



Veterinary Behaviorists (Philadelphia)

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From the [Philadelphia Ethical Pet Professionals website](#):

“The term “**behaviorist**” is too commonly used in the dog training community. CAAB ([Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist](#)) is the only professional non-veterinary certified to use the title, “behaviorist”. There are strict educational and practice requirements to become a Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist. This includes having had to earn a Master’s or Ph.D. degree in behavioral science with specific courses in animal learning, ethology, biology, zoology, and learning theory at accredited universities.

Otherwise, when speaking about “behaviorists” we are normally referring to [Diplomates of the American College of Veterinary Behavior](#) (DACVB). These are veterinarians who are specialists in the field. These specialists have completed a residency or training program in the discipline of veterinary behavioral medicine. You can locate a [board-certified veterinary behaviorist through their website](#).

The local Veterinary Behaviorists Tuff Pup Training recommends are:

- Dr. Hagar Houser <https://metro-vet.com/staff-item/hagar-hauser-2/>
- Dr. Ilana Reisner (Media, PA): <http://www.reisnervetbehavior.com/>
- Dr. Lori Bergman:
<https://www.hickoryvet.com/about-us/staff/veterinarians/laurie-bergman-vmd-dacvb>.
- Dr. Jacqueline Wilhelmy: <https://www.delvalvetbehavior.com/>
- You can also reach out to the University of Pennsylvania's behavior department at their veterinary school:
<https://www.vet.upenn.edu/veterinary-hospitals/ryan-veterinary-hospital/services/behaviormedicine>
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