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PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Behaviorists, 2006 - present.

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine: Licensed in California, 1996 - 2009, 2013 - present. Licensed in Massachusetts, 2008 - 2013.

EDUCATION

Shelter Veterinary Behavior Residency, 2002 – 2005. University of California, Davis
Internship, Small Animal Medicine & Surgery, 1996 – 1997. The Animal Medical Center, New York, NY

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, 1992 – 1996. University of California, Davis

Undergraduate studies, 1988 – 1992. California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director of Research, **Maddie's Fund**, Pleasanton, CA, 2015 – present

Leads research team; solicits/reviews research proposals and reports. Develops and implements shelter behavior and foster care research and education. Lectures at national shelter and veterinary conferences. Shelter behavior consultant. Developed post-adoption follow-up mobile app, Maddie's Pet Assistant. Contributing author, Fear Free Shelter course.

Director, Maddie's Adoption Program, **Maddie's Fund**, Pleasanton, CA, 2013 – 15

Led foster based adoption program which focused on difficult to place pets. Participated in development of large progressive animal care facility.

Instructor, **University of Florida Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program**, 2010-2015

Developed and revised online Shelter Animal Behavior and Welfare course. Instructor for course.

Shelter Veterinary Behaviorist, **Center for Shelter Dogs, ARL Boston**, MA, 2008 - 13

Led shelter behavior program for ARL Boston. Developed and implemented behavior programs for the Center for Shelter Dogs and ARL shelters. Lectured and training sessions about shelter dog behavior for animal welfare organizations. Development and implementation of shelter dog behavioral research studies.

Shelter Veterinary Behaviorist, **UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program**, CA, 2008 - 09

Provided behavioral oversight to shelter medicine program. Consultations with shelters. Educated/guided veterinary students and residents. Developed educational materials for website. Lectured to shelters, veterinarians, and the public

Shelter Veterinary Behaviorist, **Sacramento Veterinary Behavior Services**, CA, 2006 - 08

Started business. Provided behavior consultation services for animal shelters and private clients.

Shelter Medicine Clinician, **UC Davis Shelter Medicine Program**, CA, 2005 - 06

Provided veterinary medical services for Sacramento SPCA. Developed infectious disease protocols.

Behavior Resident, **UC Davis Veterinary Behavior/Maddie's Shelter Medicine**, CA, 2002 - 05

First ever specialty training program in behavior with focus on shelter dogs and cats. Consulted at and regular visits to shelters. Performed shelter behavioral evaluations and private behavior consultations.

Shelter Behaviorist and Veterinarian, **Pets Unlimited**, San Francisco, CA, 1999 – 2002

Provided behavioral and veterinary services small animal shelter, general and emergency veterinary practice.

PUBLICATIONS

- Consistency of shelter dogs' behavior toward a fake versus real stimulus dog during a behavior evaluation. 2015, Applied Animal Behaviour Science
- Food-related aggression in shelter dogs: A comparison of behavior identified by a behavior evaluation in the shelter and owner reports after adoption. 2013, Applied Animal Behaviour Science
- Development and implementation of a unique online portal for collecting data from a standardized behavior evaluation with shelter dogs. 2013, Journal of Veterinary Behavior: Clinical Applications and Research
- Behavioral traits detected in shelter dogs by a behavior evaluation. 2011, Applied Animal Behaviour Science.
- Evaluation of a behavioral assessment questionnaire for use in the characterization of behavioral problems of dogs relinquished to animal shelters. 2005, Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

RECENT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

ASPCA Cornell Maddie's Shelter Medicine Conference, 2022, keynote, trauma in shelter dogs, risk assessment, research update

Best Friends National Conference, 2022, trauma in shelter dogs, part 1 and 2

HSUS Expo, 2022, trauma in shelter dogs

Veterinary Behavior Symposium, 2022, dog bites

Big Dog MasterClass, 2022, trauma in shelter dogs

Human Animal Support Services, 2022, resource guarding, trauma, behavior assessment

Veterinary Meeting and Expo (VMX), 2021, behavior medications, care pathways, foster care management, trauma/reactivity/impulsivity

Western Veterinary Conference, 2021, behavior medications, care pathways, foster care management, unpredictable dogs and trauma

Human Animal Support Services, 2021, behavior programs, behavior medications

Maddie's Fund webcasts, 2020, various behavior topics to support foster caregivers

American Pets Alive, 2020, Managing Shelter Dog Behavior

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Behaviorists, Specialty Training Committee

Association of Shelter Veterinarians, member and Shelter Standards Task Force

Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association, Leadership Council

Center for Canine Behavior Studies, Advisory Board

Human Animal Support Services, Behavior Job-Alike lead