



# SUPER SNIFFER Workshops™

## **CURRICULUM VITAE OF DOG RELATED EXPERIENCES - DEBBY KAY**

### **PERSONAL DATA**

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**EDUCATION:** B.Sc George Mason University; Graduate studies there also.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

\* Currently serves as executive director for the non profit, Diabetes Alert Dog Alliance

\* Contractor/Lead Trainer for Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) / Department of State K9 program. Instructor for the Antiterrorist Assistance Program involving the training of foreign police agencies with explosive detection dogs using the training protocol presented in the manuscript under consideration. I assisted in establishing the program at the new Front Royal facility and trained all the permanent staff ATF hired to take over the program. 9 classes were trained while I was there with a 100% graduation record. This included over 70 dogs for the foreign classes and 6 dogs for the ATF program. Responsible for coordinating and developing class schedules, training program, selection of dogs, medication, and administration of tests. I worked with a holistic veterinarian to teach the students basic homeopathy and first aid. I also instructed students on the use of massage and Tellington touch for stress relief in their working companions.

\* Lead Trainer for International Detector Dogs, Ltd. (IDD), a Virginia based corporation that has provided services to countries on 4 continents. I managed a 60 dog boarding facility and staff and trained dogs for accelerant, explosive, and narcotic detection using an operant conditioning training system that I perfected, wrote, and lectured about, extensively around the world. I also trained patrol dogs and man trailing Bloodhounds, Search and Rescue dogs and other detector dogs for various purposes. I trained the first toxic waste detection dog while working here. Assisted local police agencies with my trained dogs on narcotic search warrants and cases involving missing persons, or evidence recovery. Also contracted out detector dog services (both Narcotic and explosive) to private corporations. Clients included, New York City Police, Virginia State Police, Westmoreland County Police, Colonial Beach Police, Dunn City Police, Fredericksburg City Police, Lufthansa Airlines, Vance International, Duquense Light, Fairfax County Fire Department, Lexington Kentucky Fire Department, Duke Power et.al. I was often asked to act as an agent in the selection of dogs for other programs. I was licensed by the State of Virginia to handle Narcotics for training purposes and special permits for explosives. By special request, I also trained dogs to assist the handicap and hearing impaired.

\* Have appeared as an invited guest on several cable and television talk shows as well as having been featured on national news for accomplishments with my dogs, most recently with FOX Channel 29 in Philadelphia PA. I have lectured extensively over the United States and overseas on a wide range of dog relate topics to University classes, Police academies, Military instructors, Search and Rescue Groups, and Dog Clubs. I regularly give seminars to dog groups on dog care topics and training.

\* Have trained field (Hunting) dogs on both upland game (pointers) and waterfowl (retrievers) and hounds for coon, rabbit and large game. Many Labradors from the Chilbrook Breeding program have earned awards and titles at field trial and hunting retriever tests. I also have trained hunting Beagles for Hare and rabbits and have introduced exported, trained stock, to Cyprus, a first for that country.

\* Have trained numerous man trailing Bloodhounds for the Corrections Department of several states including Virginia. These dogs have been sited many times for successful track runs on escapees and criminals.

\* I was a qualified member of the American Search and Rescue Dog Association (ARDA) during its developmental stages here in the U.S. I have participated on over 45 searches. It was during my service with ARDA that we developed the technique of training dogs to find drowned victims under water, a first in canine scent work and now a standard for certification in the program. Have also trained Cadaver Detection Dogs used by local police in searches. Formerly an independent member of the Virginia Search and Rescue Council, qualified evaluator of State Certification Team for Search Dogs and Handlers.

\* Worked under a N.E.R.F. grant to train dogs to find box turtles for ecologists studying this species in an environmental impact target area. These dogs were highly successful and featured in several books.

\* Have bred and whelped over 3000 dogs during the past 45 years, primarily Labrador Retrievers and hunting hound dogs. My prefix **CHILBROOK** is registered with 9 different registries. Four consecutive generations of my Labradors have Dog World Awards of Distinction for outstanding producing dams. My dogs have earned titles in all areas of competition and include many champions around the world including the 1997 Reserve World Champion. In Obedience I have had a Champion and Obedience Trial Champion, HIT winners and bred the only Labrador to win both High in Trial and Best of Breed at the same Specialty show. Chilbrook Lone Ranger was the first Triple Grand Champion in UKC history, titling at the highest level in conformation, field and obedience ranking in the top ten in both Obedience and Conformation the year he titled. His half sister Chilbrook Madeline was the 4<sup>th</sup> ever Labrador and one of only 86 dogs in history to title in every performance, event offered as well as the field and conformation.

\* Participated in the Seeing Eye, Inc. breeding program during its reorganization stages during the mid-seventies as both an expert consultant on Labrador Retrievers and in supplying them with foundation breeding stock. I have also provided breeding stock (Labradors) to the Guide Dogs for the Blind (Ca), Leader Dogs for the blind (Mich.). Guiding Eyes for the Blind-Second Sight (NY), Canine Companions for Independence (CA), Support Dogs for Independence (CA), Guiding Eyes for the Blind (NY), Southeastern Guide Dogs (FL), Canine Partners for Life (PA), St Francis Service Dogs (VA), Penn Vet Working Dog Center (PA), numerous service dog organizations that train for veterans with disabilities, and Bloodhounds to the Georgia and Virginia Corrections Departments. I still serve as an expert breed consultant for many of these school's breeding programs, for example with the CCI program I helped them through the dogs I provided to increase their graduation rate over 35%.

\* Helped to organize and establish the Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac (LRCP), serving as the charter secretary for 2 years and later as a member of the board of directors. It was during my term as an officer that we were able to hold the first independent tracking trial for Labradors and successfully established three color divisions in the open adult classes at shows. I still run tracking classes for the club and I am currently working on obtaining my tracking judges license. Today the LRCP holds the largest independent breed specialty in the United States and the world.

\* Former member of the board of directors of the Colonial Beach Humane Society.

\* Published freelance writer/photographer with many articles on training, breeding, genetics, in major dog journals including Retriever International, Labrador Quarterly, Canadian Police Canine Quarterly, Dog Fancy, and the American Kennel Club Gazette. Wrote sections on service dogs in The Versatile Labrador Retriever by Nancy Martin, and genetics, detector dogs, & working trials in England in the book The New Labrador Retrievers by Janet Churchill., and The Official Book of the Labrador Retriever, by The L.R.C. Inc.;

they quoted extensively from an article I wrote on detector dogs. I authored the Labrador Breeders Handbook, a concise reference guidebook for breeders. My work on color genetics in Labradors has now been translated and published in 4 languages and is one of the most quoted sources on the subject. I have two books out currently in my best selling Super Sniffer™ Detection Dog Training Series which go along with my popular Super Sniffer™ Workshops. These workshops are presented throughout the US and overseas.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

Professional Member of the International Association of Canine Professionals  
Labrador Retriever Club Inc.  
Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac; lifetime member  
Dog Writers Association of America (professional level)  
Blue Ridge Dog Training Club



### **ADDITIONAL RELATED DOG EXPERIENCE**

- Licensed Conformation Judge for UKC dog shows
- Licensed AKC Canine Good Citizen Evaluator
- Licensed AKC Hunt Test Judge
- 1970-1978 Worked as an assistant to a professional show handler (PHA) training and preparing dogs for AKC show competition.
- 1968-1987 certified professional groomer.
- 1966-1968 Part time veterinarian assistant, Brandywine Animal Hospital
- Retired Certified evaluator for Therapy Dogs International.