

CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- MA with distinction in Professional Practice (Canine Behaviour and Psychology)
- City & Guilds 7304 Further and Adult Education teaching certificate

PROFESSIONAL / VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Fellow of the Canine & Feline Behaviour Association
- Canine & Feline Behaviour Association Expert Witness for Scotland
- Master Trainer with The Guild of Dog Trainers
- Associate member of the British Police & Services Canine Association
- Specialist dog handler and senior tutor with the Dog Safety Education Executive
- Gundog training assessor with The Pet and Working Gundog Organisation
- Kennel Club Working Gundog Certificate assessor
- National Certificate in Canine First Aid
- Kennel Club Accredited Instructor in Advanced Gundog training
- Kennel Club Accredited Instructor Preferred Education Provider

PUBLISHED WORK

- The Pet Gundog ISBN 978-0-9570051-1-2
With DVD ISBN 978-0-9570051-3-6
- The Advanced Pet Gundog ISBN 978-0-9570051-0-5
With DVD ISBN 978-0-9570051-4-3
- The Pet Gundog Puppy ISBN 978-0-9570051-2-9
With DVD ISBN 978-0-9570051-5-0
- DK The Complete Dog Breed Guide ISBN 978-1405394666 (gundog breeds)
- Defining Roles for Dog Behaviour and Training Professionals
<http://petbc.org.uk/PETbc%20roles%202010-2.pdf>
- Freelance feature writer for Dogs Monthly magazine for five years
- Freelance feature writer for Marlborough Town and Country magazine
- Feature writer for Sporting Gun and first lady gundog trainer feature writer for a national shooting magazine

ORGANISATION INVOLVEMENT

- Founder of Trained for Life and Trained for Life Training Academy
- Co-founder of The Pet and Working Gundog Association (PAWGO)
- Co-founder of the Canine Consultant Specialists Group (CCSG)
- Co-founder of the Dog Safety Education Executive (DogSEE)
- Companion Animal Welfare Council (CAWC)
- Founder Member of the Registration Council for Dog Training and Behaviour Practitioners
- Founder Member of the Management Committee for the Registration Council for Dog Training and Behaviour Practitioners
- Lantra National Occupational Standards working committee responsible for developing the
 - Dog Training and Behaviour standard
 - Dog Handling standard
- Tutor and lecturer for The Cambridge Institute of Dog Behaviour and Training for five years
- The Guild of Dog Trainers
 - Tutor and lecturer
 - Developed and launched the Balanced Intelligent Dog Training campaign
 - Developed and launched the annual Dog Awareness week
 - Held post of Education and Development Officer for three and a half years

GUEST SPEAKER EVENTS

- National Dog Wardens Association annual conference, June 2013
- Kennel Club Accredited Instructor Educational Zone, Crufts March 2014
- National Dog Wardens Association Bite Back conference, April 2014
- Canine and Feline Behaviour Association 'Know your Dog' Seminar, April 2014
- Kennel Club Canine Athlete Seminar, November 2014
- UK Wolf Conservation Trust, February 2015
- Kennel Club Accredited Instructor Educational Zone, Crufts March 2015
- Bowood Ladies event, April 2015
- DogFest South, June 2015
- Radio guest for matters relating to dog behaviour and training

OTHER

- Launched the Lez Graham range of training equipment, Crufts 2015
 - Retrieving Roll, shortlisted as one of the top four new gundog training products
 - Slip & Clip lead
 - Brace lead
- #putthecameradown campaign aimed at educating the public on dog safety
- #onedogfamily campaign aimed at dog walkers encouraging responsible dog walking
- Launched the Accredited Pet Gundog Instructor Programme, September 2015

RESUMÉ OF EXPERIENCE

I started to train dogs professionally in 2004 when I was one of the instructors teaching on behalf of Manukau Dog Training Club (MDTC) out of the Kennel Club's Ardmore building in New Zealand.

During my three years in New Zealand, as well as training for the MDTC, I also worked as a Kinesiologist and Touch for Health Instructor, not only working with people but balancing dogs and horses too. My legacy to New Zealand was training Kinesiologists how to work with animals and the Kinesiology Association of New Zealand (KANZ) which I co-founded and was the Inaugural President of.

Upon returning to the UK in 2007 I set up as a full time Dog Behaviour Specialist and Gundog trainer when I split my working weeks between behaviour consultations and gundog training, as well as basic obedience and good manners classes. I also tutored extensively during this time for The Cambridge Institute of Dog Behaviour & Training and The Guild of Dog Trainers.

I moved to Scotland in January 2016 and founded the Trained for Life Training Academy, launching a number of courses as well as the Accredited Pet Gundog Instructor programme.

CANINE BEHAVIOUR CONSULTANT

The behaviour that I'm requested to help deal with varies from lack of recall and separation anxiety to bringing home a new puppy and helping new owners set up their home and do the basic training as well crate training and toilet training.

I have gravitated towards specialising in aggression; although it wasn't planned, it just turned out that the majority of the dogs that I see are aggressive in one form or another, whether that is barking and lunging at other dogs or repeatedly biting and drawing blood.

In 2016 the Canine & Feline Behaviour Association gave me the honour of being their Expert Witness for Scotland. This role involves being able to provide expert witness testimony on a dog's character by temperament testing and providing a detailed report as commissioned by solicitors and agencies such as social services for use in a court of law.

I also carry out educational visits to schools covering canine communication and safety around dogs.

Courses taught :

KC GCDS puppy foundation, bronze, silver and gold

Manners not Mayhem: an annual event taught at Marlborough College Summer School

PET GUNDOG TRAINER

For me gundog training is all about having a well mannered and well trained gundog that you can take anywhere with you and so the emphasis for my classes is on 'steadiness for the field' regardless of whether that's because my handlers are planning on taking their dog out on a shoot or just wanting to train him to a very high level of basic obedience.

The training covers in depth, all aspects of the skills required by the Kennel Club in their Working Gundog Certificate and is structured into manageable chunks, each increasing the complexity of the exercises learned in previous terms; newly acquired skills are assessed as a

way of building confidence in the handlers and giving them something to aim for on the road to the WGC.

Courses taught :

The Pet and Working Gundog Organisation (PAWGO) gundog training awards
PAWGO foundation award: an annual event taught at Marlborough College Summer School

Assessor for :

The Pet and Working Gundog Organisation gundog training awards
The Kennel Club's Working Gundog Certificate

TRAINED FOR LIFE TRAINING ACADEMY

The Training Academy is dedicated to providing high quality, professional training courses for dog trainers and behaviourists using positive and motivational training styles.

Courses taught :

The Accredited Pet Gundog Instructor programme
Know your Dog
Equipment and Dog Training
More than a walk in the Park

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Personal achievements in the UK

- Competition Obedience to Novice and represented Newbury in the Hampshire Rally
- 2 dogs through to KC GCDS Gold
- 1 dog through KC WGC on dummies
- 1 dog achieved 3rd place in the BASC Working Gundog ring, Crufts
- Competed 3 dogs in KC GWTs

Personal achievements in the NZ

- competed in Gundog Working trials
- trained with the North Shore Urban Search and Rescue team (USAR)
- gained CDX qualification

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

2001 – 2006 Kinesiologist and Advanced Touch for Health Instructor and assessor. Specialised in learning difficulties and the muscular girdles. Also worked extensively with dogs and horses and wrote the first course to train kinesiologists to work with animals.

1988 – 2000 IT project manager. Worked through the various levels from trainee programmer to project manager on the Year2000 project and a programme manager for the Euro project.

1986 – 1988 Sales ledger clerk through to Network Manager for a small local newspaper.

1983 – 1986 Working with horses throughout the North East of England; yards included 2 riding schools, a hunt yard and an event yard.