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President's Message

What a busy winter for SVBT! The scholarship committee has completed the selection of this year's DOGS! Course scholarship winner. See page 3 for details about this year's deserving winner.

Amy Bretton has recently stepped down from the recording secretary position. Amy has agreed to continue as co-editor of the newsletter. Our bylaws require that in the event of a vacancy in the office of recording secretary the executive board must appoint a substitute for the vacant position to complete the term of office. The board of directors has appointed Debbie Puppel to the recording secretary position. Debbie is very dedicated and enthusiastic. See page 2 for details about Debbie and make sure to read her book review on page 4. Welcome aboard Debbie!

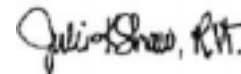
Enclosed in this edition of The Behavior Perspective you will find biographies and email addresses for candidates for the 2004-2005 executive board. Make sure to read through the information on each candidate. Feel free to contact them with questions and vote for your choice. We are enclosing a paper ballot insert in the newsletter or you may vote online at www.svbt.org (go to the Member's Only heading and click on the Vote link). Votes will be accepted until May 31st, 2004. Only **professional** members may vote.

Many of you have asked where the specialty committee stands on working with NAVTA for specialty accreditation. At this point we have submitted numerous questions to ACVB and have asked for their advice. ACVB is in the process of developing a

committee to assist us and we are waiting to hear from that committee.

I encourage you to become active in the organization - contact me anytime if you would like suggestions for areas where your expertise could be best utilized

Sincerely,



SVBT President

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Continues Support

by Julie Shaw, R.V.T.

Premier Pet Products is supporting the first SVBT Merit Award and has agreed to co-sponsor our annual meeting for the third year in a row. Premier has stood behind SVBT from the beginning. I recently met with the CEO of Premier, Sharon Bennett, and asked her why she felt SVBT was such a vital organization. Ms Bennett said, "Technicians are the ones on the front line. They are often the ones who see the issues between clients and their pets first. Premier believes that technicians are the driving force for behavior education in veterinary hospitals. Premier is really excited about SVBT and believes SVBT is a dynamic force that is setting the tone for behavior in veterinary medicine." SVBT sincerely thanks Premier Pet Products for their continued support.

2004 SVBT Merit Award Announced by Tara Lang, BS, RVT

Julie Shaw, our president, has been contemplating ways to reward our hard working members since she became president. She wanted a way to inspire our members to volunteer for SVBT Committees and to excel in these positions. She discussed this with Premier Pet Products, and they graciously agreed to make a \$500 commitment to sponsor a Merit Award. This money is to be used by the recipient for expenses incurred while attending the continuing education meetings at the AVMA national convention.

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Editor's Bark

Amy Breton, CVT, VTS (ECC)



Spring is finally arriving. Spring comes elections within government offices as well as with our own SVBT. It has been almost a year since I was elected as the Recording Secretary. It has been such a busy year with SVBT and watching it grow has been a wonderful and positive experience. It is with much sadness that I have elected to give up my position as recording secretary early. It was a hard decision for me to make. I was finding myself becoming overwhelmed and unable to do an adequate job as recording secretary. It wasn't fair to the current members or new members to have a member on the board that could not give 100%. I thank all of the board members for being so patient, kind and understanding with the decision I had to make. I am still going to continue being the editor-in-chief of the newsletter.

Debbie Puppel will be serving the remaining two year term as Recording Secretary. I wish Debbie much luck and success with her new position. I thank everyone in SVBT for allowing me to have such a wonderful experience as recording secretary. I wish I could have carried out my full two year term, but I came to realize that my plate was way too full and that I could not see the bottom of it. I thank everyone again for their support and look forward to continuing to be your editor in chief.

New Recording Secretary - Debbie Puppel, BS., R.V.T.

Debbie received a BS in Human Ecology from Ohio State University in December of 1991. Her major was Family Development and she became a certified Preschool teacher. Debbie says, "Knowing that my true passion was for animals, I decided to return to school in 1994 to receive my A.A.S. in Veterinary Technology at Columbus State Community College in Columbus, Ohio. Ironically, training dogs is very similar to raising children."

Debbie relocated to Lafayette, Indiana with her 11.5 year old mixed breed dog, Snickers, and her two cats, Ace and Ziggy so she could assume the position of Cardiology Technologist at Purdue University's Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Prior to October she had been working in a private practice in Hilliard, Ohio. In Ohio, Debbie also had a second job with a local training company and taught puppy socialization classes as well as clicker training. She helped develop a behavior consult protocol, history forms, and handouts for clients for the hospital after attending and passing the 2003 DOGS! Course.

Debbie says, "In the future, I would like to establish a clicker training company in the Lafayette area and work toward APDT certification. My goal would be that appropriate training and behavior modification techniques become the norm rather than the exception. Promotion and education of these techniques will make more people aware of alternatives to "traditional" punishment-based training."

SVBT welcomes Debbie Puppel to the Executive Board.

Merit Award Continued from page 1

The scholarship committee has developed the criteria and rating system for the merit award. It will be open to all SVBT members. We will rate our members on dependability, problem solving skills, and leadership abilities. We will also evaluate: submission of reports and responses to emails in a timely manner; the goals set, if the goals were realistic, and if goals were accomplished; active and accurate representation of SVBT to the public and veterinary community through articles and lectures; and how they have progressed SVBT into the future, among other things.

So, who was our hardest working member this year? It was without a doubt Nancy Peterson. Nancy is the chairperson of our Membership Committee. She recruited 3 hardworking SVBT members to help her with this committee and they have spent the last year brainstorming on ways to increase membership. I asked our board to comment on Nancy's performance and this is what they had to say:

Donna Dyer said, "Nancy has been an inspiration to this board of directors. She often makes it hard for us to keep up with her. She has an amazing ability to bring a task to completion in a short amount of time, while doing an excellent job."

Julie Shaw stated that Nancy's energy, leadership ability and foresight have been a tremendous asset to SVBT during the 2003-2004 year. "She not only reaches goals but then sets higher goals for herself and her committee."

Each one of us thought that Nancy's support of SVBT was outstanding and she had gone above and beyond the call of duty. As Cassandra Vong put it, "her ability to lead and motivate her committee is impressive!"

Nancy was instrumental in organizing and completing a mass mailing to 182 veterinary technician schools and associations. Her committee re-wrote our application forms so we could better utilize the information gathered from them, and they sent out renewal postcard mailings and emails soliciting members to rejoin SVBT. Nancy's committee developed The Veterinary Behavior Technician's Oath and Code of Ethics (to appear in the future on the SVBT website and future newsletter).

Thank you is not enough to express the gratitude that this board has for Nancy Peterson and for the tremendous commitment she has made to SVBT this year. We will honor her at the SVBT annual meeting and we hope that you all can be there congratulate her! Look for more information about the annual meeting in the newsletter and on the website.

If you would like to show your commitment to SVBT, volunteer to become a committee member or chairperson. Maybe you could be next year's \$500 winner!

2004 DOGS! Course Scholarship Winner Linda Campbell, R.V.T., CPDT

The SVBT Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that Linda Campbell is the 2004 winner of the SVBT DOGS! Course scholarship. Linda is a graduate of Jefferson College in Hillsboro, MO and has been employed for 25 years by the Humane Society of Missouri. She has worked part-time at a local emergency clinic during her 25 years at the HSM. She is fortunate enough to work in a very progressive facility and the vast majority of her work is totally focused on behavior. Among her responsibilities are teaching obedience classes, operating a behavior help line, writing the behavior column for the newsletter, training personnel in identifying suitable pets for adoption, and developing the referral program through the veterinary medical center to assist owners with all of their pet's "issues". Like so many of us, she comes home to a house full of rescued pets, which includes five dogs, four cats, and a few birds. Her favorite household members, though, would be her husband of 30 years, Marty, and her 26-year-old son. It is interesting to note that Linda never had ANY pets as a child, and started her career in an office job. Volunteering at the local humane shelter got her hooked, and an auxiliary scholarship allowed her to go back to school to become a licensed technician. She also plays hand bells and loves to sing in the church choir! She was most recently a presenter at the HSUS convention in Dallas, TX and we are sure she is anxious to learn lots of new information in the DOGS! Course to bring back and "fix" more pets (and owners) every day!! Enjoy her essay!!

I walk slowly down the aisle, pausing long enough to read the information card posted on every cage and take a quick glance at the animal residing in each run. Each occupant arrived at this point in time through a unique set of circumstances, but for many, the root of the problem is the same, BEHAVIOR.

In Cage #2 Rowdy, an 18 month old retriever mix jumps and spins about desperately seeking my attention. He was brought in several weeks earlier by an owner who could no longer handle the bouncing bundle of energy.

Blackie, the 10 month old chow mix in Cage #9 has been in the shelter for almost four weeks. He digs at the cage door and barks to be noticed. Blackie's previous owner left the dog outside because he was not housetrained. However, when neighbors began complaining that Blackie barked all night long, he had to find a new home.

Mister the beagle chewed up a sofa and bookcase, Pixie the shepherd mix knocks the family children down, Missy won't come when called, and Sassy escapes from the yard.

One of the saddest cases of all is Susie. This 5 year old terrier mix has entered the shelter environment for the second time in two years. Her first stay in the shelter came after she was rescued from a hoarder. She was a scrawny, bedraggled dog that lacked any real socialization and needed someone special. Susie was placed with a young couple who loved her and catered to her every need. She was living a wonderful life until a new baby entered into the picture. Susie then became anxious, began house soiling and needed a new home.

These dogs and the hundreds like them that pass through our doors each year deserve better. During my 25 year career with the Humane Society of Missouri I witnessed many changes in animal care. In the sixties and seventies we implemented an intense spay/neuter campaign to combat the animal overpopulation dilemma that continues today. This initiative has met with great acceptance in our community. During 2003 we spayed and neutered 11,400 dogs and cats at our facility.

The Rescues and Investigations Department has concentrated its efforts on rescuing animals from conditions of cruelty, abuse and neglect. Our officers first work with owners to rectify situations of sub-standard housing and care through education. They only seek custody of animals when all other avenues have been exhausted. Of the 48,648 animals that officers investigated in 2003, there were 2,113 surrendered to Humane Society custody.

Early childhood intervention is the central focus of our Education Department.

Volunteers and staff educate children throughout the state of Missouri on how to be "Humane Heroes" for animals. They conduct in-school presentations, summer camps, and have developed web based teachers' curriculums. More than 21,000 school-aged children benefited from in person presentations at our facility last year. There were thousands more directly impacted by the curriculum that was made available for teachers on our web site.

Animal behavior and training is a relatively new field of concentration for our organization. Our own internal statistics seem to confirm the connection between behavior problems and owner relinquishment. For the past eight years my department (Programs) has concentrated on improving the relationship between people and their pets. Some of the initiatives our organization has accomplished include:

- 1997 – Organized multi-level training classes for dogs eight week of age and older
- 1999 – Developed and implemented a telephone Behavior Helpline for the general public
- 1999 – Introduced employee and volunteer education programs
- 2000 – Began offering a variety public education programs on animal behavior
- 2000 – Began writing a behavior column for our organization's newsletter
- 2001 – Developed socialization program for animals rescued from situations of abuse, cruelty and neglect.
- 2002 – Expanded helpline assistance to address email inquiries
- 2003 – Introduced a program that assists shelter personnel in determining the suitability of animals placed up for adoption
- 2003 – Developed a referral program through our veterinary medical center to assist owners with their pet's behavior problems.

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Book Review

by Debbie Puppel, BS, R.V.T

Doctor Dunbar's Good Little Dog Book

by Dr. Ian Dunbar
James and Kenneth Publishers
Copyright 2003 3rd edition

This 139 page, 8 chapter, puppy guide is easy to read, enjoyable and relatively comprehensive.

Chapter One: Get Ahead of the Pack refutes the dominate your dog mentality. Dr. Dunbar humorously points out the pit falls of "Trainers from the Dark Side". He states that dogs are dogs and we need to provide them with acceptable outlets and alternatives to dog behaviors.

Chapter Two: E's of lure/reward training. Efficient, effective, easy, efficacious, enjoyable and expedient. He remarks that this is training everyone can do even children.

Chapter Three: Food Lures and Rewards. Dr. Dunbar discusses how to use food lures and rewards and responds to common complaints about using food. He makes valid points and had me chuckling as I read his comments. I found myself not entirely agreeing with the what he had to say in this chapter. Dunbar remarked that you eventually do not need to reward your dog for behaviors stating, "Eventually, no rewards are necessary; your dog does what you want because that's what it wants to do." Personally, as much as I enjoy my job, I still want to get paid and so do dogs.

Chapter Four: Good Manners. This chapter gives step by step instructions on how to train your dog using the lure/reward method. Pictures supplement the instructions and make it easier to comprehend. Sit, down, stand, roll over, position changes, off lead walking, on lead walking, recalls, and stay are all covered. I liked his suggestion to take breaks in the walk when first teaching in order to keep the puppy calm. Stop and read a page in a book then continue on your way. He also discusses how to phase out lures and using life rewards. His instructions for teaching stay were not thorough because they do not caution the owner against increasing distance, distractions, or duration simultaneously.

Chapter Five: Socialization. He covers handling, hand feeding, off and take it, bite inhibition, dogs and children, and puppy parties. He does a good job describing appropriate interactions and why it is important to socialize your puppy, but he does not directly address what to do if your puppy is shy or fearful of a person or situation. His section on bite inhibition is informative.



Chapter Six: Household Etiquette. Housetraining with a description of short term (90 minutes or less) and long term confinement areas, chewing, digging, barking, home alone, separation anxiety, separation relief, and jumping are all addressed. I have always been torn on what to tell puppy owners to do if they will routinely be away from home for long periods of time and are not able to arrange to have someone periodically let the puppy out. In the past, I have been hesitant to suggest having an appropriate potty area inside the house. I think we need to be aware that although it is not ideal, not all owners will be able to accommodate their puppies elimination needs and that perhaps it is better to have a designated area rather than forcing them to soil in a confined area. Dr. Dunbar's short term confinement area is a crate or carrier and the long term confinement area includes the crate and a X-pen with a piece of sod in one corner. His comments on housetraining are through and very positive. I enjoyed his view on punishment for house soiling: "Obviously, never do anything as cruel, or as stupid, as rubbing your puppy's nose in the feces—that is, unless your training goal is to teach your dog to mash feces into the carpet, or to use its nose to shovel feces from room to room."

Chapter Seven: Six Basic Exercises. A brief summary of six things the owner needs to do with the puppy to make it a True Companion Dog (TCD).

Chapter Eight: Resources. A list of recommended books and videos. He also includes the website and 800 number for CPDT.

Although I question some of the statements that Dr. Dunbar makes, this is a book I could recommend to dog and puppy owners, especially those that have previously trained a dog with positive punishment. It is based on positive reinforcement training techniques and denounces punishment-training. His humorous comments about punishment based training techniques reminded me of the some of the passive aggressive remarks that Jean Donaldson makes in her book, [The Culture Clash](#).

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We have made progress, but even with these programs in place there are still many owners who rely on trainers promoting training methods which are ineffective and without scientific basis.

We must intensify our efforts to educate owners about behavior prior to acquiring a new pet. Since behavior is a rapidly evolving field, the programs and materials we offer must be updated and revised regularly to offer the most current and well-researched information. Our adoption center, medical center and field staff must have access to this information in order to counsel current owners and assist with appropriate owner/pet matches. To make all of this possible, the person leading the effort must be well-educated in all aspects of behavior education.

Our goals for 2004 include: expanding the Behavior

Counseling Program, providing more employee behavior training, offering educational programs to outside animal welfare organizations and rescue groups, and increasing our focus on preventative behavior classes.

The DOGS! Course will play a vital role in achieving these goals. Information from the course will be shared with our staff members, volunteers, adopters, the general public and other organizations in our area.

As an employee of the Humane Society of Missouri I pledge to prevent cruelty, abuse and neglect of animals. As veterinary behavior technician I pledge to serve animals and society by strengthening the human-animal bond by educating the public about normal animal behavior and problem prevention. By attending the DOGS! Course I will do both.

Tools and Toys

Urban Puppy Toolkit

by Julie Shaw, R.V.T.

To order visit: Premier Pet Products (888-640-8840)
Hawaiian residents: Hawaii Mega-Cor., Inc (800- 369-7711)

If I picked the number one best product I've reviewed this year it would have to be the Urban Puppy Toolkit. I was so impressed by this product that we re-created our puppy class curriculum around the kit. This kit is comprehensive and in an easy-to-understand picture format.

The Urban Puppy Toolkit contains 6 books, 4 field cards and a development poster.

Each book is theme oriented. **The Start Me Up Book** contains basic information about learning, motivation, management issues, problems with punishment and bite inhibition. **The Socialize Book** describes what socialization is and why it is important. It tells puppy owners what to do if their puppy becomes frightened and even includes a socialization chart. **The House Training Book** covers crate training and other management issues. It includes instructions for teaching a puppy

to eliminate on cue. **The Prevent Book** is one of my favorites. It discusses how to prevent issues with children, guarding, jumping, handling and separation anxiety prevention. **The Junior Obedience Book** explains why training is important and gives basic instruction for control behaviors. **The Games Book** explains why games are important to a puppy and then describes in detail numerous games that owners can play with their puppy which teach obedience behaviors.

The field cards are very short picture flip books which describe high points from the books. It is hard to believe, but some people (such as my husband) don't want to know everything about training a puppy. He just wants the "cliff notes". The field cards are perfect for giving someone "just what they need to know".

The development poster is a wonderful idea and I'm sure many "puppy parents" will tape it to their refrigerators so they can monitor their puppy's development, much like when I flipped through child development books to see what my child would be doing in their next stage of development.

Whether you are already running puppy classes, thinking about starting classes or simply want to have a product in your hospital to get puppy parents off on the right foot - no need to look further - this is it.

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SVBT 2004-2005 Executive Board Nominees

The following SVBT members have been nominated for positions on the Executive Board of Directors.

Please mail the enclosed ballot or vote online at www.svbt.org before May 31st, 2004

Cassandra Vong, BS, LVT
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Cassandra has held the position of Member-at-Large on the SVBT Executive board for 3 years (since its creation). She has played an active role in major decision and policy making for the organization. Cassandra's organizational skills, leadership ability and public speaking talent make her an excellent candidate for President-Elect.

Cassandra received her BS and LVT degrees in veterinary technology at Michigan State University. She also has a BS degree in Animal Science. Cassandra currently coordinates and teaches 2nd and 3rd year veterinary surgery labs as well as 4th year spay/neuter rotations. Cassandra assists local rescue groups and veterinary students with behavior modification and temperament evaluations for both dogs and cats. Cassandra is president of the Michigan Veterinary Technician Associate and a board member for the Friends of Ingham County Animal Shelter and the Louisiana Catahoula Leopard Dog Owners Association.

Cassandra spends her spare time accompanying MSU's vet students and faculty in a mobile animal clinic program to Indian reservations in the western states. Their primary focus is spay, neuters and vaccinations. Cassandra has noticed an extreme difference in the temperaments of the reservation dog population versus the mid-west pet dog population.

Cassandra attended and passed the DOG! Course at Purdue University in 1999.

Kimberly Clark, BS, R.V.T.
Candidate for Treasurer
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Kim has been a treasurer for SVBT for the last two years. She obtained her Associate's degree in Veterinary Technology in 1999 from Purdue University. In 2000 she attended and passed the written examination for the 5-day lecture and practicum course DOGS. She received her Veterinary Technologist Bachelors of Science degree in 2001 with a focus in animal behavior. Kim also spent 6 months assisting and observing in the Animal Behavior Clinic at Purdue University. Kim is an active member in the Indiana Veterinary Technician Association, NAVTA, the Association of Pet Dog Trainers, along with her local chapter the Wabash Valley Veterinarian association. She has also spent time learning to train service dogs for the disabled. Thus far she has successfully trained two mobility service dogs one of which has retired due to hip problems and the other is a great companion for a older man with spinal mobility problems. She was also a panel speaker at the Indiana Veterinary Technician Fall conference. The panel discussed "What Works and What Doesn't in Puppy Classes.

Kim is currently employed in a surgical referral practice in Anderson, Indiana and does some relief work at area veterinarian offices. She teaches puppy socialization classes, clicker classes, fits gentle leader head collars, does pre-purchase counseling, assist owners with behavior modification techniques and counsels clients in problem prevention technique's.

Maria Victoria, BS, R.V.T.
Candidate for Member-at-Large
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Maria Victoria graduated from Purdue University's Veterinary Technician Program in December 2002. A year later, she received her Bachelor of Science Degree with a focus in Animal Behavior from the same institution. She has been one of the few fortunate people to go through Purdue's Animal Behavior Clinic Practicum for Veterinary Technician students. She now resides in Fort Wayne, Indiana with her husband, two beagles and rabbit where she works in a private practice. Her future plans include, working for an ACVB Diplomat and serving the SVBT organization as a dynamic and outgoing individual.

Amanda Miller, BA, R.V.T.
Candidate for Member-at-Large
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Amanda works as a registered veterinary technician with Daisy Hill Animal Hospital in Ashland, Ohio. She holds an AAS in veterinary technology from Cedar Valley College in Lancaster, TX where she was one of the first distance learning graduates. She holds a BA in history from Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio. During the past 4 years, she was a student member and then an active member on the executive board of the Ohio Association of Veterinary Technicians. Currently she is the state representative to NAVTA and also the website committee chairman. For the past year Amanda has been volunteering with local 4-H groups to help change the way kids are being taught to train dogs and to spread the word about veterinary technology as a profession.

At Daisy Hill Amanda assists with behavior consults as well as the daily technician duties. Amanda is about to em"bark" on a new journey: puppy kindergarten! Currently a resident of Wooster, Ohio she resides there with her husband Matt, 6 yr. old clumber spaniel Sally, and the stray cat that adopted them in November, Orangello. Amanda states that she's been in love with canine behavior and training ever since joining an all dogs 4-H club in 1987.

Linda Campbell
Candidate for Member-at-Large
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Linda is SVBT's 2004 DOGS! Course Scholarship winner. She has been employee for the Humane Society of Missouri for 25 years. See Linda's complete bio and winning essay on page 3.

Boost Your Behavior Knowledge!

By Tara Lang, BS, R.V.T. & Donna Dyer, C.V.T.

Make plans to attend the SVBT's annual business meeting and reception in Philadelphia, PA. You have begun to know each other through the SVBT Yahoo Listserv, now it is time to meet in person! This is the only time each year that we come together as a group. We will hold our business meeting in conjunction with the AVMA's annual conference in July. We have chosen this meeting each year because it has the largest selection of behavior lectures! This year is no exception; there are more opportunities to attend behavior-oriented lectures than ever before. There will be two full days of behavior lectures for technicians, two full days of lectures on the veterinarians' schedule, as well as a full day and evening of scientific paper presentations offered by AVSAB and ACVB. *

The SVBT business meeting will be held on **Monday, July 26th at 4:45 PM**. Our reception will immediately follow the business meeting. This is a great opportunity to meet some of the leaders in our field while enjoying complimentary hors d'oeuvres and drinks! The exact location of the meeting and reception will be listed in AVMA's final program and in our next newsletter.

*There is an additional cost to attend the scientific paper presentations offered by the American Society of Veterinary Animal Behaviorists (AVSAB) and the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists (ACVB). To find out more about these sessions, visit each organizations' website at <http://www.avma.org/avsab/default.htm> and www.dacvb.org.

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Andrew Luescher, DVM PhD, ACVB
Julie Shaw, R.V.T., CPDT

June 12-13, 2004

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Patricia McConnell, PhD

Check www.dogsbestfriendtraining.com for updates

September 4, 2004

**Top Notch Obedience, "Both Ends of the Leash"
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Patricia McConnell, PhD

a full day of observing and teaching both people and dogs to communicate. This seminar will benefit the homeless animals of the Dutchess County SPCA (www.dcsPCA.org)
Contact: 845-462-6297, stolisiberians@cs.com

September 11-12, 2004

**Seminar-Upper Valley Humane Society
Hanover, NH**

**Saturday: Dog-Dog Aggression, Sunday: Half day seminar:
Feline Ethology**

Patricia McConnell, PhD

Contact: Robin 603-448-1878, training@uvhs.org

October 22-24, 2004

**Open Paw Conference
Los Angeles, CA**

Speakers include: Phil Arkow, Kelley Bollen, Ian Dunbar, Kelly Gorman, Trish King, Patricia McConnell, PhD, Jennifer Messer, DVM, Jill-Marie Yorey More Details and Registration
Info at www.puppyworks.com



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