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### OBJECTIVES

To obtain a position in the animal care industry that utilizes my unique set of talents gained throughout twenty years of professional companion animal experiences, including over ten years of operating a large-scale dog training and behavior business.

### EDUCATION

**Bachelor of Science in Animal Science**      University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
1997 Graduate with Honors  
GPA in major: 3.6/4.0

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Co-Founder, President, Office Manager/Bookkeeper, Dog Training Instructor and Behavior Counselor**, Moongazer Incorporated, St. Joseph, IL      (1998-Present)

Founded canine companion training company with web retail pet supply presence ([www.moongazer.com](http://www.moongazer.com)). In 2010, gross income was over \$150k and I personally instructed 400 unique training clients that completed courses through the curriculum I developed (over 1000 hours of actual client training per year). Hired and managed three employees and twelve volunteer training assistants over a six year period, including one University of Illinois Animal Science intern receiving course credit.

**Canine Seminar Course Organizer**, Moongazer Incorporated, St. Joseph, IL      (2007-Present)

Coordinated and hosted four fully booked seminars for British canine behaviorist John Rogerson at Moongazer Canine Companion Training. Currently in the planning stages for organizing suburban gun dog trainer Richard Edge's inaugural 2012 USA tour.

**Canine Behavior Columnist**, Woof! Magazine, Mumbai, India      (2008-Present)

Authored six original articles and co-authored several advice columns.

**Dog Training Assistant**, John Rogerson Instructor's Course, Kusur, India      (Winter 2008)

Instructed and coordinated a team of eight dog trainers in canine task training.

**Animal Care Specialist**, Green Trails Animal Clinic, Lisle, IL      (1999-2000)

Team leader for animal care specialists including staff scheduling, evaluations, meetings, payroll, daily account reconciling, and financial book keeping.

## PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

- Accredited Pet Behavior Counselor – Pet Behavior Institute of the United Kingdom
- Certified Professional Dog Trainer – Knowledge & Skills Assessed (CPDT-KSA), Certification Council of Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT)
- Certified Behavior Consultant Canine – Knowledge Assessed (CBCC-KA), Certification Council of Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT)
- American Kennel Club (AKC) Canine Good Citizen Evaluator
- Delta Society Pet Partner (animal-assisted activity and therapy dog handler)
- Certified Pet Care Technician (CPCT) – Pet Care Services Association (formerly American Boarding Kennels Association)

## PUBLICATIONS

- [A] Lisa R. McCluskey, “Know Yourself, Know Your Dog...” *Woof! Magazine*, To appear.
- [1] Lisa R. McCluskey and Kevin Small, “An Evidence-based Canine Companion Training Curriculum Assessment Methodology” *Association of Pet Dog Trainers Educational Conference*, October 2011.
- [2] Lisa R. McCluskey, “Tropical Storm June” *Woof! Magazine*, March-April 2011.
- [3] Lisa R. McCluskey, “Inside Your Dog’s Mind” *Woof! Magazine*, January 2011.
- [4] Lisa R. McCluskey, Sarah A. Larson, Emilie C. Bess, and Kevin Small, “Utilizing the Companion Sniffer Dog Training Method to Develop Aptitude in Locating Target Scents” *Association of Pet Dog Trainers Educational Conference*, October 2010.
- [5] Lisa R. McCluskey, “Paw’sitive Training” *Woof! Magazine*, July 2010.
- [6] Lisa R. McCluskey, “Start on the Right Paw” *Woof! Magazine*, November-December 2009.
- [7] Lisa R. McCluskey, “Are You Your Dog’s Best Friend?” *Woof! Magazine*, April-June 2009.
- [8] Lisa R. McCluskey, “Dilemma of the Modern Dog” *Woof! Magazine*, April-June 2008.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) Professional Member #2713
- Akita Club of America – Public Education Committee (PEC) Chair
- Midwest Akita Rescue Society (MARS) – Co-Founder
- Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT) - Exam Committee Member
- Massachusetts Dog Trainer Meet-Up Group – Governance & By-Laws Committee Member

## PRESENTATIONS

- “An Evidence-based Canine Companion Training Curriculum Assessment Methodology.” *Association of Pet Dog Trainers Educational Conference* – Poster Presentation at *Meet the Experts Track*, October 2011.
- “Utilizing the Companion Sniffer Dog Training Method to Develop Aptitude in Locating Target Scents.” *Association of Pet Dog Trainers Educational Conference* – Poster Presentation, October 2010.

- “Parkland College animal science lab class lecture and tour.” Coordinated by Ryan Robb, conducted at Moongazer Canine Companion Training, St. Joseph, IL by Lisa R. McCluskey, 2004-2010.
- “Inspiration in my life, along with challenges, and successes as a dog trainer and business owner.” Coordinated by Phyllis Moore, conducted at Lincoln’s Challenge Academy, Rantoul, IL by Lisa R. McCluskey to 1000+ cadets, October 14, 2005.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Association of Pet Dog Trainers Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, October 2011.
- John Rogerson, *Four Days of Working Trials with John Rogerson*, Bloomer, WI, September 29 – October 5, 2011. (SiberCaan Dog “June” qualified for silver level RWT)
- Sue Sternberg and Leslie Burgard, *Hands on Intensive Internship with Sue Sternberg and Leslie Burgard*, Eden, VT, May 25-29, 2011.
- Dr. David Schwarz, DVM, *Why We Should All Get S.M.A.R.T.*, Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine and The Center for Animals and Public Policy, North Grafton, MA, April 22, 2011.
- John Ensminger, Esq., *Science and Law of Police Dogs*, Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine and The Center for Animals and Public Policy, North Grafton, MA, April 15, 2011.
- John Rogerson, *10 day International Canine Crime Scene Investigation Course*, Canines Can Care, Vahangaon, Pune District, India, January 28-February 6, 2011.
- John Rogerson, *Canine Crime Scene Investigation Course*, Moongazer Canine Companion Training, St. Joseph, IL, November 18-21, 2010.
- Association of Pet Dog Trainers Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, October 2010.
  - John Rogerson, *The Dog Vinci Code – Decoding Your Dog’s Behavior*
  - John Rogerson, *Turning the Tide*
  - Nicole Dorey, Ph.D., *What Can Behavioral Science Do For Dog Trainers?*
  - Trish King, *Challenging Adolescents*
  - Jean Owen, *Improving Agility Handling Skills With Only One Jump*
  - Jill Marie O’Brien & Amy Herot, *K9 Nose Work*
- University of Illinois Department of Animal Science 2010 Humane Education Seminar, *Who’s the Bully? Examining Modern Day’s Most Prolific Breed Type*, Urbana, IL, February 20, 2010.
- Carmen Battaglia, Ph.D., *Breeding Better Dogs that WIN!*, Brad Phifer, Bark Tutor, and Broad Ripple Animal Clinic, Indianapolis, IN, April 18-19, 2009.
- Pia Silvani, *It’s OK to Say “No”*, Brad Phifer, Bark Tutor, and Broad Ripple Animal Clinic, Indianapolis, IN, April 4-5, 2009.
- John Rogerson, *21 Day International Advanced Dog Training and Behavior Course*, Canines Can Care, Kusur, Pune District, India, January 5-25, 2008.
- Sue Sternberg, *A Weekend with Sue*, Humane Society of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN, November 14-15, 2008.
- John Rogerson, *Four Days of Recall Training with John Rogerson*, Moongazer Canine Companion Training, St. Joseph, IL, September 25-28, 2008.
- Sue Sternberg and John Rogerson, *Canine Aggression and Other Problems*, Puppyworks and Narnia Pet Behavior & Training, Naperville, IL, September 20-21, 2008.

- Dr. W. Jean Dodds, DVM., *Thyroid Disorders*, Rabies Challenge Fund and Natural Expressions, Elgin, IL, August 16, 2008.
- John Rogerson, *Four Days of Tracking and Detection Training with John Rogerson*, Moongazer Canine Companion Training, St. Joseph, IL, October 11-14, 2007.
- Patricia McConnell, Ph.D., CAAB, Trish King, and Dr. Wayne Hunthausen, DVM, *Keeping the Peace Between Fluffy and Fido: New Pets, Reactive Pets, and Multiple Pet Issues*, University of Illinois Department of Veterinary Medicine, Urbana, IL, August 3-4, 2007.
- John Rogerson, *21 Day Advanced Dog Training and Behavior Course*, Holly Leale and Argus Ranch, Auburn, WA, March 26-April 15, 2007.
- John Rogerson, *Instructor's Course for Professional Dog Trainers and Behavior Counselors*, Jill Marie O'Brien and SPCALA, Long Beach, CA, May 21-27, 2006.
- Sue Sternberg, *Canine Behavior "Behavior Evaluation"*, For Your K9, Inc. and Puppyworks, Schiller Park, IL, May 7, 2006.
- Dr. W. Jean Dodds, DVM, *Canine Health Seminar*, Stone City Kennel Club, New Lenox, IL, April 23, 2006.
- Dr. John Cirabassi, DVM, DACVB, Dr. Debra Horwitz, DVM, DACVB, Dr. Amy Marder, VMD, CAAB, Pam Reid, Ph.D., CAAB, and Linda Case, MS, *Veterinarians, Trainers, and Shelters Working Together Helping Good Dogs/Bad Dogs and Controversial Cats*, University of Illinois Department of Veterinary Medicine, Urbana, IL, January 13-15, 2006.
- Sharon Andrews, *Delta Society Pet Partners Team Training Course*, Delta Society, Decatur, IL, January 7, 2006.
- Jean Donaldson, *How to Train a Dog that is Upset*, Jeff Millman and Chicago Paws, Rosemont, IL, November 13, 2005.
- Pia Silvani, *Puppies to Adults – Why Can't They Get Along?*, Brad Phifer and the Indianapolis Humane Society, Indianapolis, IN, November 6, 2005.
- John Rogerson, *Three Day Advanced Applied Canine Training and Behavior Accreditation Course*, Lee Mannix Center for Canine Behavior, Austin, TX, March 31-April 3, 2003.
- John Rogerson, *Ten Day Advanced Applied Canine Training and Behavior Accreditation Course*, Lee Mannix Center for Canine Behavior, Austin, TX, September 25-October 4, 2002.
- 2002 Animal Rescue Conference, Michigan Purebred Dog Rescue Alliance, Inc., Ann Arbor, MI, September 15, 2002.
- John Rogerson, *Four Day Training and Teaching Workshop*, Felicite Latane Animal Sanctuary, Mebane, NC, April 16-19, 2002.
- John Rogerson, *Two Day Behavior and Training Lecture*, Felicite Latane Animal Sanctuary, Mebane, NC, April 13-14, 2002.
- Chris Bach, *Foundation – Principles of the Third Way – Part 1 & 2*, German Shepherd Dog Training Club of Chicago, Inc., Hanover Park, IL, February 9-10, 2002.
- Chris Bach, *"Aggression" – From the Dog's Point of View*, German Shepherd Dog Training Club of Chicago, Inc., Hanover Park, IL, February 8, 2002.
- Sue Sternberg, *Determining Age and Other Characteristics in Dogs; Breed, Cross-Breed and Mixed-Breed Identification; Arousal and Aggression; The Controversial Pit Bull; A Look at Tails; Dog-to-Dog Matchmaking; Dog Training and Human Training, Dog's Best Friend Training*, Madison, WI, August 25-26, 2001.

- Patricia McConnell, Ph.D., CAAB, *Dog-Dog Aggression*, Dog's Best Friend Training, Madison, WI, August 24, 2001.
- University of Illinois Department of Animal Science 2001 Humane Education Seminar, Urbana, IL, April 7, 2001.
  - Stephanie LaFarge, Ph.D, *Psycho-educational Intervention Program for Animal Cruelty Offenders*
  - Phil Snyder, *Profile of an Animal Hoarder (Collector)*
  - Kathy Thompson, *Animal Shelters and Breed Rescue: Finding Common Ground*
  - Will Anzenberger, *Feral Cat Assistance Program*
  - John Caruso, *The Use of Film in Humane Education*
  - Jennifer Pieper, *Organizing and Implementing Summer Pet Care Camps*
  - Johnathan Balcombe, Ph.D., *Dissection: Putting Animals in Their Place*
- Association of Pet Dog Trainers Annual Conference, Ellenville, NY, September 2001.
- John Rogerson, *Three Day Dog Aggression Workshop Seminar*, Hearts and Paws, Austin, TX, May 2000.
- Association of Pet Dog Trainers Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, November 1999.
  - John Rogerson, *One Day Aggression Seminar and A Few Training Gems - Some Highly Practical Advice*
  - Ian Dunbar, Ph.D., BVetMed, MRCVS, *Learning Theory*
  - Patricia McConnell, Ph.D., CAAB, *In Search of Dr. Doolittle*
  - Peter Borchelt, Ph.D., CAAB, Suzanne Hetts, Ph.D., CAAB, Sue Sternberg, and Polly Hanson, *Aggression Panel*
  - Donna Duford, *Tricks to Treat Behavior Problems and Help My Dog Bit My Child!*
  - Chris Babiarz, *The Human Equation: Why are We Compelled to Punish?* and *Sounds of Silence: Training the Pet Dog and Owners in the Use of Signals*
  - Jane Sharp, *Training Behavior Cues: Good and Bad Half-Day Seminar*
  - Jean Donaldson, *Understimulation and Overstimulation: Dogs and Trainers go to Therapy, How to Reduce both their Psychological Load*
  - Gary Wilkes, *Translating Scientific Information into Practical Applications for Dog Trainers*
  - Patrick Melese, DVM, *Behavior Products and Training Tools*
  - Roger Abrantes, Ph.D., MAPBC, *The Evolution of Canine Social Behavior*
- Association of Pet Dog Trainers Mini-Conference, Chicago, IL, May 1999.
  - Cheryl Smith, *Dog-Dog and Dog-Human Aggression and Incorporating Growl Classes*
  - Sue Sternberg, *One Day Shelter Dog Workshop*
  - Donna Duford, *Incorporating Children and Families into Dog Training*
- Patricia McConnell, Ph.D., CAAB, *Advanced Canine Behavior Seminar-Canine Ethology and Aggression*, Puppyworks and Narnia Pet Behavior and Training, Lisle, IL, March 27-28, 1999.
- Terry Ryan, *Two Days of Toolbox for Remodeling Problem Dogs, Lateral Thinking, Case Histories*, Narnia Pet Behavior and Training, Naperville, IL, March 1998.
- Association of Pet Dog Trainers Annual Conference, Memphis, TN, November 1997.
  - John Rogerson, *Goals, Floods, and Horse Kicks in Predicting Aggression and Canine Fears and Phobias*
  - Ian Dunbar, Ph.D., BVetMed, MRCVS, *Punishment?*
  - Patricia McConnell, Ph.D., CAAB, *Who's at the End of the Leash? The Ethology of Dog Trainers as Primates*
  - Cheryl Smith, *Desensitizing Difficult Dogs*
  - Sue Sternberg, *Possessive Aggression in Dogs*

- Suzanne Hetts, PhD, CAAB, *Managing Canine Threatening Behavior in Group Classes*
- Ted Turner, *The ABC's of Behavior Shaping*
- Grey Stafford, *Stronger and Longer Thresholds Using Positive Reinforcement*
- Dr. Wayne Hunthausen, DVM, *Bite Prevention: Kids and Dogs*
- Alice Moon-Fanelli, Ph.D., CAAB, *Compulsive Behavior in Dogs*
- Turig Rugaas, *Calming Signals*
- Maureen and Gary Ross, *Creating an Interactive, Family Oriented Training Program*
- Trish King, *In Harm's Way: Avoiding Injury in Personal Consultations and/or Private Training*
- Suzanne Clothier, *Body Posture, Emotions and Self-Control: The Shifting Shapes and Shifting Minds*
- Carl Herkstroter, *Evaluating Canine Temperament*

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST