



Lisa Bataska
Vice President / Senior Trainer

Lisa Bataska, Vice President/Senior Trainer at For Your K9, Inc, in Melrose Park has been with the company since it's doors opened in 2004. She has been a professional dog trainer for the past 12 years teaching everything from obedience to agility to K9 Nose Work. She finds it very rewarding to participate in the owner/dog relationship, and watch it blossom into a fulfilling bond whether in dog sports or being a well-mannered pet and happy owner. In addition to teaching classes Lisa also devotes much of her time to behavior evaluations in an effort to help owners do what's best for their dogs. She believes that once you understand you dogs needs you can live a happier and rewarding life with your dog. She also conducts seminars are various topics ranging from *Reading Dog Behavior* to *Living with a Fearful and Shy Dog*.

Over the years Lisa has worked with a number of shelters including Midwest Border Collie Rescue and Aussie Rescue evaluating dogs and also acting as a foster home. Her ability to read dog body language has helped these rescues place dogs in an appropriate forever home.

Her philosophy focuses on using positive reinforcement while emphasizing compassion, communication and an understanding of the dogs perspective. She has based her training philosophy on Suzanne Clothier's unique Relationship Centered Training (RCT) which promotes harmony and mutual respect between humans and dogs. Lisa continues to expand her knowledge in dog training and animal behavior. She has attended numerous seminars including Suzanne Clothier, Roger Abrantes, Sue Sternberg & Dr. Jean Dodds.

Her dogs range from house pets to competitors to aspiring stars. Each dog has enriched her life in their own special way. From her 'Nervous Nelly' to her 'Outgoing Social Butterfly,' all of them have taught her a great deal about working with a dog on his or her level. These experiences have been invaluable to her and have highlighted the importance of enjoying the journey with each individual dog.

Lisa lives in Chicago with her husband and their dogs which range from Australian Shepherds to Papillons. She is a member in good standing with the Association of Professional Dog Trainers.



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