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## EDUCATION

Colorado Mountain College, Rifle, CO  
Associates of Science 1997  
University of Colorado, Denver, CO, 2002  
B.S. in Psychology- Graduated with honors as a Psi-Chi member

## EXPERIENCE

1990-Present Hooves for the Heart-  
Design and implement therapeutic horseback riding programs for children with severe emotional disorders.

1990-Present Canine Country School- Animal Behavior Specialist  
Develop protocol and instruct training for companion animals and their people through the integration of behavior modification techniques with current non-aversive learning theory models.

1997-2003 Developmentally Delayed Resource Center-  
Stewardship over a 34 year old Trisomy 15/18 patient by feeding through a G tube, bathing, catheterizing and providing physical, mental and emotional assistance through the use of companion animals.

November 2000 Featured speaker in Waikiki, HI on behavior modification.

1999- 2003 Featured speaker at the University of Denver (biyearly bases)  
Animal assisted activities and animal interventions in the therapeutic model.

February 2000 Featured speaker at Horses & Healing on therapeutic horseback riding interventions.

May 2002 Featured speaker throughout Victoria, Australia.  
Integral part of program development for the Department of Corrections and Human Services on behavior modification and management choices.

2003- Present Animal Behavior Academy Program Coordinator and Master Instructor  
Responsible for animal training apprentice program development, implementation and assessment.

Oct. 2004 Presented therapeutic animal interventions at ATTACH conference in Richmond, Virginia

October 2005 Therapeutic riding program development workshop in Northern California.

Oct 2006 Presented a full day for Children Hope & Horses on therapeutic animal interventions, Boca Raton, FL.

April 2008 Animal therapeutic interventions organizer & head instructor at Turning Point Camp, Sweetwater, CO

May 2009 Animal therapeutic interventions organizer & head instructor at Turning Point Camp, Sweetwater, CO

April 2010 Animal therapeutic interventions organizer & head instructor at Turning Point Camp, Sweetwater, CO

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/ ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1988	Present Active member and volunteer with the AKC Roaring Fork Kennel Club
1990	Colorado State Fair Grand Champion Dog Obedience Team
1990-1991	Garfield County Fair and Rodeo Queen
1991	Colorado State Fair Grand Champion Dairy Goat and Dairy Goat Showman
1993	Colorado State fair Grand Champion Trail Horse
1994-Present	Judge Obedience, Showmanship, Agility and Rally annually for at least three counties within the region for their county fair or fun matches.
1998- Present	Subscriber to Animal Wellness, Whole Dog Journal, Dog Watch, Whole Horse Journal and Equus
1999	With the backing of the University of Colorado, designed and conducted an experiment in self-esteem development through the use of therapeutic horseback riding.
2000	Psi Chi Member (Psychology Honors Association)
2000- Present	Certified Professional Dog Trainer- Knowledge Assessed # 71904 by CCPDT
2000-2006	Board of Directors for the SAVY nonprofit foundation to Stop America's Violent Youth
2001- Present	Registered riding instructor with NARHA # 39679.
2001- Present	Member of Equine Facilitated Mental Health Assoc
2001	Authored the biography, <u>Dandelion on My Pillow, Butcher Knife Beneath</u>
2001	Chairman of Grant Committee for SAVY, Inc.
2002- Present	Volunteer with Colorado Animal Rescue: training out or assessing extreme behavior in dogs
2003	Authored the riding program, <u>It's Not Just Horsin' Around With Defiant Kids</u>
2003	Awarded the WIRED award from the Small Business Development Center (Willpower, Initiative, Resolve, Enthusiasm, Determination)
2002-Present	Served on board of directors of the Roaring Fork Kennel Club
2003 - Present	American Red Cross Instructor Certification with Pet CPR & First Aid endorsement
2004- Present	Chairperson for Hospitality of annual AKC dog show
2005 - 2010	Eagle County Dog 4-h Leader & county fair superintendent
2005- Present	Volunteer with the Rifle Shelter: training out or assessing extreme behavior in some dogs
2006- Present	Canine Corner Newsletter editor for the Roaring Fork Kennel Club
2007	Presented Canine Body Language to NW Expo
2008	Presented Canine Body Language to Grand Valley Kennel Club
2008- Present	Latham Foundation Member
2009	Active member of Therapy Dog International with two volunteering dogs
2009 - Present	Certified Equine Interaction Professional by Certification Board of Equine Interaction Professionals
2009	North Western 4H Dog Project Expo organizer & superintendent
2009 - Present	Canine Good Citizen Evaluator # 39912
2010	Taught workshop on rally for NW Dog Expo
2010	Volunteered at Redstone Winterfest to teach pet 1 <sup>st</sup> aid and CPR
2010	Volunteered at PoochParade for Beth Byerly as CGC Evaluator
2010- Present	Active Division of Wildlife volunteer
2011 - Present	Therapy Dog International Evaluator #1136