



## **About the Instructors 2018**

### **Caitlin Morrow, BS, CPDT-KA, RVT - Behavioral Director**

Caitlin, our Chief Canine Behavior Director, graduated in 2006 from the University of Tennessee with a Bachelors Degree in Animal Science, then in 2007 graduated with honors from the Animal Behavior College and then in 2012 graduated with honors with an Associates degree in Animal Medical Technology to become a Registered Veterinary Technician in North Carolina. She became a CPDT-KA in the fall of 2011. She has worked with veterinarians, technicians, and kennel staff to implement a low stress restraint and handling program based on Dr. Sophia Yin's book Low Stress Handling and Restraint and Behavior Modification. She also became a licensed presenter for Dogs and Storks in 2014 and enjoys working with expectant families to prepare their four legged family members for the new arrival. Currently, Caitlin is operating her own training business in western North Carolina as well as working for Sarge's Animal Rescue Foundation as their Behavior Director.

### **Steve Mize - Dock Diving, Lure Coursing**

Steve has been active in the world of dog sports for over 10 years. He has competed with his dog in National and World level Championships in both Diving Dogs and Disc. His dogs carry titles in NADD, Skyhoundz, Up-Dog! and Barn Hunt. He is currently the Operation Manager for North America Diving Dogs and travels the southeast running competition events and teaching dogs.

### **Becca Hancock – Agility, Disc Dog**

Becca has been working as a Certified Dog Trainer since 2008. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Outdoor Education and completed an apprenticeship with an Animal Behaviorist. Becca previously taught group classes and private lessons at PetSmart. Becca has a brilliant blend of knowledge in both behavior and performance dog work. She is a 25 time World Finalist in Disc (Skyhoundz and USDDN) and is a current World Record Holder in Extreme Distance.

### **Elizabeth Staley, CCPDT-KA, Equissage Canine Massage Certified Barn Hunt**

Elizabeth has been competing in Barn Hunt with her own dogs since February 2014. Her Bostons were among the first in their breed to earn titles in this sport. Her Boston, Lexi, is currently the undisputed #1 Boston in the country having earned her 14th Excellent Championship.

Elizabeth has also shown and worked with a number of other breeds and mixes at various levels. Elizabeth meets your dog at their current level and helps build their skills and drive. She also helps handlers understand how to 'read' their dog. As a BHA secretary and judge, she travels around the country judging events and providing training seminars.

Elizabeth also competes with her Bostons, Aussies and students' dogs in a variety of other dog sports including conformation, agility, obedience, rally, scent work, coursing and dock diving. She

also is certified in canine massage. Elizabeth believes that the best part of any sport is the relationship that is built between the dog and handler.

### **Mary Baker – Tricks with Props, Rally FrEe, Canine Games, Sniffer Games, Scent Work, Trick Dog Titles**

Mary is the owner and trainer at Lucky Dog company and her training philosophy is as follows: We work with people and their canine partners to build strong positive relationships and good manners. Socialization exercises, positive reinforcement training, fun innovative classes and relaxed supportive atmosphere help to create the best environment for learning new skills, modifying behavior and perfecting acquired skills. By teaching you positive fun training techniques we help your dog be the best companion they can be! Training should be a life-long commitment plus fun and enjoyable for everyone. Our goal is to help people and their dogs strengthen their relationships, have fun, reach their goals and live the best lives they can!

### **Kirsten Holt – Fit Paws**

Kirsten is Certified Canine Fitness Trainer (CCFT) through the University of Tennessee and FitPAWS Master Trainer. She competes in flyball, dock diving and has participated in frisbee leagues. She is a member of the Pawsitive Performance K9FIT-Team working directly with Bobbie Lyons, CCFT, KPA CPT, Cert CF. She teaches all levels of canine fitness and enjoys sharing her knowledge with others. Kirsten has attended numerous training sessions and conferences including:

- Canine fitness courses w/ Pawsitive Performance
- FitPAWS Master Trainer Program
- K9 Conditioning & Body Awareness w/ Bobbie Lyons (Pawsitive Performance)
- Puppy Foundation Seminar w/ Lisa Blanchard
- University of Tennessee's Certified Canine Fitness Trainer (CCFT)
- Shoulders & Iliopsoas/Jumping/Advanced Combos w/ Dr. Leslie Eide
- Canine Sports Medicine Symposium (Michigan State University)
- K9 Conditioning and Body Awareness w/ Bobbie Lyons
- Fitness for Flyball through DogMotion

### **Stacia Bennett – Hiking Topics, Long Hikes Leader**

Stacia has been working professionally with dogs for 11 years, starting out as a veterinary technician and progressing to training. She spent 8 years volunteering as an area coordinator and puppy raiser for the Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind, and in the process raised 8 dogs to become guide dogs for the blind or service dogs for disabled veterans. She began hiking in 2011 after adopting a standard poodle whose boundless energy required a level of exercise she had not anticipated. Both of them got hooked on hiking and eventually backpacking. While she has since passed, Stacia still hikes frequently with my current standard poodle. Together, we have backpacked hundreds of miles of the Appalachian Trail, Bartram Trail, and even some of the Florida Trail, along with many shorter local hikes.

### **Lisa Bedenbaugh, PT, CCRP – Canine Rehabilitation**

Lisa brings extensive physical therapy experience to CRS. A 1988 graduate of Daemen College with a B.S. in Physical Therapy, Lisa today has 30 years of experience in the field. She has worked in multiple clinical settings, including orthopaedics, neurology, home health and acute care. In 2003, she earned accreditation as a Certified Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner (CCRP) from the University of Tennessee, and began practicing small animal physical rehabilitation. Since that time, she has transitioned primarily to the animal rehabilitation field. Lisa is the Georgia state liaison for the American Physical Therapy Association's (APTA) Animal Rehabilitation special interest group,

and is co-author of an independent study course on evaluation of the canine rehabilitation patient for them. As well as hosting fitness and conditioning workshops, Lisa has spoken both locally and internationally on topics in canine rehabilitation. She is currently Director of Rehabilitation at North Georgia Veterinary Specialist, a multi-disciplinary referral practice in Buford, GA.  
Lisa's website: <http://caninerehabsystems.com/>

### **Heather Polechio – Behavior Team**

Heather is a 2009 Honors Graduate of the San Francisco, CA based Academy for Dog Trainers & Behavior Counselors, where she gained a formal education in the field of canine behavior and the principles and application of scientific learning theory. Heather is a Nationally Certified Professional Dog Trainer as well as licensed educator with internally recognized Family Paws Parent Education. Heather has been working with dogs and their people for over a decade in WNC and owns and operates Asheville Mindful Mutz Training & Behavior Consulting llc, which has served as one of the Asheville areas premier and award winning behavior services for the past 5 years. Heather loves the great outdoors and shares her home in Asheville, NC with her partner and two canine sidekicks, Eppy & Stella.

### **Monica Jeffers AAS, BS, LVMT - Veterinary Technician**

After growing up on a small hobby farm in Middle Tennessee, Monica realized that her passion in life was animals. This realization fueled her to pursue a career in helping animals in various ways which include medical care, fostering, and educating the public about general care. While completing her Bachelors of Science in Animal Science at the University of Tennessee, she worked as a large animal veterinary assistant at the University Of Tennessee College Of Veterinary Medicine. Shortly after graduation from the University of Tennessee in 2007, she began working for a companion animal hospital as head technician. Not only did she assist with medical treatment, but she would direct pet owners in the general care and obedience of their pet. While working in the companion animal hospital, Monica realized that she wanted to earn her license to be a Veterinary Medical Technician in order to further expand her knowledge and abilities.

### **Nancy Fitzpatrick – Raw Nutrition for Dogs**

Nancy is from Asheville, NC, and has recently completed her certification in Raw Dog Food Nutrition from DNM University (an intensive online course). Her interest in this subject stems from a miracle she witnessed in her own dog, "Briella". Briella's life was literally saved by being switched from kibble to raw meals, and Nancy will share that story and more in her classes here at Camp Unleashed.

### **Monica Henderson – Photography**

A dog lover since early childhood, Monica has spent the past 20 years working with dogs and their people, helping them heal as a registered veterinary technician, helping them bond as a professional dog trainer, and helping memorialize their bond as a photographer. Her vast experience with animals allows a unique photography experience where the dog's comfort and security during their session come first. Monica offers her clients a variety of finished, ready to display products, including framed prints, images on metal, ready to hang canvas, dimensional art blocks, and heirloom quality leather bound albums, sure to evoke emotion and fond memories for years to come.

Monica's website: [www.monkeyseephoto.com](http://www.monkeyseephoto.com)

### **Stacey Clear and Jacqui Johnson – Painting with Paws**

Stacey Clear & Jacqui Johnson met during a dock diving event and later discovered their mutual appreciation of dog art. During a late night painting frenzy a wild idea of having dogs do their own paintings was born! They love taking Clearly Nuts Art School on the road to discover the next Pawcasso! They teach dock diving classes at The Dog's Place, compete at dock diving, agility and other dog sports and love to play with paint! Jacqui has two Golden Retrievers (Annie & Jolt). Loves to run and competes in lots of 5K, 10Ks. Jolt will compete in her first dock diving Nationals event this year. Stacey has 3 Boston Terriers (Tee, Pop, Fizz). She does custom dog portraits and teaches "paint your pet" classes. Fizz will compete at dock Nationals for the 3rd time.

### **Sue Juczak - Massage Therapy for Humans and Dogs**

Sue Juczak graduated from The Swedish Institute in 1985 and has been a licensed massage therapist for 28 years. She became certified in the St. John Method of Neuromuscular Therapy in 1991 and has taught Swedish massage, anatomy, pathology, seated massage and sports massage.

### **Eileen Brown – Camp Director, Swimming and Watersports for Dogs**

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 and are members of 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 and is a training assistant for My Dog's Place in Mystic, CT.