

Behavior Services

Credentials:

- D.V.M.
- Trained under a Veterinary Board-Certified Behavior Specialist
- Fear Free Level 3 Certified
- Experience with Karen Pryor clicker training, Puppy Start Right

Behavior problems that can be addressed:

- Aggression: dog directed aggression, human directed aggression, food aggression, toy aggression, lunging while on walks, aggression toward groomers.
- Anxiety: separation anxiety, storm phobia, firework phobia, groomer phobia, night time anxiety, travel phobia.
- Manners and husbandry: leash pulling, jumping, stealing food, barking, taking treats roughly, house training, chewing, tolerating nail trims, tolerating baths, tolerating medications.
- Cats: human directed aggression, animal directed aggression, going outside the litter box, night howling, travel anxiety, stealing food, scratching furniture.

Your experience will include:

An initial visit involves getting a history of your pet's problems and health issues, full physical exam, and may or may not require diagnostics such as blood work or Xrays. Your pet may start treatment after this visit, and some pets may get a recommendation for a full behavior consult.

A behavior consult is a full 1 hour appointment that includes: a thorough history questionnaire to be filled out prior to the appointment, prioritizing and tailoring a custom treatment plan, and starting behavioral training therapies.

Treatments will vary on the pet's problems and needs but may include: prescription medications, alternative therapies such as pheromones or supplements, home life changes, behavioral counter conditioning and desensitization training, or non-veterinary training and trainer recommendations.

We do accept referral. All referred clients are asked to continue regular sick and wellness veterinary visits with their pet's primary veterinarian. Depending on your pet's needs, behavioral follow up visits may be provided by Dr. Moriarty or by the primary veterinarian.