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### **-Veteran Family, Owned and Operated**

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-Every year 5 million healthy dogs end up in shelters; approximately 20% will be adopted and if not claimed by an owner, or pulled by a rescue organization, the rest inevitably face euthanasia. The most common reason for abandonment is behavioral issues. 90% of the dogs destroyed have never received obedience training.

Give your dog the gift of obedience training, don't let him become another statistic.

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### **About Tri-County K9 Academy**

Tri-County K9 Academy is located on 6 quiet country acres just Northwest of Houston. There are few places in the area that your dog can visit, where he/she can be at one with nature. Whether visiting the horses that call TCK9 home, taking a stroll around or a dip in our pond, or just relaxing under the canopy of trees, your dog's mind, spirit and body will all be at ease.

We offer boarding & day care, in addition to all aspects of dog training for your K9 Companion. For the past 12 years, TCK9 has been providing services to clients both near and far. No other facility in the Houston and surrounding areas can offer you the same expertise in dog training and behavior, as you will find at TCK9.

——>Indoor/Outdoor Canine Condos. Our Canine Condos are separated by custom isolation panels so that your companion can enjoy some privacy during their stay with us.

——>The only facility in South Texas that offers an enclosed trial/training/play area that has *Stadium Lighting* for evening play and training. This enables us to not only hold night trials and events, but also provides a great place for guests to run and stretch their legs in the evenings.

——>For clients who like to get their feet wet, we have a large pond in the back of our property that provides a great opportunity to do JUST that!

——>Well rounded team with extensive knowledge of working breeds such as Belgian Malinois, German Shepherds, Labrador Retrievers, Rottweilers and Bulldogs as well as breeds such as Poodles, Boston Terriers, Chihuahuas, etc. There is no breed too small or too large and no dog too far gone that TCK9 will not commit to helping you build a lasting relationship with.

In today's pet-friendly market, it is oftentimes difficult to choose the right training option for your beloved companion(s). Do a Google search and you will find a countless number of dog trainers in the Houston area alone. There are no requirements to become a dog trainer and it appears there is now one on every corner. We would like to make this decision an easy one for you.

——>Tri-County K9 Academy is a family owned and operated facility.

——>Tri-County K9 Academy is a Veteran owned and operated facility.

——>We have a combined 20+ years training dogs and together, we have been serving dog owners and rescue organizations in the Houston and surrounding communities for nearly 12 years.

——>We have assisted 1000's of dogs and owners in building a better, stronger relationship.

——>We have worked with everything from shy and fearful dogs, to severely aggressive dogs, and just about everything in between.

——>When you contact Tri-County K9 Academy, you will be given an honest, straight forward answer about your dog, the issues he/she may be having, and together we can work towards a goal.

——>When you contact Tri-County K9 Academy for information on the training programs that we offer, you will not speak with a high pressure sales person, you will speak with an owner/trainer of TCK9.

——>Tri-County K9 Academy works closely with the local Law Enforcement Agencies and in 2015, trained and donated a German Shepherd to the City of Magnolia Police Department K9 Unit so inevitably there is a strong law enforcement presence at our facility.

——>At Tri-County K9 Academy, we understand that all dogs are not created from the same mold. While one training technique may work for one dog, it may be ineffective for another. We there fore strive to work with each dog as a separate individual to ensure that each dog is given the same opportunity to succeed

## Meet the Team

There are 2 questions we are regularly asked when meeting with new clients. How long have we been training dogs, and how did we meet. It is a true statement that If it were not for dogs, the chances of us meeting would have been highly unlikely. We met in 2004 at a Working Dog Trial in Tomball, Texas. The club I trained with at the time was hosting a trial and Darryl was brought in to decoy/work the trial...basically he was the bad guy wearing the suit that the dogs competing were trained to bite.

As I remember it, Darryl was working the trial, spotted me across the field and was so smitten that he immediately dropped to one knee and proposed...thank goodness he was not severely injured by an advancing K9 during this moment of weakness! 6 months later, he jumped in his truck and drove 1496 miles from Maryland back to Texas with all of his belongings and thus Tri-County K9 Academy began! There may be a few other minor details left out but this is the story as "I" remember it...let's not bother Darryl by asking what story he has to tell.

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## **Darryl Richey**

Darryl has been training dogs and competing for 15+ years. He is a Veteran of the United States Army 82nd Airborne Division where he proudly served our country in Operation Desert Storm and Desert Shield prior to becoming involved with dog training.

Darryl's has trained 5 working dogs for K9s4Cops, prior to the dogs being placed with the Harris County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit and Pasadena Sheriff's Office K9 Unit. Fozzie, Boomer, Mikey, Tamara and Ringo hit the streets in 2011, working to keep illegal narcotics out of the hands of our children and also assisting in apprehending criminals who attempt to evade arrest.

In 2015, Darryl trained German Shepherd, Rocky, who was then donated to the City of Magnolia Police Department, K9 Unit.

## **Qualifications:**

Certifications from

**North State K9 Academy/Tarheel**

**Canine**, in:

K9 Odor Detection Training  
Police K9 Patrol & Dual Purpose Training  
Pet Obedience Training  
Behavior Modification  
Competitive Obedience Training

PSA Midwest Director

PSA President 2005-2008

PSA Judge

PSA Certified Trial Decoy

7x PSA Decoy Hall of Fame

PSA Iron Decoy 2002-2009 National Champion

PSA II in 2002 w/ K9 Gabe 2nd Place

PSA III in 2002 w/ K9 Gabe 2nd Place

PSA I at 2003 PSA Nationals w/ K9 Jager

PSA Tagor V. JoeFarm Award-High Owner Trained

June 2003 Pittstown-High Owner Trained

August 2003 Chicago, IL-High Owner Trained

July 2003 Severn, MD PSA Ben V. Lowenfels Memorial Award-High in Trial

August 2003 Chicago, IL High in Trial - July 2003 Severn, MD

2nd Annual Dog Sports Open Lansing, Michigan 1st Place

Obedience/Protection Level II 1st Place

Obedience/Protection Level III Top Decoy Award

K9 Pro Sports Trial April 2001  
High Protection Score  
Professional Division March 2001  
High Protection  
Professional Division April 2001  
National Association of Protection Dogs Certified 'Bad Guy' Decoy 1998  
United Schutzhund Clubs of America Certified Helper

## **Tammy Richey**

I have been working with dogs for as long as I can remember. As a child, my dad enlisted my assistance with taking our Alaskan Malamute puppy to an obedience class. Our time in class was very short-lived being as our puppy was extremely unruly and not so friendly with other dogs. As an adult, one of my very first dogs after leaving home, was a black Labrador/Rottweiler mix.

Oscar was not the friendliest pup on the planet, he growled at and tried to bite near every person that he met. Knowing that rehoming him into a \*good\* home was far from an option, I hired a trainer and began my journey in dog training. Although Oscar still maintained his protective nature, he became a wonderful member of our family. Training taught him where he fit into our family and gave him an understanding of what was acceptable behavior and what behavior would not be tolerated.

Oscar was my first real stepping-stone into dog training. After acquiring my second dog, a Labrador Retriever, "Gunner", I dove head over heels into rescue.

In early 2004, my rescue organization, Southeast Texas Labrador Retriever Rescue, Inc, received its 501(c)3, Non-Profit Status. We became the first reputable rescue organization in the Houston and surrounding areas, focused solely on rescuing, rehabilitating, and adopting out, Labrador Retrievers from local shelters. Shortly after receiving our non-profit status, I started my journey into training dogs for other individuals. I attended an intense, hands-on dog training school to help fine tune my skills, and have not looked back since. I believe my experience working with dogs from unknown backgrounds in rescue, has made me the well rounded, compassionate trainer that I am today. Dogs coming from backgrounds of abuse or abandonment often times need a kind, patient hand to show them the way and assist them in learning how to properly behave in order to keep a spot in a new or soon to be found home.

## Services

### Obedience Training

At Tri-County K9 Academy, we believe that a strong bond between an owner and dog is created by building a solid foundation of obedience using clear, concise communication. We work together with each owner to help form the stepping stones towards building this foundation thus helping to create a strong life long bond. Tri-County K9 Academy offers a variety of training programs to begin this process. We have 3 In-Board Training programs that range from 2-6 weeks in length and also offer private lessons held both at our facility as well as your home.

In-Board Training programs are offered to individuals/families that do not have the time or desire to attend weekly classes to learn to train their dog. Between work, raising children and afternoon/evening activities, it is oftentimes hard to find even so much as an hour a week to attend a class with your dog. With our In-Board programs, your dog comes to stay with us for a set period of time, residing in one of our Indoor/Outdoor, Climate Controlled Canine Condos. Once training is complete, we work with you and your family to implement the training in your home. All of our In-Board programs come with unlimited follow up sessions for the LIFETIME of your dog.

#### Basic Obedience In-Board Training

**Cost:** \$1075

**Duration:** 2 week course

**Curriculum:**

Sit

Come

Down

Stay

Walk politely on leash

#### Intermediate Obedience Program

**Cost** \$ 1575

**Duration** 3 weeks

**Curriculum:**

Basic Course Commands plus...

Heeling on leash

Ob under distractions

Extended Down Stays

Place

Offsite training

\*Includes the cost of training collar

## **Advanced**

**Cost:** \$3100  
**Duration:** 6 weeks

### **Curriculum:**

Basic/Intermediate Commands plus..

Beginning Off leash control

\*includes the cost of an electronic training collar, purchased at our cost.

\*\*Pick up and Delivery available at an additional charge of \$2 per mile R/T

## **Private Lessons**

Private Lessons can be held either here at our facility, or in the comfort of your home, rates will vary accordingly.

Where: At our facility in Magnolia

What: 5 Private Lessons

Cost: \$550

Where: In your home

What: 5 Private Lessons

Cost: \$550

Travel Costs: \$1.00 per mile, R/T per lesson

Other services available at an additional charge include but not limited to:

Competition Obedience

Grooming

Sport and/or Personal Protection

## **Boarding**

At TCK9, it is important to us that your beloved pet feel as comfortable as possible while entrusted in our care. All dogs staying with us receive daily playtime and/or walks on leash. Kennels are cleaned and disinfected morning and night, and on an as needed basis in between.

### **Indoor/ Outdoor Climate Controlled Canine Condo**

**Cost: \$35 a night**

**No Additional Charge for:**

**Play time**

**Treats**

**Kuddles & Kisses**

### **Dog or Human Aggression Issues? We can help with Boarding!**

TCK9 is one of the only facilities in the area that also offers boarding to dogs with both human aggression and/or dog aggression. In our indoor/outdoor runs, we are able to safely clean and care for your dog without intruding into his/her personal space.

Because of the safety concern involved and extra care needed, there is an additional charge for boarding of this nature.

### **Indoor/Outdoor Climate Controlled Canine Condo for Dogs with Aggression Issues:**

**Cost: \$45 a night**

**\*\*For all of our boarding clients, we do ask that each family provide food for their dogs stay with us. We try to make each guest feel as comfortable in our care as possible, maintaining the same diet helps us achieve this goal and helps alleviate tummy issues.**

### [\*\*Photo Gallery\*\*](#)

### [\*\*Registration page for Boarding and/or Training programs\*\*](#)

### [\*\*Dogs Available\*\*](#)

**At Tri-County K9 Academy, we are highly involved with assisting homeless animals in finding forever homes. We regularly have family-friendly dogs of varying breeds, available for adoption and are happy to offer space in our facility to Southeast Texas Labrador Retriever Rescue.**

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