



## Curriculum Vitae

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### **Professional experience**

- President and owner of Pet Behavior Solutions, 1996 to present
- Pet behavior counselor and trainer, 1996 to present
- Interim President and CEO, Arizona Animal Welfare League, 2006 to 2007
- Director of Animal Training and Behavior for the Arizona Animal Welfare League, 1997 to 2006

### **Published work**

- A Guide to the Physical Characteristics of Cats, 2007.
- A Guide to Understanding Dog Breeds and Behaviors, 2006.
- Created and implemented *Core Behavior Assessment*<sup>TM</sup> for Dogs and Cats which is in use at many statewide animal shelters, rescues, county animal control, and Humane Societies, 2004.
- Created and implemented *Choice Training*<sup>TM</sup> method of behavior modification and training 2001.
- PBS Puppy Guide, 2019

### **Education and Certifications**

- National Certification provided through Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers, CPDT, 2001 to present.
- American Institute for Property and Liability Underwriters, CPCU, Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter, 1994.
- Insurance Institute of America, ARM, Associate in Risk Management, 1995.
- American Educational Institute, FCLA, Associate in Fraud Claims Law, 1996.
- Specialized education and training in psychology, learning theory, ethology, counseling, behavior modification techniques, aggression, canine and feline behavior issues, and grief counseling.
- Attend Arizona Veterinary Medical Association annual conference.
- Attend Association of Professional Dog Trainer's annual conference.
- Attend continuing education seminars and workshops.

### **Pet Behavior Solutions Background**

Pet Behavior Solutions is a full-service pet behavior practice providing help to pet owners and shelter or rescue organizations. Our expertise extends to all forms of canine and feline behavior and training issues. In addition to providing services to the public sector, we also offer many of our services to Arizona animal control, animal shelter and rescue personnel.

### **Services Provided**

- Behavior modification and counseling for all levels of pet behavior problems.
- Expert in temperament disorders including aggression, anxieties, compulsive behaviors, etc.
- All levels of training from puppy socialization to advanced obedience including animal assisted therapy preparation.
- Behavior assessments for animal control and animal shelter and rescue agencies.
- Train animal control officers in defensive handling and understanding of dog and cat behavior.
- Train shelter staff in temperament assessments, adoption counseling, animal handling, treatment protocols, and shelter enrichment.
- Daycare/day-school with an emphasis on manners and enrichment provided through our EduCare for Dogs<sup>TM</sup> program
- Pet grief counseling.
- Dog day care staff training.

## **Memberships**

- Association of Pet Dog Trainers
- Animal Behavior Society
- Association for Behavior Analysis, Animal Trainer's Forum

## **Seminars**

- Speaker for Arizona State Humane Conference, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008
- Speaker for Arizona Animal Advocates Volunteer Conference, 2007
- Seminars written and presented for conferences, animal shelters, veterinarians, and the public on:
  - Core Behavior Assessment for Dogs
  - Core Behavior Assessment for Cats
  - Canine Aggression
  - Separation Anxiety
  - Pit Bull workshop
  - Training Methods/Equipment
  - Bite Prevention
  - Multiple Dog Issues
  - Attending to your Dog's Social Needs
  - Environmental Enrichment for Sheltered Dogs and Cats
  - Dog Body Language
  - Cat Body Language
  - Understanding the Behavior of Cats
  - Cat Behavior and Social Development
  - Dog Behavior and Social Development
  - Age Appropriate Activities for Kittens
  - Age Appropriate Activities for Puppies

## **Miscellaneous**

- National Register's of Who's Who for Business Leaders.
- Authored articles for
  - First for Women Magazine
  - The Arizona Republic
  - The Prescott Daily Courier
  - Dogality
  - The Pet Paper
  - Local shelter and rescue newsletters and other online publications
- Interviewed as an animal behavior expert by local television news and magazine reporters.
- Retained as an expert in cases pertaining to animal behavior.
  - Scottsdale Municipal Court
  - Superior Court for the State of Arizona
  - Phoenix Municipal Court
  - Pinal County Justice Court
  - Chandler Municipal Court
- Board of Directors for Citizen's Police Academy Alumni of Scottsdale – a nonprofit organization raising money for the Scottsdale Police Department's special projects and youth programs.
- Creator of Edu-Care for Dogs™, "Innovative Life Skills Training for Dogs" daycare and dayschool.

## **References:**

- Kelly Moffat, DVM, Mesa Veterinary Hospital
- Friends for Life Animal Shelter, Gilbert AZ
- SAVE Animal Shelter, Princeton NJ