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OBJECTIVE

To assist and work with dog owners training their dogs to learn basic obedience, good manners and improve or eliminate challenging behaviors through force-free, positive reinforcement training.

EXPERIENCE

Respectful K9 Dog Training April 2017 – present Owner/Certified Dog Trainer

- Provide in-home customized dog training to satisfy the needs of a variety of clients to include: owners, adopters, fosters, shelters and rescues.
- Training includes obedience, good manners, and behavior modification for dogs experiencing challenges such as impulse control, reactivity, aggression, guarding, anxiety and P.T.S.D.
- Assist rescues with limited temperament assessments, foster/new dog introductions, dog-cat introductions
- Professional member (#40299183) of the Pet Professional Guild, an organization whose members are committed to result-based, science-based and force-free training and pet care.
- Volunteer at Freedom Service Dogs, Englewood, CO, a nonprofit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by rescuing dogs and custom training them for individual client's needs.

Misha May Foundation March 2016 – May 2017 Dog Trainer Apprentice

- Provided hands-on assistance and training to clients and their dogs during classes offered at the Misha May Foundation in Lakewood, CO
- Training classes included basic obedience and good manners, but mostly offered specialized classes for dogs dealing with impulse control, reactivity, aggression, anxiety, P.T.S.D. and other challenging behaviors

U.S. Government November 1987 – August 2017 Federal Law Enforcement Officer

- U.S. Probation Office (1987 – 1997) – U.S. Probation Officer in the Southern District of Florida conducting Presentence Investigations for the U.S. Federal Judicial Court.
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Criminal Investigation Division (1997 – 2017) – Special Agent for the Denver Area Office. Conducted criminal environmental investigations, enforced federal environmental laws that protect land, water and air resources, and assisted federal prosecutors in gathering evidence, interviewing witnesses and organizing facts for criminal prosecutions. Investigated and assisted in the prosecution of several animal poisoning cases.

EDUCATION

Certifications

- Professional Dog Trainer Certification Program, Karen Pryor Academy, Boulder, CO June 2018
(IN PROGRESS)
- Dog Trainer/Behavior Specialist Certification, Misha May Foundation, Lakewood, CO, May 2017
- K9 First Aid and CPR Certification, Westminster, CO December 2017
- Reiki Certification as an Animal Practitioner, Misha May Foundation, Lakewood, CO, March 2016
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Florida International University, Miami, FL, April 1991

Continuing Education

- January – June, 2018: Karen Pryor Academy, Professional Dog Trainer Certification Program, six month program by Shelly Bower, KPA-CTP, offered by the Karen Pryor Academy, Boulder, CO **(IN PROGRESS)**
- April 28, 2018: “How to Help Dogs Who Are Deaf, Fearful and/or Unfriendly” class by Lorraine May, offered by Misha May Foundation, Dog Training and Rescue Support
- April 21-22, 2018: “Empowered Socialization: Behavior Adjustment Training for Aggression, Frustration and Fear” two-day seminar by Grisha Stewart, CPDT-KA, KPA-CTP, offered by All Breed Rescue & Training, Colorado Springs, CO
- April 11, 2018: “Total Recall” webinar by Gosia Wozniak, offered by the Pet Professional Guild
- March 28, 2018: “Fear Threshold” webinar by Tracy Krulik, offered by the Pet Professional Guild
- March 21, 2018: “So You Want To Help Shelter Dogs” webinar by Amy Sutherland, offered by the Pet Professional Guild
- March 16, 2018: “Step In Time” webinar by Sian Ryan, offered by the Pet Professional Guild
- February 22, 2018: “A Natural Approach to Positive Behavior” webinar by Meg Harrison, offered by the Pet Professional Guild
- December 16, 2017: “K9 First-Aid and CPR”, one-day class by Eric Roth, Colorado CPR & AED
- December 14, 2017: “Solutions for Working with Shy, Fearful, or Anxious Dogs” webinar by Kathy Cascade, PT, PCT-A, Tellington TTouch Instructor, offered by the Pet Professional Guild
- November 16, 2017: “How to Overcome All Your Dog’s Frustrating Behavioral Issues Using ‘Simple-Science’ Dog Training” webinar by Ian Dunbar
- October 23, 2017: “Nitty Gritty of Cat Training” webinar by Jacqueline Munera, offered by the Pet Professional Guild
- October 17, 2017: “How Do You Know If A Dog Has Developed A Positive Association?” webinar by Yvette Van Veen, offered by the Pet Professional Guild
- October 11, 2017: “Platform Training – Step Up to the Mark” webinar by Kay Attwood, offered by the Pet Professional Guild
- October 7, 2017: “Essential Oils Seminar for Animals” live seminar by Sharen Pearson, offered by Grace Dog Training & Behavior
- October 4, 2017: “Dog Aggression for Dog Walkers” live presentation by Pat Blocker, offered by The Noble Beast Dog Training

- October 3, 2017: “Predatory Behaviour : What is it and can it be stopped?” webinar by Dr. Tiffani Howell, offered by the Pet Professional Guild
- September 25, 2017: “Differentiating the ‘Pawsibilities’” webinar by Dr. Lynn Honeckman, offered by the Pet Professional Guild
- September 25, 2017: “The Shock Free Coalition – The What, Why and When!” webinar by Nikki Tudge, offered by the Pet Professional Guild
- September 15, 2017: “Behavior Chain Fundamentals” webinar by Louise Stapleton-Frappell, offered by the Pet Professional Guild
- September 13, 2017: “The R.E.W.A.R.D. Zone for Aggressive and Reactive Dogs” webinar by Pamela Dennison, CDBC, IAABC, offered by the Pet Professional Guild
- September 11, 2017: “Is Service Dog Training The Right Fit or Your Pet Dog Training Business?” webinar by Veronica Sanchez, CABC, CPDT-KA, offered by the Pet Professional Guild
- September 8, 2017: “The Power of Choice” webinar by Irith Bloom, offered by the Pet Professional Guild
- July 26, 2017: “CAAB Chat – Professional Standards for Dog Trainers: The 2001 Project” webinar by Suzanne Hetts, PhD, CAAB, offered by the Animal Behavior Associates
- July 12, 2017: “Do What You Love: Building a Successful Animal Training Career” by Ken Ramirez, offered by Karen Pryor Academy
- June 3-4, 2017: “Aggression Cases – Applied Behavior Modification, Safety, and Defensive Handling” a two-day workshop by Michael Shikashio, CDBC and Trisha Loehr, CPDT-KA, ACCBC, CDBC, offered by Grace Dog Training & Behavior
- February 18-19, 2017: “Do As I Do Dog Training Seminar” a two-day workshop by Dr. Claudia Fugazza, offered by The Noble Beast Dog Training