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FEATURED EMPLOYEE

JILL WERNER

We all know Jill for her welcoming voice on the Anderson Acres phone line, her tireless efforts in obtaining each dog's vaccination history and her words of wisdom for every canine issue from separation anxiety to medical woes. Did you ever wonder how our Jill ever became so knowledgeable and efficient? I'll tell you, but first get comfortable this is not a short story!

Jill and her husband Tony, a retired police officer, live in Santa Rosa with their two cats, 4 dogs, two Amazon Parrots, a chinchilla, 2 ferrets (both rescues, one blind) 2 Boa constrictors (that's short for snakes), and 2 Tree Frogs. Jill has been in Northern California since 1992 up from SoCal, and has been with

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Training Tips from Mary

The single most important secret to the success of any training method you use with your dog can be summed up in one word: CONSISTENCY.

No matter what breed of dog you have or if your training is formal or informal (basic house manners) being consistent with your commands, praise and expectations is the key. For example: allowing your dog to jump up on you for a greeting when you have your grubby gardening clothes on might not be a problem for you, and you may reward your dog with hugs and kisses for this behavior, yet when you're dressed in evening wear and go out to the yard to say goodbye to your dog who's been running through mud puddles your response is going to be very different when he/she repeats the same greeting behavior as before.

Getting upset at your dog for a behavior that YOU encouraged and rewarded at an earlier time is unfair. Try to think like a dog . . . walk a mile in his paws . . . be consistent!

To ask Mary about a training issue you're having with your dog or to find out about Anderson Acres' Board and Train program just give us a call or e-mail us at:

AndersonAcres@sonic.net



Health Advice

That Dreaded Canine Cough

If dog parks, grooming parlors, veterinary hospitals or boarding kennels are some of your dog's regular hangouts, then Canine Cough is nothing new to you. A highly infectious upper respiratory disease, Canine infectious Tracheobronchitis (canine cough) is easily passed from dog to dog, much like a cold is passed between children.

The disease is frequently referred to as "Kennel Cough" as, many years ago, people were less social with their dogs and being in a boarding kennel was the rare time dogs were exposed to other dogs. More recently the term "Dog Park Cough" has evolved to describe the same condition. Dogs can be exposed to Canine Cough any place where dogs congregate or pass through, even taking a seemingly harmless walk

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FEATURED BREED LABRADOODLE

The Labradoodle breed came about in 1970 when The Guide Dog Association of Australia began a research and breeding program to develop an allergy friendly Guide Dog. A man named Wally Cochran was the first to purposely breed a Labrador to a Standard poodle and gave the result the name still used today, "Labradoodle".

The Labradoodle, a fascinating and unique dog, has a sweet, social nature and an easy-care allergy friendly coat. The multi-

generation Labradoodle does not have hair but rather a wool or fleece coat, and no body odor, making them a wonderful family companion for the person who normally could not keep a dog.

In 1998 the "Miniature" Labradoodle was developed. The miniature has all the wonderful traits of his big brother only in a smaller package. The breeding of miniatures to standards has accidentally paved the way for the "Medium size" Labradoodle giving the Australian Labradoodle three sizes:



Miniature – 14 to 17 inches,
Medium – 18 to 21 inches and
Standard – 23 to 26 inches.

Here at Anderson Acres we began seeing Labradoodles just a couple years ago with the first being *Krimpet*, a sweet blonde female. Even to this day we have only 4 that board with us as the breed is still new. The others are: *Mable*, black female; *Zoe*, black female; and *Stanley*, blonde male. We have found that the percentage of our breeds of boarders is a fair representation of all the breeds as they are found in society. We

will surely be seeing more labradoodles as they become more available and more affordable.

Another new breed may not be far away – we have two

Goldendoodles who board with us, they are: Cinder and Cooper. So far, all members of these two new breeds have the sweet temperament and gentle disposition necessary to be successful in our community boarding environment.



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around the neighborhood.

The disease-causing agents are airborne, spread by exhaling, sneezing or coughing. In the initial 5 to 7 day incubation period the newly infected dog will show no symptoms at all, *but will be contagious*. Symptoms include a dry hacking cough and possibly nasal discharge or sneezing. The cough may last a few days or even several weeks. Since Canine Cough is a viral infection, there is no treatment. Some veterinarians will prescribe antibiotics for secondary infections or a cough suppressant for excessive coughing. As a self-limiting disease, Canine Cough will go away in its own time, just like any other cold or flu.

Canine Cough can be caused by a number of different airborne agents such as Bordetella bronchiseptica, and canine parainfluenza. Anderson Acres requires a yearly Bordetella booster for all canine guests. This vaccine has the most protection available for many viruses that cause coughing. However, there is no vaccine that protects against all forms of pathogens causing Tracheobronchitis, so the possibility exists that even a vaccinated dog can come down with Canine Cough.



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In the education department Jill has been a high achiever. She has a degree in Exotic Animal Training and Management from Moorpark College as well as a degree from Pierce College in Equine Science.

Possibly the most interesting thing about Jill is her work history. She has worked in the motion picture industry training animals for movies, commercials and print. . . ever wonder how the stray dog in Bicentennial Man made himself right at home with Robin Williams? Ask Jill. At Marine World USA, Jill worked in the Pachyderm Unit training and exhibiting elephants.



When pressed to choose her favorite animal work Jill said, "The challenge of working with

those intelligent elephants was the greatest".

As a zookeeper, Jill worked with over 100 different species of exotic mammals, reptiles and birds. Her zoo keeping responsibilities kept her moving between the L.A. Zoo, Santa Barbara Zoo and the Cheyenne Mt. Zoo in Colorado.

Before settling Northern California Jill trained bomb and drug detection dogs for the military and U.S government as well as protection and crime control dogs which were placed in police departments around the world. (One of her pet dogs is Cotati's Retired K-9 Police Dog "Collin" who was husband Tony's patrol partner). She also has over 20 years experience in the veterinary field as a technician in both Southern and Northern California.



So, as you can now see, our knowledgeable Jill

is well experienced in many facets of the animal industry, which is why she is so valuable to Anderson Acres as our Kennel Manager and Lead Technician. If you can catch her between phone calls, she'll gladly share some of her favorite animal experiences with you!

Reminders!



- The speed limit at AA Acres is **10 mph**. Going slow keeps dust down and our animals safe. Your cooperation is appreciated!
- **Book early** for the Holidays as we fill up quickly for all major (and minor) popular dates.



JILL'S JOKE CORNER

- **Q.** How do you catch a unique rabbit?
- **A.** Unique up on it.
- **Q.** How do you catch a tame rabbit?
- **A.** Tame way, unique up on it.





Letters

Dear Cris and Tom,

It's been about 2_ weeks since we have gotten Hoku back from his basic obedience training. He is definitely a different dog! He has learned a lot in his two weeks with you. I spend from thirty minutes to 1 hour with him daily reviewing his commands and so far he has retained what he has learned. He is definitely a much improved and much more obedient dog.

As he matures, I'd like to consider off-leash training perhaps during the summer of this year.

Thanks again for the superb effort that you have spent with him in making him the dog that he is today.

*Alex and Gayle H.
San Francisco, CA*



Hi Everyone at Anderson Acres,

It's so amazing what Mary has done with Finnegan. . . . he is a dream!!!! Yesterday I was going down our stairs and I told him to heel, he positioned himself on my left side....he is so great around the house and in the car!! We can't thank you all enough!!! Talk to you soon.

*Lots of love,
Finnegan and Ashley W.
San Francisco, CA*

Notes from Tom and Cris



PICK-UP AND DELIVERY

When you're pressed for time or simply not wanting to sit in traffic, plan to have your "fuzzy buddy" picked up at your home or office and transported to camp while you get ready for your vacation. And what a treat to have your "buddy" delivered right to your door after your arrival home!

Tom and Cris personally pick-up and deliver our boarding guests throughout the Bay Area. The rate is \$1.50 per mile in the direction your dog travels. (Example: 50 miles from your home to AA = \$75.00). It's a great value that saves you precious time as well as saving you money at the gas pump.

Give us a call about a week in advance of your scheduled reservation and we'll take care of all the details.

