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## About Minnesota Canine Consulting

Andy Helgerson has over a decade of experience as a professional police canine handler and trainer. He is a nationally certified trainer and is heavily involved in the training and development of police service dogs. He uses his experience and knowledge to teach a no-nonsense, back-to-basics method that is guaranteed to work for any dog! The MCC approach solves unwanted or nuisance behaviors, builds obedience and develops more control over the dog in any situation. We provide training to pet owners, police departments and private-sector security alike. Our goal, however, is the same...positive results through positive training!

We understand that dog owners are serious about their dogs and want to provide them with the best experience possible. Our approach is to give *you* the tools and knowledge to build the bond between you and your dog, *and* make the training process fun and educational. Each dog is different, and not everyone seeks the same experience. We understand this and provide options for you to choose the program that best meets your needs. Some folks would just rather have someone train the dog for them. Well, we do that too! You tell us what you would like and we make it happen! We listen to our clients to build a training program that fits your life and your dog.

You will learn to be the pack leader in your household and develop more confidence when training your dog, and have fun doing it! We believe in developing trust and respect between the handler and dog. The MCC approach promotes positive interaction with your dog and motivates the dog to work, while also developing a deep level of trust and a lasting human/canine bond. Whether you want to manage problem behaviors, train a puppy or new dog or simply want to bond with your pet, the training MCC provides will give you the tools to do it all! Start training the professional way, with a professional handler! Contact Minnesota Canine Consulting today!

## How we do it...

### Psychology of dog training

	Something is added to the environment or given to the dog	Something is taken from the environment or from the dog
Increases the likelihood of the behaviour being repeated	Positive Reinforcement <b>+R</b>	Negative Reinforcement <b>-R</b>
Decreases the likelihood of the behaviour being repeated	Positive Punishment <b>+P</b>	Negative Punishment <b>-P</b>

The MCC approach focuses on getting the dog in the proper state of mind and actively working. We utilize three primary theories in our training:

1. **Operant Conditioning**
2. **Associative Learning**
3. **Pack Leader Mentality**

By blending basic psychological approaches and behavioral modification, we are able to produce positive results almost immediately. The combination of these three theories reduces anxiety in the dog, builds trust & respect, and increases stability in the dog's world, thus making her more comfortable with her environment. Most importantly, we teach these theories to help you maintain your dog's training and troubleshoot issues as they arise.

## Training Packages Available

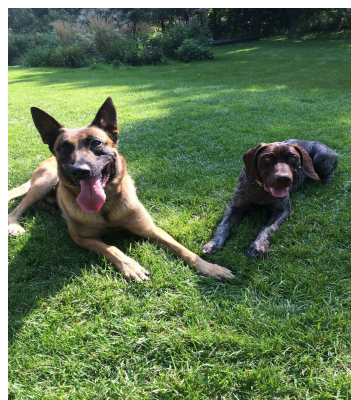
### Board & Train

Beginning at \$2000

Minimum one month commitment

(Up to three month training period. \$1000 for each additional month, dependant upon training goals)

- Obedience commands - Sit, Down, Stay, Come
- Walking in heel (not pulling on leash, focused on handler)
- Housebreaking Tips
- Kennel/Crate Training
- Socialization to other dogs/environments
- Mitigate Misbehavior/Nuisance Behavior - Excessive Barking, Destructive Behaviors
- Canine Good Citizen ready!
- Train dog to be obedient and follow commands even when distractions such as other dogs, toys, people are present
- Reduce or eliminate dog's anxiety to loud noises such as fireworks, thunder and other loud or disturbing noises
- Free phone consultation for life and four, free monthly in-home training sessions upon completion of training





## Personal In-Home Training

### “Atta Boy!” Package!

**\$600 total**

**Three month minimum contract**

*One training session per week (additional training sessions may be purchased for \$65 per session)*

- Basic obedience commands (sit, down, come, etc )
- Heeling on and off leash
- Mitigate nuisance behaviors (excessive barking, destructive behaviors)
- Reduce or eliminate dog’s anxiety to loud noises such as fireworks, thunder and other loud or disturbing noises
- Housebreaking & crate/kennel training tips
- Teach continuing training methods to maintain skills
- Theory of operant conditioning and ‘pack mentality’ in dog training
- Property boundary training
- Canine behavior and communication
- Free lifetime phone consultation AND three, free, in-home training sessions upon completion of initial training

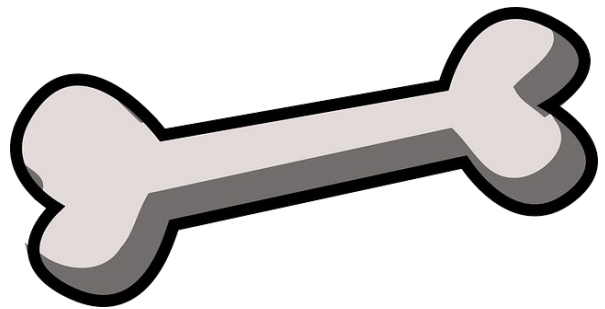
### “Bare (dog) Bone” Package

#### ‘a la carte’ training options

**\$260 total (four session minimum)**

**\$65 per session (one session = one hour)**

- Pick your goals and tailor your training needs
- Theory of operant conditioning and ‘pack mentality’ in dog training
- Focus on giving *you* the skills and tools to develop your own training regiment
- “Train as you go” option - purchase additional sessions once initial training is completed
- Minimum four sessions per contract



Stop struggling with training and start enjoying your dog! The MCC approach makes training fun, motivational and educational for both dog and owner. I employ a system that makes active dogs who enjoy the training process! Yes, you can teach an old dog new tricks! All ages, all breeds welcome. Take the first step with a free consultation!

## **Primary Training Objectives**

Train your dog basic obedience commands

Teach your dog to walk without pulling on a leash

Housebreak & crate train

Manage behaviors created by abuse or maltreatment\*

Maintain your dog's training

Mitigate nuisance behaviors\*\*

Have fun training - both dog and owner!

\*Common issues include aggression or aversion to humans or other dogs, anxiety, skittishness, avoidance and environmental or weather-related issues

\*\*Nuisance behaviors include, but are not limited to: excessive barking, aggressive behaviors, destructive behaviors

