

The Harmony of Creation



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-Kylee Smith

Animal Lover and Trainer

What inspired you to become a dog trainer?

My journey to become a dog trainer was long and winding, but two things were always guiding my way. The first was my faith and desire to serve people in a manner that glorifies God. The second was my overwhelming and sincere fascination with animals from the smallest age. I was immersed in the human-animal bond before I ever even knew the term.

What is your definition of the human-animal connection?

The human-animal connection is the God-given relationship between humans and animals. I works in desirable ways, such as is shown through animal-assisted therapies and the health benefits of enjoying a household pet. The connection can also be abused, like when a human fails to uphold their duty to care for an dependent pet, or when humans annihilate entire species in the name of progress, expansion, or science.

How do you use the human-animal connection in your work as a trainer?

I do not use it so much as understand it and use that understanding to positively change lives. "Trainer" can also be a tricky term because when people think of a dog trainer, they think of dropping the pup off, like a child for sports practice, then when they pick him up... BOOM! The creature is a little more trained.

This is far from reality, however, at least in my case, because of my focus on the connection. Each animal has a story, as does each human. So, when working with clients I require them to stick around for our sessions. In fact, I highly encourage each pet lover to engage in the process, to learn about their animal, to understand what is happening, to fully connect with their creature. Of course, half of an animal trainer's work is training the human involved with the animal. I have found that understanding, and actively engaging with, the human-animal connection enhances and smooths the training process. It is a wonderful thing really, and that is my whole goal as a trainer - to serve people and animals by strengthening the bonds that already exist.

Do you any advice for pet parents who are struggling with an animal's behavior?

Calm down, take a deep breath, and ask yourself two questions. First, why is this behavior bothersome to me, and is really that important? Second, what is the cause of this behavior, and what is my animal trying to communicate to me? Animals are wonderful communicators. Some creatures even communicate to each other better than humans so. The problems that arise with human-animal communication arise in the translation. Very often humans are blind to what their animals are trying to tell them. In any relationship between two living beings on this earth, communication is key. The human-animal connection is no different.

Thank you for joining us today! Do you have any final words for us?

God created animals for a reason, just like he created humans for a reason. He also gifted humans with the beautiful responsibility of caring for the creatures he placed on this earth. Enjoy the responsibility! It is truly a gift.



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