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## EXPERIENCE

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April 2004 to present Secret Lake Dog Training, LLC, West Simsbury, CT

*Owner and Trainer*

- Classes for the family dog, private training, and behavior consultations.
- Collaborate with clients to develop a plan for resolving dog behavior problems using adult learning theory and canine learning theory.

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March 2004 to July 2006 East Haven Animal Shelter, East Haven, CT

*Volunteer and Consultant for the East Haven Animal Shelter*

- Helped assess dogs as to adoptability. Suggested training programs to improve dogs' manners, on leash behaviors and adoptability.
- Wrote material for adoption packages.
- Helped with fundraising and events.
- Designed and maintained web site.
- Worked with team of volunteers and the animal control officers to increase adoption rates and provide a positive environment for the animals while they were in the shelter.
- Fostered two senior dogs for the shelter.

January 2003 to July 2004 Meriden Humane Society, Meriden, CT

*Volunteer*

- Worked with shelter dogs – training, walking, evaluating, and interacting with them. Fostered dogs for the shelter. Prepared adoption packages.

1996 Durendal Canine Training Studio, Plainville, CT

*Trainer*

- Taught pet obedience classes at training center owned by former director of CT K-9 Education Center.

1996 – 2003 Disaster and Wilderness Ground Searchers. Inc. (DAWGS), Canton, CT

*Dog Handler, Field Assistant, Secretary, Events Coordinator and Presenter*

- Trained and certified my dog Sienna to Level I wilderness search and rescue. Also trained her in cadaver and article searching.
- Participated in numerous searches for lost persons.
- Founding member of non-profit volunteer search and rescue unit.
- Secretary and events coordinator. Photographer for team.
- Prepared presentations, brochures, and handouts. Wrote web site content. Team photographer.
- Prepared and delivered presentations and demonstrations for public safety agencies, safety fairs, and various children's programs.

*Dogs*

- Mattie - Canine Good Citizen. Mixed breed inherited in 2003 from a friend who died.
- Lucy Liu – Beagle mix. Adopted from Meriden Humane Society in May 2004. Had been returned twice because she could not be housebroken and was fearful.
- Joey – Beagle. Adopted from East Haven Animal Shelter in 2006
- Sienna – 1997 – 2008. Canine Good Citizen. Level I Search and Rescue Dog.
- Barney – Mixed breed inherited in 2003 from a friend who died.

- Jesse – Golden Retriever 1990 – 2000. Canine Good Citizen. Died of bone cancer.
- Tai – Adopted 12 year old Golden Retriever taken from owner in a neglect case.
- Roscoe – Adopted 10 year old abused Basset Hound with aggression problems.

## EDUCATION

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### *1994 - CT K-9 Professional Trainer School Newington, CT*

- Course included 350 hours of classroom and hands-on training with my own dog and with the public. Graduated top of class and was later hired by the director when she started her own business.

### *Obedience Training*

- Various obedience classes with my dogs.
- Earned AKC Canine Good Citizen designation with two of my dogs.
- Attend seminars on dog behavior and training.

### *Wilderness Search Training*

- 1996 to 2003 – Participated in team trainings and certification testing. Trained with other search teams in New England.

### *Cadaver Search Training*

- 2003 - NEK9 Training. Instructor: Alice Hanan – Maryland Park Police K-9 Handler
- 2001 - Cadaver Dog Workout Weekend. Instructors: Jonni Joyce Master Trainer – National Police Working Dog Association and Alice Hanan – Maryland Park Police K-9 Handler
- 2000 - Maine Search & Rescue Conference. Instructors: Keith Heavrin, (MESARD); Dr. David, Chief Medical Examiner and K-9 Handler, State of Maine; and Matt Zarrella RI State Police K-9 handler
- 1996 - Basic Cadaver Search, K-9 Specialty Associates. Instructors: Andy Rebmann (retired head of CT State Police K-9 Unit) , Marcia Koenig, and Matt Zarrella, RI State Police K-9 handler

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- Association of Pet Dog Trainers
- Doggone Safe
- Connecticut State Animal Response Team (CTSART)