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Certification Council for  
Professional Dog Trainers

## **Local Dog Trainer Earns CCPDT Certification as Certified Professional Dog Trainer – Knowledge Assessed (CPDT-KA®)**

*Certified canine behavior consultant now available to local dog owners.*

**Regina, SK, Canada, September 25, 2021**– Local dog trainer, **Coral A. Atnikov**, CPDT-KA® has successfully achieved professional certification by the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT).

CPDT-KA® certification recognizes the knowledge and experience of professional dog trainers. Certificants must provide references that attest to their work and pass a rigorous written exam that focuses on the science behind dog behavior and the application of training techniques. CPDT-KA® certification provides an independent, scientifically valid measure of an individual’s understanding of the field of dog training, including instruction skills, learning theory, ethology, equipment, and animal husbandry.

CCPDT® requires its certificants to adhere to its Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics and Least Intrusive, Minimally Aversive (LIMA) Effective Behavior Intervention policies. Certificants must engage in on-going continuing education to maintain the credential. These rigorous standards ensure that CPDT-KA® certificants are actively engaged in professional development and applying the most current science and techniques with their clients.

Established in 2001, CCPDT is the leading independent certifying organization for the dog training profession. As the leader in the development of rigorous exams to demonstrate mastery of humane, science-based dog training practices, CCPDT has certified thousands of dog trainers and canine behavior consultants worldwide. For more information, visit [www.ccpdt.org](http://www.ccpdt.org).

Candidates who pass the exam earn the title Certified Professional Dog Trainer – Knowledge Assessed and may use the designation “CPDT-KA®” after their names. All certified trainers must earn continuing education credits to maintain their designations or take the examination again in three years.

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