



## About Gentle Puppy Training & Monique Charbonnier



Monique Charbonnier is the first Certified Professional Dog Trainer CPDT-KA ([www.ccpdt.org](http://www.ccpdt.org)) in Abbotsford, British Columbia. She is a graduate of the Academy of Dog Trainers, San Francisco, CA, ([www.sfspca.org](http://www.sfspca.org)) where she earned a Certificate in Counseling.

Monique has over 20-years of hands-on (field-work) experience training and coaching dogs and families. She was the **expert trainer** on a local television show called "The Pet Zone" for over 2 years.

Monique's experience transitioned between species spending 9-years as a horse trainer, instructor and a veterinary technician and 20-years as a reputable breeder of the noble Newfoundland dog (a.k.a. Mouska Kennels).

Experienced in obedience, agility, tracking, musical freestyle and clicker training (i.e. SuperTraining with Jean Donaldson), she took her passion to Abbotsford, British Columbia where she founded **Gentle Puppy Training**.

Monique excels in teaching Puppy Party Class beginner -advanced, Basic Family Manners, Trick class and Clicker Training. In 2009, a new progressive, interactive and fun obedience class was added to the schedule, the Rally-O beginner. Monique enjoys educating owners with dogs exhibiting behaviour problems such as barking, anxiety, aggression, phobia, fear, resource guarding, house soiling and chewing at her new Training Sanctuary.

Monique provides free seminars and puppy parties in veterinary hospitals in her community and demonstrations with her dogs at fundraiser events.

Additionally, Monique is a charter member of APDT (USA) [www.apdt.com](http://www.apdt.com) CAPPDT (Canada) [www.cappdt.ca](http://www.cappdt.ca), and a regular attendee at the annual conferences in Canada and United States.

Monique has participated with her dogs in numerous lectures, seminars and workshops given by her mentors: Dr Ian Dunbar, Jean Donaldson, Patricia McConnell, Nicole Wilde, Suzanne Clothier-- the list goes on and on.

*Monique is an advocate of gentle, positive, fun & effective training. She approves her mentor Dr Ian Dunbar who says: " Training is not about obedience or dominance, but training is about Trust, Relationship and Respect"*

She shares her life and is owned by **Mouska** a 4 years old Landseer ( black & white) Newfoundland Dog.