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Consultant and Expert Witness **April 2004 to Present**

Dog behaviors, training, aggression, bite incidents, legislation, showing, dog rescue work and other dog-related topics and situations such as cruelty and hoarding; can evaluate bites and take bite impressions; dog temperament evaluations a specialty.

Approved for expert work by the Superior Court of California.

Certificates in:

- Bite Investigation (HSUS)
- Veterinary Forensics (HSUS)
- Bite Marks & Odontology (ASPCA & Univ. of FL)
- Animal Cruelty and Fighting Investigations (HSUS)

Dog Trainer and Behavior Consultant **1989 to Present**

Basic obedience, aggression issues, behavior, problem solving
Certified Pet Dog Trainer (Knowledge Assessed) by the Certification
Council of Professional Dog Trainers
Supporting Member: International Association of Behavior Consultants

Magazine Editor **June 2006 to Feb. 2008**

The Rottweiler Quarterly Magazine

Radio Show Host **March 2004 to August 2005**

The Dog Dish

Host and produce live weekly radio show for all things dog related. Aired on KTIE 590 AM. Conversant on all topics covered, including but not limited to:

Dog Sports: Agility, *schutzhund* (German-style police dog work), conformation showing, obedience, rally, herding, earth dog trials

Breed Profiles: The Pit Bull; The German Shepherd Dog; Akitas; Dobermans; Greyhounds; Rottweilers; Terriers

Health: How to pick a good vet; dog foods; dog food ingredients and preservatives, fleas and ticks; allergies; arthritis remedies, skin issues; vaccines and medications

Animal Care: Swim therapy and rehab for animals; holistic medicine; pet grief and bereavement; hospice and end of life care for pets; animal communication

Legislation and Legalities: Dogs and the law; breed specific legislation (BSL); ear cropping and tail docking; guardianship vs. ownership; monetary trusts for pets; contracts; dog fighting; mandatory spay/neuter; vicious and dangerous dog laws; dog parks, declawing of both domestic and exotic cats

Behavior and Training: Electric collars: the good and the bad; bite prevention; barking dogs: why they do it and different ways to handle the problem; housebreaking; exercise methods; show vs. pet training; aggression behaviors; submissive behaviors, fearful behaviors

Shelters: “No Kill:” What does that really mean?; temperament testing of shelter dogs; how to pick a shelter dog; Animal Control rules and regulation; the perils and promise of adopting a dog

Service Dogs: Search and Rescue; Guide Dogs for the blind; Assistance dogs; Wheelchair Support; Police Dogs

Political and Emotional: Los Angeles Animal Cruelty Task Force, working against blood sport; Pit Bull mauling in San Francisco; Rottweiler mauling in Glendale; breed bans in Canada; Pit Bull Ban in Denver, CO; Animal Rights Extremists; Pit Bull rescue; private rescue organizations; pet custody battles

Writer

1989 to Present

Column: ***Pet Pourri*** September 2004 to Present

The Palisades Post (Pacific Palisades, CA) and *The Press-Enterprise* (Riverside, CA)

Advice on such topics as fear of dogs, housebreaking, health, training and behavior of dogs, cats, horses and birds. Some sample titles:

Fear of Dogs	Summer Coat Care	Trapping Wild Cats
Ill-mannered Dogs	Pick Up Poop!	Old Dogs
Fireworks	Fat Dogs	No Holiday Pet Giving

The Rottweiler Quarterly Magazine 1988 to 1998

Author of obedience articles and show reports, traveled with and for magazine. Topics included basic and advanced obedience exercises for both AKC work and *schutzhund*; discussions of behaviors; tracking, conformation show reports; rescue; swim therapy; health and herbal nutrition; opinion pieces.

Founding Director and Treasurer

1989 to Present

Rottweiler Rescue of Los Angeles (www.rottrescuela.org)

A non-profit organization where I actively evaluate temperament and behavior, pick up surrendered and found dogs; speak with potential adopters; home checks; handle all monies and paperwork for RRLA.

Apprenticeship, Dog Training **1989 to 1991**

Michael Chill and Brian Sullivan Of Animal Services.

Taught group classes and private obedience lessons (all breeds) addressing all types of behavior and training issues.

Bachelor of Arts; University California Los Angeles **1988**

Veterinary Assistant

Dr. Eberhard and Dr. McCaleb, **1982 to 1984**
Santa Monica Dog and Cat Hospital

Dr. John Condello **1987 to 1992**
Palisades Animal Clinic
Worked front office, held animals and assisted as needed
Resident dog trainer for clients of Dr. Condello

Active Dog Club Memberships

Golden State Rottweiler Club	Member since 1988
President	1997 to 2003; 2008 to present
Board of Directors	2003 to Present
Annual Specialty Show Chair	1998 to 2007
United States Rottweiler Club (since 1989)	
United Schutzhund Clubs of America (since 1989)	
Associated Rottweiler Fanciers (since 1993 and past Treasurer)	
Medallion Rottweiler Club (since 1996)	
American Rottweiler Club (since 1996)	
South County Schutzhund Club (member and treasurer 1992 to 2000)	
Anacapa Working Dog Association (2000 to 2008)	

Associations

Dog Writers Association of America (www.dwaa.org)
Forensic Expert Witness Association (www.forensic.org)
International Association of Canine Professionals (www.canineprofessionals.com)
American Pet Dog Trainers (www.apdt.com)
National Animal Interests Alliance (www.naiaonline.org)
Dog Gone Safe, a bite prevention organization (www.doggonessafe.com)
International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants (www.iaabc.org)
International Veterinary Forensic Sciences Association (www.ivfssa.org)

Accreditations

Approved Expert for the Los Angeles, CA, Superior Court
Canine Good Citizen certified tester for the American Kennel Club (www.akc.org)
Tester for American Temperament Testing Society (ATTS.org)
Certification in Dog Bite Investigation by the Humane Soc. of the United States
Veterinary Forensics certification by the Humane Society of the United States
Veterinary Forensics Sciences: Bite Mark through the Univ. of Florida & ASPCA

Media

- Frequent guest for Larry Marino on 590 KTIE for dog-related issues and news
- Appeared with Leeann Suder regarding tail docking and ear cropping
- Appeared on CNN with Chuck Condon regarding Rottweiler mauling in Glendale, CA.
- Live interview with KNX talk radio regarding dog maulings and breeds
- Quoted by the LA Times & Channel 4 NBC Nightly
- Guest on Rusty Humphries show regarding breed bans and dog maulings
- Co-host at Pet Expo in Pomona announcing breeds on stage, and discussing their historical origins and jobs and breed tendencies
- Guest on Frank Pastore radio show (KKLA) re: Bill AB 1634 (state-wide mandatory spay/neuter)
- Host for many animal-related events, such as fundraisers, Walk-A-Thons, etc.
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Consulting

- Assisted Marcia Mayeda, Director of Los Angeles Animal Care and Control in drafting a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance while providing reasonable exemptions for the dog fancier and hobby breeder (February 2006).
- Called upon to evaluate the safety or danger of pet dogs by owners and parents of small children or expectant parents

Training Experience (all Rottweilers, all owned and titled by Jill Kessler):

Klaus Leenerts of Pineknoll, CDX, Bh, CGC, registered Therapy Dog
Estee vom Haus Neubrand, Bh, SchH I
V-1 Havenhaus' Bulletproof T-Too, Bh, SchH III, ZTP, CD, TT, CGC
Ch. Quean's Arrabiata Lena, CD, CGC, HIT, BBT
(Top 10 Rottweiler Bitch in US, 1995, TRQ system)
V-2 Rolo's Terminator v Havenhaus, Bh, TT (AKC pointed)

Co-owned:

Ch. Quean's Carpe Diem
Ch. Quean's Bacchus By Nelson, HIT
BIS Ch. Quean's Country Mile (Top 10 in the US)

Ch. Tokasha's Claddagh

Source for Rottweiler and Bully-breed information and clarification

Proficient in AKC protocols, including judging,

show, registration and breeding regulations

Knowledgeable in all breeds, including all AKC-
recognized and many rare, lesser-known, breeds of dogs

Dog bite and dog-fighting evaluations

References and Cases

Worked On by Request