

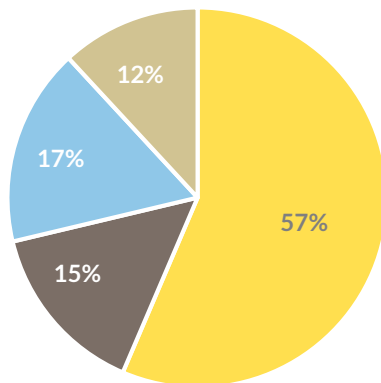
AnimalKind is the BC SPCA's new animal welfare accreditation and referral program for animal-related businesses. To assist more dogs in BC we aim to create a community of AnimalKind dog trainers who use science-based practices and share animal welfare values.

To help us develop pilot dog training standards we surveyed BC dog training professionals about their current practices (we also received feedback on an earlier version of the standards from 36 BC trainers and 9 external academic and training experts). **Thank you to the 163 survey participants!**

## About participants' training businesses

**We asked: "How many trainers are in your business?"**

■ One ■ Two ■ Three to Four ■ Five or more



**We asked: "What other dog related services do you provide?"**

- Board and train – 33%
- Walking – 26%
- Distance training – 24%
- Boarding/kennel – 22%
- None – 22%
- Daycare – 17%
- In-home dog sitting – 17%
- Grooming – 13%
- Breeding – 4%

**96% of participants indicated they keep information records about the dogs they train**

**We asked: "What are some of the challenges you face in dog training?"**



## Training methods

**We asked: "What should be the maximum number of dogs per trainer/training assistant in a class?"**

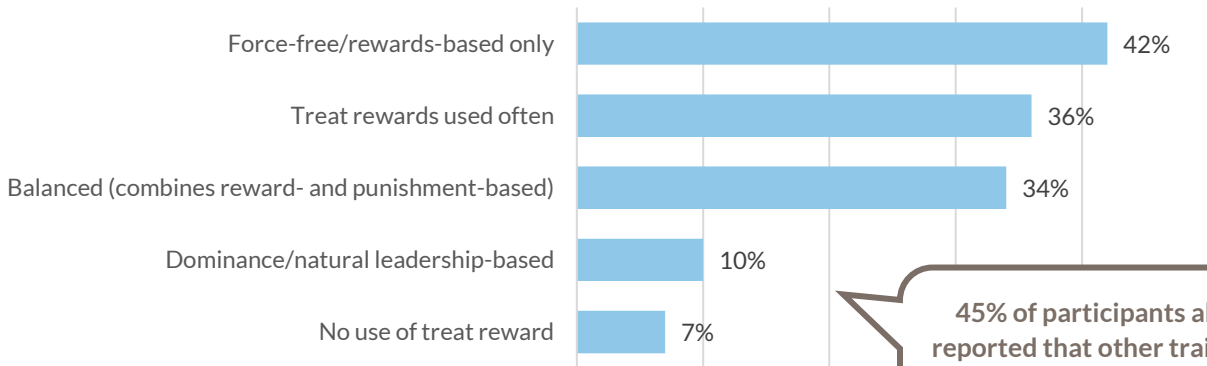
Class Type	Maximum number (average)	Range
Puppy	6	1 - 15
Obedience	6	1 - 15
Reactive dog	4	1 - 10

We asked: "What is your likelihood to recommend the following tools to your clients?"

Tool	Never or Rarely (%)	Sometimes (%)	Mostly or Always (%)
Shock collar	79	15	6
Choke collar	78	17	6
Prong collar	74	17	10
Harness (Back-Clip)	59	31	10
Martingale collar	41	35	24
Head harness	41	46	13
Harness (Front-Clip)	39	22	40
Plain Collar	26	27	47

82% of participants said they always or mostly recommend using treats to train dogs (8% said rarely or never)

We asked: "Which dog training theories best describe your training method?" [select all that apply]



45% of participants also reported that other training theories describe their training method

### Trainer education

We asked: "Which education and professional affiliations do you have?" [select all that apply]

The survey listed 32 education and professional affiliations to select from. Participants added a similar number of other courses, certifications and professional affiliations they hold. Here are the top ten:

- APDT member (Association of Professional Dog Trainers) – 30%
- PPG member (Pet Professional Guild) – 21%
- CPDT-KA (Certified Professional Dog Trainer – Knowledge Assessed) – 20%
- KPA CTP (Karen Pryor Academy Certified Training Partner) – 13%
- CPDT-KSA (Certified Professional Dog Trainer – Knowledge and Skills Assessed) – 9%
- CTC (Certificate in Training and Counselling, The Academy for Dog Trainers) – 9%
- IAABC member (International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants) – 9%
- IACP-CDT (International Association of Canine Professionals Certified Dog Trainer) – 8%
- CBCC-KA (Certified Behavior Consultant Canine – Knowledge Assessed) – 6%
- ACDBC (Associate Certified Dog Behavior Consultant) – 6%