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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 animal-related topics and situations such as cruelty and hoarding; can evaluate bites and take bite impressions; dog temperament evaluations a specialty.

Graduate Certificate in Animal Policy and Advocacy, Humane Society University (2011)

Certificates in:

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

Approved expert for cases in Superior Court, Los Angeles, California.

Consultant to Sempra Energy for dog bite incidents and employee training

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

Basic and advanced obedience, aggression issues, behavior, problem solving
Certified Pet Dog Trainer: Knowledge Assessed) by the Certification Council of Professional Dog Trainers
Presenter for Dogs and Storks, DogGone Safe and Doggone Smart at Work

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)

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.

Bachelor of Arts; University California Los Angeles

1988

Professional Associations

International Association of Canine Professionals (www.canineprofessionals.com)
American Pet Dog Trainers (www.apdt.com)
Dog Gone Safe, a bite prevention organization (www.doggonesafe.com)
International Veterinary Forensic Sciences Association (www.ivfsa.org)
National Animal Interests Alliance (www.naiaonline.org)
Dogs and Storks, babies, kids and dogs safety (www.dogsandstorks.com)
Doggone Safe At Work (www.nobiteme.com)

Accreditations

Approved Expert Witness for the Los Angeles, CA, Superior Court
Chief Tester for American Temperament Testing Society (ATTS.org)
Canine Good Citizen tester for the American Kennel Club (www.akc.org)
Dog Bite Investigation certificate from the Humane Society of the United States
Veterinary Forensics certificate from the Humane Society of the United States
Veterinary Forensics Sciences: Bite Marks through the Univ. of Florida & ASPCA

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 (Multiple BOB, BOS, AOM)
(Top 10 Rottweiler Bitch in US, 1995, TRQ system)
V-2 Rolo's Terminator v Havenhaus, Bh, TT (AKC pointed)
Queans Kipper, NPO, JWWN, CGC, TT

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, CD, RA

Source for Rottweiler and Bully-breed information and clarification
Knowledgeable in all breeds
Dog bite and dog-fighting evaluations