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Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers Bigger and Better than Ever

Board of Directors of the CCPDT re-elects President and new Public Member.

New York, NY, November 18, 2009 – The Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT) Board of Directors has re-elected the President and, for the first time, a non-dog-trainer public member.

Miranda K. Workman, CPDT-KA, owns Purrfect Paws Animal Behavior Center, LLC in Amherst, NY providing animal behavior and training services for dogs and cats. Her training philosophy is embodied in her business tag line: Building Positive and Permanent Relationships.

She also serves as the Training and Enrichment Coordinator for the SPCA serving Erie County where she develops behavior and training programs for both dogs and cats. She is a member of their AdvoCATS and Greenly Committee focusing on feline advocacy, behavior and training. Her facility also houses a feline rehabilitation center for SPCA cats in need of professional behavior work before adoption. Working with their Humane Education Department she and her staff provide the training portion of their TLC program working with inner-city youth to foster respect and compassion for all animals.

Miranda has been on the CCPDT Board of Directors since August 2007 and President since January 2009. She has been re-elected to the Board and the Presidency.

Jennifer Herrick has over 12 years of experience working in the not-for-profit sector. She has been the Executive Director of two not-for-profit organizations and is currently a Campaign Manager in the Business Development Division with the United Way of the Alberta Capital Region in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Jennifer has been a Big Sister with Big Brothers Big Sisters since 2006. She sits on the City of Edmonton's 118th Avenue Revitalization Committee where she is one of the main organizers of the annual Avenue Goes to the Dogs event. Jennifer is also the Vice President of PAWS, a local animal rescue group.

Jennifer is the proud owner of two female bullmastiffs: Layla who is 3 and Ember who just turned a year. She has also recently added a new addition to her family, a 4 year old Golden Retriever named Herbie.

The CCPDT Bylaws allows one public member who is not a dog trainer. Jennifer is not a CPDT-KA and will give us a new perspective as the first public member elected to the Board of Directors.

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 Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed and may use the designation, "CPDT-KA" after their names.

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