

## Training for Life

Mark Lieberman's goal is to help families live in harmony with their dogs. Owner of the Bark Busters Home Dog Training Franchise for Westchester and Putnam County, he has trained over 1,200 dogs. He uses dog-friendly, non-food based techniques — “no animal in the world uses food to train their young” — that mirror dogs' instinctual pack behavior. His training methods are similar to “The Dog Whisperer,” says Lieberman, who was certified as a Master Trainer in 2007.



Bark Busters Home Dog Training is recommended by veterinarians and gives a guaranteed lifetime of support. SPCA International awarded Bark Busters its “Best of the Best” for global excellence.

Lieberman comes to your home and “trains the family to train the dog.” He handles all kinds of behavioral problems. His puppy-training package consists of three visits for dogs under 6 months and two sessions for dogs 7 months and over.

In the first session, which is generally 2 hours long, Lieberman evaluates the puppy and its behavior, starts working on housebreaking and behavioral issues such as whining and nipping, explains pack behavior to the family and trains everyone in the family over the age of 13 to become pack leaders. “Training is all about timing, body language and tone of voice,” he says.

At the end of the session, he gives the family “homework.” A week or two later, he returns for the second session, which is typically an hour long. At this session, he works with the dog and family on obedience training, such as “sit and stay,” and works on teaching the dog to walk on a leash. In the third session, he adds distractions to the “sit and stay” commands and addresses any other behavioral concerns that have arisen.

Lieberman offers a lifetime guarantee on the dog's behavior and will return for extra training sessions at no extra charge if problems arise. Not only that, but the guarantee follows the pet, even if it ends up with another family.

For more information about Bark Busters, go to [www.BarkBusters.com](http://www.BarkBusters.com) or call Mark Lieberman at 414-7936.