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## EDUCATION

Colorado Mountain College, Rifle, CO

Associates of Science 1997

University of Colorado, Denver, CO, 2002

B.S. in Psychology- Graduated with honors as a Psi-Chi member

## EXPERIENCE

1990-Present Hooves for the Heart-

Design and implement therapeutic horseback riding programs for children with severe emotional disorders.

1990-Present Canine Country School- Animal Behavior Specialist

Develop protocol and instruct training for companion animals and their people through the integration of behavior modification techniques with current non-aversive learning theory models.

1997-2003 Developmentally Delayed Resource Center-

Stewardship over a 34 year old Trisomy 15/18 patient by feeding through a G tube, bathing, catheterizing and providing physical, mental and emotional assistance through the use of companion animals.

November 2000 Featured speaker in Waikiki, HI on behavior modification.

1999- 2003 Featured speaker at the University of Denver (biyearly bases)

Animal assisted activities and animal interventions in the therapeutic model.

February 2000 Featured speaker at Horses & Healing on therapeutic horseback riding interventions.

May 2002 Featured speaker throughout Victoria, Australia.

Integral part of program development for the Department of Corrections and Human Services on behavior modification and management choices.

2003- Present Animal Behavior Academy Program Coordinator and Master Instructor

Responsible for animal training apprentice program development, implementation and assessment.

Oct. 2004 Presented therapeutic animal interventions at ATTACH conference in Richmond, Virginia

October 2005 Therapeutic riding program development workshop in Northern California.

Oct 2006 Presented a full day for Children Hope & Horses on therapeutic animal interventions, Boca Raton, FL.

April 2008 Animal therapeutic interventions organizer & head instructor at Turning Point Camp, Sweetwater, CO

May 2009 Animal therapeutic interventions organizer & head instructor at Turning Point Camp, Sweetwater, CO

April 2010 Animal therapeutic interventions organizer & head instructor at Turning Point Camp, Sweetwater, CO

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/ ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 1988 Present Active member and volunteer with the AKC Roaring Fork Kennel Club
- 1990 Colorado State Fair Grand Champion Dog Obedience Team
- 1990-1991 Garfield County Fair and Rodeo Queen
- 1991 Colorado State Fair Grand Champion Dairy Goat and Dairy Goat Showman
- 1993 Colorado State fair Grand Champion Trail Horse
- 1994-Present Judge Obedience, Showmanship, Agility and Rally annually for at least three counties within the region for their county fair or fun matches.
- 1998- Present Subscriber to Animal Wellness, Whole Dog Journal, Dog Watch, Whole Horse Journal and Equus
- 1999 With the backing of the University of Colorado, designed and conducted an experiment in self-esteem development through the use of therapeutic horseback riding.
- 2000 Psi Chi Member (Psychology Honors Association)
- 2000- Present Certified Professional Dog Trainer- Knowledge Assessed # 71904 by CCPDT
- 2000-2006 Board of Directors for the SAVY nonprofit foundation to Stop America's Violent Youth
- 2001- Present Registered riding instructor with NARHA # 39679.
- 2001- Present Member of Equine Facilitated Mental Health Assoc
- 2001 Authored the biography, Dandelion on My Pillow, Butcher Knife Beneath
- 2001 Chairman of Grant Committee for SAVY, Inc.
- 2002- Present Volunteer with Colorado Animal Rescue: training out or assessing extreme behavior in dogs
- 2003 Authored the riding program, It's Not Just Horsin' Around With Defiant Kids
- 2003 Awarded the WIRED award from the Small Business Development Center (Willpower, Initiative, Resolve, Enthusiasm, Determination)
- 2002-Present Served on board of directors of the Roaring Fork Kennel Club
- 2003 - Present American Red Cross Instructor Certification with Pet CPR & First Aid endorsement
- 2004- Present Chairperson for Hospitality of annual AKC dog show
- 2005 - 2010 Eagle County Dog 4-h Leader & county fair superintendent
- 2005- Present Volunteer with the Rifle Shelter: training out or assessing extreme behavior in some dogs
- 2006- Present Canine Corner Newsletter editor for the Roaring Fork Kennel Club
- 2007 Presented Canine Body Language to NW Expo
- 2008 Presented Canine Body Language to Grand Valley Kennel Club
- 2008- Present Latham Foundation Member
- 2009 Active member of Therapy Dog International with two volunteering dogs
- 2009 - Present Certified Equine Interaction Professional by Certification Board of Equine Interaction Professionals
- 2009 North Western 4H Dog Project Expo organizer & superintendent
- 2009 - Present Canine Good Citizen Evaluator # 39912
- 2010 Taught workshop on rally for NW Dog Expo
- 2010 Volunteered at Redstone Winterfest to teach pet 1<sup>st</sup> aid and CPR
- 2010 Volunteered at PoochParade for Beth Byerly as CGC Evaluator
- 2010- Present Active Division of Wildlife volunteer
- 2011 - Present Therapy Dog International Evaluator # 1136

