

Barb started preparing for her career in animal care at age 11. She began by volunteering at a veterinary clinic for large and small animals, eventually working her way up to a paid position in the same clinic. Barb then moved onto two large research labs. While there she worked on juvenile diabetes and cancer studies.

Eventually Barb returned to a small animal practice and learned the basic art of pet grooming. She also became a part-time dog officer. While working at the clinic, Barb found that most boarding kennels were a highly stressful place for animals and, as a result, pets would often do poorly when exposed to this confining environment. This inspired her to open CPS in 1990 — an in-your-home pet sitting service. Her goal was to provide pet sitting services that would not only relieve the stress for the pets but would also eliminate the pet owner's distress. Twenty three years later, her business has grown into a full-service in-your-home pet sitting service, grooming facility, and fitness center, which includes an Aquapaws underwater treadmill (K-9 Hydrotherapy).

Over the past two years, she has been involved in animal rehabilitation for post surgical cases and has created fitness programs to help animals, specifically dogs, maintain good health. Barb feels the combination of passive range of motion and water therapy will strengthen your dog and help prevent possible injuries as well as extend your dog's life.