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Objective

To enable, improve, and perfect communication between dogs, families, and communities through socialization, behavior modification, repetition and consistency.

Education

- 2005-2007 **Nicely Trained Canines** Virginia Beach, VA
- Apprenticeship 12+ hours per week.
 - Assisted in teaching private classes for dogs of all breeds, temperaments, and socialization and education levels.
 - Assisted in teaching puppy class focusing on socialization, potty training, destructive chewing, play biting and nutrition.
- 2006 **Bach Flower Remedy**
- 2 hour web-based class on the diagnosis and treatment of canine emotional issues via Bach Flower essences.
- 2007 **Canine Nutrition** Virginia Beach, VA
- 16 hour class about canine nutrition for optimal health, well being and physical appearance instructed by Wendy Volhard, leading authority on canine health and nutrition. Focus on food, supplementation and Chinese medicine.
- 2007 **Cavalier Canine** Virginia Beach, VA
- Master Canine Obedience Instructor
 - Four month hands-on intensive program focusing on how and why dogs learn.
- 2007 **Cavalier Canine** Virginia Beach, VA
- Behavior Modification Canine Counselor
 - Four month hands-on intensive program focusing on aggression, anxiety, and dogs which are shy, timid, or nervous. Learned to diagnose and problem solve on a case by case basis.

Experience

- 2005-present **Nicely Trained Canines** Virginia Beach, VA
Assistant Canine Instructor
- Specializing in private and group classes for both puppies and adult dogs.
- 2005-present **AKC Good Citizen Class** Virginia Beach, VA
Assistant Canine Instructor
- Assisted in a two-part training program that stresses responsible pet ownership and basic good manners for dogs.
- 2005-present **Inboard Training Program** Norfolk, VA
Canine Instructor
- Personally designed program tailored to dog and family needs. Basic and advanced options may include behavior modification, house breaking, and commands: sit, down, down stay, let's go, heel, come, and go place.
 - On and off leash options.
 - Includes private at home lessons with family.
- 2005-present **Muddy Paws** Norfolk, VA
Nutrition Counselor and Retail Sales

2005-present **Distraction Class** Norfolk, VA

Canine Instructor

- Personally designed program offered to all clients who have completed a private or inboard program. Provides owners and dogs an opportunity to practice all commands in the presence of other dogs and multiple distractions.

2007-present **Puppy Class** Norfolk, VA

Canine Instructor

- Personally designed program for young dogs with emphasis on socialization, house breaking, destructive chewing, play biting and nutrition.

2007-present **Private Obedience Instruction** Norfolk, VA

Canine Instructor

- Personally designed basic and/or advanced program tailored to dogs and families. Offered on and off leash.

Canine Breeds

Among the breeds I have trained:

- Airdale, American Bulldog, Beagle, Bull Terrier, Corgy, Coonhound, Dachshund, French Bulldog, German Shepard, Multipoo, Rotweiller, Weatan Terrier, Weimeranier, and my favorite: the All American Mixed Breed.

Community Service

2006-2008 **Ballentine Retirement Home** Norfolk, VA

- Pet Therapy with residents.

2006-present **Bayville Library** Virginia Beach, VA

- Reading group with children.

2007 **Kempsville Greens Golf Course** Virginia Beach, VA

- Assisted Virginia Police officer and canine obedience specialist Maynard Peas in training rescue dog Honey to keep grounds free of geese.

2007 **Virginia Beach Animal Control** Virginia Beach, VA

- Assisted Maynard Peas in conducting free basic obedience classes.

2008-present **United Service Organization (USO)** Virginia Beach, VA

- Pet Therapy and socialization with the men and women returning from the war with various mental and physical injuries.

Personal

My family includes rescue dogs:

- Boxer-Sheppard Mix Rex, who has been with us for four years and is a therapy dog and CGC.
- Coonhound Dixie, who has been with us for four years. Initially, she was very aggressive to people and other dogs. She has been rehabilitated and is now a therapy dog and CGC.
- Pit-mix Murphy, who has been with us for two years. Initially, Murphy was so aggressive he was to be euthanized. He is now a CGC.
- Dachound Jack, 12 week old puppy is the newest addition.

My work is fueled through a deep concern for animal owners and their pets, and the firm belief that training makes an even *good dog better*.