dog.

John helped me to deeply understand my dog's behavior and to provide her with the calm leadership she needed to feel safe and to understand her place in our family. John helped calm my anxiety about making mistakes with Kima at the same time that he kindly and compassionately interrupted her anxious fear responses. When I first met with John, Kima was frightened of men and would hide whenever my husband tried to interact with her. After one session with John, Kima was delighted to see my husband and she has been his best friend ever since.

John worked patiently with me to improve my training techniques. He noted where I had difficulty and had no problem adjusting my cognitions and behavioral errors in just the same kind and considerate way that he corrected my dog.

Having a combination of home visits with John as well as attending his group classes was an excellent way to get Kima and me to work together as an effective team. Additionally, I frequently leave Kima with John and his lovely family for a "Bootcamp" session for Kima if I go out of town. She is always returned to me happy and healthy and with better behavior than the last time.

I couldn't be happier with my dog's attitude and adjustment in the family. I give John Earle full credit in making my dog's experience as positive as it could possibly be. I've referred many people to John for help with their dogs and will continue to do so. I recommend his work most highly to anyone who loves their dog and wants them to be as happy as they can be.

Louise O. Packard, Ph.D.
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