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Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers Board of Directors Undergoes Many Changes

Board of Directors of the CCPDT has new members, new officers and a new test.

New York, NY, January 5, 2009 – The Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT) Board of Directors is undergoing changes in almost all areas: Board members have left and been added, new officers were elected, and work on a new examination and an intensive marketing plan continues.

We are happy to announce that Nicole Johnston and Marilyn Wolf have joined the Board of Directors. Nicole Johnston is the owner of Dogspaw Ltd, a multi-faceted facility located in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Her passion to help save animals has grown into a thriving business where Nicole and her dedicated staff provide many pet related services including Doggy Daycare, Professional Training, Behaviour Modifications, Resort Boarding, Grooming and a Retail Boutique.

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Marilyn Wolf, with a Bachelor of Science in Communication and Business from the University of Maryland, is the Managing Member of Korrekt Kritters[®], LLC. Marilyn is a parent, stepparent, and grandparent who has lived with dogs of all sizes, ages, and temperaments over the years. She uses presentation skills and analysis of canine communication to help dogs and their people. Currently, she only works with companion dogs through private lessons.

We also held elections this year and are pleased to announce that Miranda K. Workman is now the CCPDT President and Cara Vacchiano is Vice President. Joan Campbell of the Professional Testing Corporation (PTC), the management company that helps CCPDT run, has been appointed Treasurer and Secretary.

In recent months, Susan Smith and Lisa Clifton-Bumpass left the Board of Directors. At the end of December, Laurie Luck left the Board. Laurie, in conjunction with current President, Miranda K. Workman, spent weeks creating the CCPDT Marketing Plan that will be implemented in the coming year. While on the Board, Susan and Lisa were instrumental in creating the structure for an upcoming behavior certification.

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The CCPDT's certification program is the first national certification for dog trainers. Until the creation of the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers in 2001, there was no nationally available certification process for dog trainers, though many schools teach dog trainers and offer certificates for their specific programs. All test sites are professionally secured and moderated by Professional Testing Corporation. Candidates who pass the exam earn the title Certified Pet Dog Trainer and may use the designation, "CPDT," after their names.

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