

CONTINUING EDUCATION

December 2020. Online participation in daily summit by international dog trainers hosted at Empowered Dogs.

Summer 2020. Created and instructed 6-module online course for professional dog trainers awarded 15 continuing education units by the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers.

August 2020 Hosted 10-day summit featuring interviews with top dog training professionals -conducting all interviews and promotions.

2018-2020. Received weekly instruction from Joys of Living Assistance Dogs in the process of teaching psychiatric patients at Oregon State Hospital to train service dogs.

July 2017. Attended and co-instructed a 5 day professional dog trainer education workshop with David Muriello and Pia Silvani with CATCH Canine Trainers Academy at St. Huberts' Animal Welfare Center.

October 2016. Attended 3-day Shelter Dog Behavior Workshop by Kelley Bollen.

October 2015. Attended 5 days Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT) convention with lectures by Dr. Stephen Ledoux, Dr. Roger Abrantes, Veronica Boutelle, Linda Case among others. Also a full day workshop with Sue Sternberg.

October 2013. Attended 5 days Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT) convention. Attended lectures by Ken Ramirez, Dr. Ian Dunbar, Dr. Brian Hare, Grisha Stewart, Nicole, Wilde, Denise Fenzi, Lauren Fox, Coleen Pelar, Virginia Dare, Kim Wilson, Ken McCort, Malena DeMartin-Price and more. Served second term as volunteer "border collie" helping staff with tasks.

September 2013 to present. Enrolled in year-long online equine clicker training program, The Clicker Center, taught by Alexandra Kurland.

October 2012. Attended 5 days Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) convention. Attended lectures by Steve White, Sue Sternberg, Rise van Fleet, Susan Garrett, Teoti Anderson, Gail Fisher, Teresa McKeon, Robin Bennett, Melanie Nelson, Susannah Charleson, Pia Silvani, Jeanine Johnson-Brown, Doug Knueven DVM.

September/October 2012. Attended 4 days at Alexandra Kurland Equine Clicker Training Clinic. Developed skills including micro-shaping, rope handling, balance, reinforcement ratios, equine body language and more.

September 2011. Attended 4 days at Alexandra Kurland Equine Clicker Training Clinic. Developed clicker training skills and instructor technique by observing Alexandra Kurland work with 7 horses and their owners for 4 days. Instruction included trainer balance, timing, micro-shaping, rope handling, creativity exercises, equine body language and more.

March 2011. Attended 4 days at Clicker Expo, Chicago. Workshops included Creativity and the Science of Thinking by Karen Pryor; Aggression Treatment and Context and Concept Training Copy Cat? Copy Dog! Ken Ramirez; Component Training: Piecing Together Success by Alexandra Kurland; An Ounce of Prevention: Training that Heads Off Behavior Issues by Emma Parsons and Helix Fairweather; Crosstrain! by Michelle Pouliot; Top OTCh: Skills for Top Obedience by Cecilie Koste.

2010. Completed Red Cross First Aid for Dogs Certification Seminar.

2009. "It's Okay to Say NO!" 1 1/2 day seminar by Pia Silvani. Instruction on incorporating punishment into a behavior modification plan, clicker training, dog training strategies, client communication and more.

2009. "Breeding Better Dogs" 2-day seminar by Carmen Battaglia. Instruction on genetic and non-genetic potential, assessment of canine structure and gait, evaluating bitches and dogs based upon heritable tendencies, developing planned breeding program.

Fall 2008 – Spring 2013. Participant at Hound Table – monthly meeting of Indianapolis area dog training and behavior professionals. Discussions include case studies, equipment, techniques, client communication skills and debriefing of seminars attended.

2008. Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) Conference, Louisville, KY. Attended professional conference and workshop with hands-on applications.*

2007. Humane Society of Indianapolis Conference: Terry Ryan. Attended 1 1/2 day conference.

2006. Humane Society of Indianapolis Conference: Pia Silvani. Attended 2-day conference.

1998. APDT Mini Conference, Applications-Oriented, St. Louis, MO. Attended 2-day conference. Won the "My Dog Can Do That" contest with my own Australian Shepherd.*

1998. Indiana Veterinary Technician Fall Conference. Attended 2-day conference.

1998. APDT Training People and Dogs, 5th Annual Educational Conference, Valley Forge, PA. Attended 3-day conference. *

1997. University of Montana; Bachelor of Arts – Psychology (3.9GPA) Completed undergraduate-level research in the attachment of owners to their dogs before and after an AAA/T training program. Designed and conducted research on canine greeting behaviors. Completed coursework included Animal Behavior and Research Methods. Developed curriculum for and facilitated a 1-credit Freshman-level course for 25 students.

1997. APDT Training People and Dogs 4th Annual Educational Conference, Memphis, TN. Attended 3-day conference.*

1997. Indiana Veterinary Technician Fall Conference. Attended 2-day conference.

1997. APDT Pre-Conference Seminars, Memphis, TN. Attended "Pro-active Aggression Management" and "Premier Gentle Leader" courses, one day each.*

1996. Delta Society 15th Annual Training Conference, Phoenix AZ. Attended 4-day conference, including "Delta Animal Handler Instruction Course (for AAA/T), and "Delta AAA/T Site Assessment Course."

1995. Food, Fun and Focus, Spokane, WA. Two-day competitive dog obedience seminar by Patti Ruzzo, detailing positive reinforcement methods.

1993. Wisconsin Academy for Graduate Service Dogs; Wisconsin. Seven-day personal tutorial from founder and Training Director, Lynn Thorpe, regarding service dog selection and training.

1993. San Francisco SPCA Hearing Dog Program; San Francisco, CA. One-day tutorial in the selection and training of shelter dogs as hearing dogs.

1992. Missoula County Adult Education. Completed two-month course in writing for children.

1987-1990. Solano Community College, California. Completion of general education courses in preparation for advanced undergraduate studies.

1984-1985. Western Career College Animal Health Technician Program. Graduated from 11-month curriculum including one month, full-time externship training in a veterinary hospital. Earned California AHT license from the California State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

1980-1990. CARDA and WOOF, CA. Personal instruction from a variety of experienced trainers, including my mother, in selecting, training and handling search and rescue dogs. Many hours spent as training "victim", learning the intricacies of scent work. Assisted in the instruction of group obedience classes and initial air-scent training for newcomers.

1997. Graduated University of Montana; Bachelor of Arts with High Honors (Psychology).

1996 and 1997. McNair Scholars Program Scholarship. Awarded twice - this extensive scholarship is to encourage first generation university students to complete undergraduate research in preparation for graduate school admissions. Research project explored the effect of a therapy dog training course on the attachment of people to their dogs.

1995. University of Montana Phi Kappa Phi Member. Invited as a junior (top 5% of junior class); Presidents Honor Roll, GPA 4.0.

1987-1990. Solano Community College Dean's and Presidents Honor Roll GPA 3.96.

1984. Full-tuition scholarship to Western Career College, Carmichael, CA.
Many other scholarships and awards.

*APDT/Delta Conference speakers that I have learned from include Ian Dunbar, Suzanne Clothier, Gary Wilkes, Turrid Rugas, Kathy Sdao, Leslie Nelson, Sue Sternberg, Trish King, Linda Tellington-Jones, Ted Turner, Suzanne Hetts, Patricia McConnell, Daniel Estep, Terry Ryan, Deborah Jones, Pia Silvani, others.