

# About the Instructors and Staff

## Berkshires 2018

### **Eileen Brown Director Camp Unleashed Berkshires, Logistics Director Blue Ridge**

Eileen started as a camper back in 2007 in the Berkshires with her Labrador Retriever Emma. After a few years of being a camper, she joined the logistics team at both Berkshires and Blue Ridge Mountains camps. She now shares life with an exuberant and athletically gifted Labrador Retriever named Maizee whom all of you will meet very soon. Eileen and Maizee compete in Canine Water Sports with the Yankee Paw Paddlers club in Connecticut. When she is not at Camp Unleashed, Eileen works for the University of Connecticut as a Physical Security Coordinator.

### **Erica Etchason Introduction to Swimming, Water Retrieving & Towing, Water Tricks**

Erica's water training philosophy is to build joy around water-- joy that will build confident, safe swimmers. Erica trains and competes in many venues and has been involved in Canine Water Sports, [www.caninewatersports.com](http://www.caninewatersports.com) since 2006. Currently Erica has achieved over 25 Canine Water Sports merits with her two Newfoundlands in the Team Swim, Retrieve, and Towing categories. She trains with the Canine Water Sports founder Deborah Lee Miller-Riley, in Monroe Connecticut several times a year and teaches indoor pool classes at What A Good Dog in Malvern, Pennsylvania ([www.whatagoooddoginc.com](http://www.whatagoooddoginc.com)) and Green Leaf Pet Resort in Millstone, New Jersey ([www.greenleafpetresort.com](http://www.greenleafpetresort.com)).

Erica's website: [www.searchresponsek9.org](http://www.searchresponsek9.org) and [www.caninewatersports.com](http://www.caninewatersports.com)

### **Jenn Michaelis CPDT-KA, AKC CGC Evaluator Parkour, Freestyle, K9 Games, Tricks**

Jenn Michaelis is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer, Knowledge Assessed (CPDT-KA), a Certified Rally-FrEe Instructor, an evaluator for the AKC Canine Good Citizen program, and an Executive Board Member for the Musical Dog Sport Association. She is also a member of the Association of Professional Dog Trainers, the National Association of Canine Scent Work, and Rally Freestyle Elements. Jenn has been training professionally since 2003 and is committed to training dogs with force-free

positive-reinforcement training techniques that are fun, effective, and easy to learn. She enjoys empowering and educating dog guardians to create a well-behaved and cherished family member. Jenn's specialty is teaching Tricks, Canine Musical Freestyle, and Rally-FrEe. Her students regularly compete and title in rally-free and musical freestyle; she teaches both sports through group classes, online private lessons and workshops all over the northeast. She also enjoys teaching pet obedience, dog fitness, dog parkour and helping handlers heal their dog's reactivity issues.

Her current dogs compete in Rally-FrEe, Musical Freestyle, and Canine Nosework. Her cane corso, Terra, is the first dog to earn Musical Dog Sport Association's highest title, a Premier title, and the first dog to earn Rally Freestyle Element's highest freestyle title, Musical Freestyle Grand Champion. Her rescue Chinese Crested, Ringo, recently earned his RFE Musical Freestyle Champion Title and also enjoys demoing in her classes and at public events.

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## **Marge Lineweber CPDT-KA, AKC CGC Evaluator, CPACP Off Leash Behavior Director**

Since childhood, Marge's life has been filled with animals. Her love and respect for animals lead her to work as a veterinary technician for over 5 years. Her passion for dog training was realized when her Gordon Setter Java helped her learn that dog training without force was possible, and the world of positive reinforcement training opened up to her and Java. She does believe that the greatest teachers of all have been her dogs, "they tell us everything we need to know about training, we just need to listen."

Marge shares her life with River (an Australian Shepherd), Noodle (a Pointer Mix), Pike (an Australian Shepherd), Kade (a Gordon Setter) and Frye (English Setter). Together they enjoy Agility, Water Sports, Frisbee, Flyball, Pet Therapy, Rally Obedience, Scent and Search work, but most of all just the pleasure of each other's company.

Marge has owned and managed My Dog's Place in Mystic, CT since 2002 where she teaches Puppy Kindergarten, Basic Manners, Beyond Basics, Canine Good Citizen, Retrieving, Scent Work, Thinking Dog, Basic Frisbee Skills and Canine Water Sports. Marge is a professional member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers, a Certified Pet Dog Trainer, an AKC approved Canine Good Citizen Evaluator, a founding member of Canine Water Sports as well as a Canine Water Sports Judge and a Certified Professional Animal Care Provider.

Marge's website: <http://mydogsplace.com/home/3292240>

## **Van Visciglia Behavior Team**

Van is currently an apprentice at My Dog's Place in Mystic, CT and is working toward becoming a professional dog trainer. He is excited to join Camp Unleashed and is looking forward toward meeting everyone and their dogs this fall!

## **Kristin Neal - Certified Veterinary Technician, Reiki Practitioner Reiki, “Help your Dog Love Going to the Vet”**

Kristin Neal is a CVT in surgery at a small specialty referral practice, a Reiki II Practitioner, and is working toward her CPDT-KA. She has loved animals for as long as she can remember, and her menagerie includes dogs, cats, horses, chickens and a frog. She lives in Western MA with her wife and youngest child, where they operate a small horse boarding farm. Kristin's main passion in life is improving quality of life for animals and their people.

## **Linda Randall DVM, Tag Teach Level 3 Agility**

Linda's interest in agility snuck up on her when she was at a field trial with my flat coated retriever and there was also an agility trial nearby. She was allowed to try obstacles with her field dog; he loved it, Linda loved it and, never one to pace myself, was training my flat coats and rottweilers in agility the next week. Agility also fed her passion for behavior modification, behavior took her to positive reinforcement and Clicker Expo, which in turn encouraged her to open a training facility at my veterinary hospital. See...it's all a forward chain of reinforcing events! Linda competes in agility now with her border collies, and encourages 'consistent innovation' in positive training for fun and competition. She is a strong believer in the "trick a week" theory for helping my dogs develop motivation and focus. However, if she actually did that her oldest dog would know 468 fluent tricks. Good thing she also believes every behavior is a trick!

## **Stephanie Kleinfelter CPDT, AKC CGC Evaluator Agility**

In 2015, Stephanie Kleinfelter became a CPDT of the Karen Pryor Academy. Ever since she could remember, Stephanie wanted to work in a job with animals where she could play a part in their health and healing. When she owned her first horse, she never understood the rough horsemanship that many frustrated riders often resorted to in order to get the performance they strived for, which inspired her to research and choose the positive reinforcement training career today. In the process of becoming a certified Dog Trainer, a friend's pony was selected as an additional species to work with, that had timid and nervous tendencies deriving from her unknown history. In working with her, she taught that patience, understanding, respecting body language and breaking concepts down is what creates a strong and trusting relationship.

## **Jessica Schulte CPDT-KA, CNWI Scent Tracking, Scent Work, Scent Games**

Jessica was one of the first Nose Work instructors certified on the East Coast and has been teaching Nose Work classes since 2010. She has been the ORT National Coordinator for the NACSW, as well as the editor for the NACSW newsletter.

Jessica is a Certifying Official (CO) for NACSW trials and ORTs, and a licensed AKC Scent Work judge,

approved to judge all levels and classes for AKC Scent Work trials. She has also been a guest instructor twice at the Pennsylvania Nose Work Camp. Jessica is also an evaluator for the AKC CGC and Puppy Star programs. She has completed the rigorous IAABC Practices and Principles course.

Jessica competes with her own dog, Trix in Nose Work, Rally, and Freestyle. Trix currently has her NW3 Elite title well as her Element Specialty Titles L1-C, L1-I, L1-E, L1-V and L2-E and L2-C, L2-V. Trix also has her L1 World Cynosport Rally title, a Novice Rally-FrEe Title, and her Entry Musical Freestyle title.

Jessica works with Instinct Dog Training and Behavior in NYC teaching manners, obedience, and solving behavioral issues for dogs and their people. She believes in training that is effective, practical, and fun for both dogs and their people.

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## **Kathy Nieves Fly Ball and Dock Diving**

Kathy has been active in dog sports since 2003 and is a member of the Association of Professional Dog Trainers. Kathy has 2 Rat Terriers (13 and 15 yrs. old) and a 3 yr. old BRat (Border Collie/Rat Terrier mix). Her dogs carry titles in flyball, agility, barn hunt, dock diving, canine water sports and tricks.

Kathy has been training in flyball since 2007 and has been the instructor at WonderDogs in West Berlin, NJ since 2014. She enjoys the one-on-one training that is unique to each handler and dog. Her first dog, Ripley, received her Onyx in 2012. Currently, Kathy is the acting co-captain of the flyball club Happily Evfur After and she competes in NAFA and U-Fli with her 3 year old dog, Danny Zuko.

Her dog, Ripley, once an avid dock diver, earned her UKC – UJJ title through Ultimate Air Dogs. She now competes in dock diving events with Danny Zuko.

Kathy is also an agility instructor at WonderDogs and competes with Danny Zuko in AKC, CPE and UKI events.

## **Jen Niles Dog Artist Barks and Crafts Paint Your Pup Activities**

Jen will be joining us again this fall with her popular “Barks and Crafts” classes. She will walk you through step by step to create a whimsical portrait of your canine pal!! NOTE: Advanced sign up prior to the start of camp is required. Each class is limited to 15. Choose either Saturday “Multi Pet” or Sunday “Decoupage” and create a lasting, personalized creation you will treasure forever!

Jen’s website: [www.jennilesart.com](http://www.jennilesart.com)

## **Linda Jackson Canine Massage Therapy Acupuncturist, Lic. Ac., MacOM**

Linda is a Licensed Acupuncturist who has over 20 years of experience in the healing arts and has lived with cats and dogs for as many years. She holds a Master’s Degree in both Oriental Medicine

and Education and treats animals and people with acupuncture, herbs nutrition and massage.  
Co-author of A Dog Lover's Guide to Canine Massage How to Give Your Dog A Therapeutic Massage

Linda's website: [www.centreforacupuncture.com](http://www.centreforacupuncture.com)

## **Lindsey Mills CPDT**

### **Logistics Director**

Lindsey strongly believes that pets are a member of the family and should be treated and respected as such. Before entering the dog training world, she was an F/A-18 Avionics Technician in the United States Marine Corps serving for 4 years and was discharged in October of 2016. At that time Lindsey began to work at a dog daycare in my hometown and also apprenticed under Lisa Wance CPDT to become a certified professional dog trainer (CPDT)! Positive reinforcement training produces incredible results she enjoys how dogs leap (literally and figuratively) at the opportunity to train. Her philosophy: Dogs shouldn't work for nothing and that training is a constant process throughout their life. Lindsey joins the Camp Unleashed staff this year and is looking forward to meeting everyone!

## **Massage Therapy for Humans**

### **Elfi Six LMT, Certified Teacher/Practitioner of the Acutonics® System, CMA (Certified Movement Analyst) Shiatsu/Acutonics Therapeutic Body Work**

Elfi Six was born in Berlin and moved to the United States in 1984. She has practiced Shiatsu for almost 30 years and Acutonics for the past 10 years. She has taught Shiatsu internationally for the Ohashi Institute, studied Oriental Medicine with Jeffrey Yuen, acupuncturist, herbalist, and Taoist priest, and was on the staff of the prestigious Canyon Ranch Spa Resort in Lenox, MA from 2000 to 2010. She loves dogs and coming to Camp Unleashed, even though she doesn't yet have one of her own.

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**Jennifer Messner LMT Chair Massage** Jennifer is a licensed and well-seasoned massage therapist located in Lee, MA with over 12 years of experience. She specializes in deep tissue massage, trigger point therapy, and myofascial release and other modalities such as prenatal massage, full body massage, and Swedish massage. Jennifer's website:

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