

APPLICATION for TRAINING WHEELS™ CERTIFICATION

You may choose to complete only page two or page three, depending on your experience with animals. Please complete all of the remaining pages. References must be collected in sealed envelopes and returned to the address at the bottom of this form, along with your \$35 application fee made out to CASA. Applications may be received by mail or fax. At least one reference per Training Wheels pair must come from a member of the Board of Directors of the animal shelter with which you are associated. Other references may come from other animal professionals, colleagues, community members or clients. Please type or print clearly. It must be received no later than six weeks before the start of the course (exception is the December 2002 course). You will be notified by email once your application has been reviewed. Thank you for your interest in Training Wheels™!

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name:
Address:
City: State: Zip code:
Home Phone: Work Phone:
E-mail:
Web-site:
Professional memberships:

Educational workshops attended:

Names and contact information of the two people providing references for you:

1) Name: Organization & title:
Phone: Email address:

2) Name: Organization & title:
Phone: Email address:

Name of your "jigsaw" partner for Training Wheels™ outings:
Address:
City: State: Zip code:
Home Phone: Work Phone:
E-mail:
Web-site:

GENERAL EXPERIENCE:

Current Occupation:
Employer:
Please describe your duties:

Please list your volunteer experience, including community or social service that did not necessarily involve pets, and the dates you were active in each position:

Please describe, if any, your work or volunteer experience at a veterinary facility (including dates):

ANIMAL SHELTER EXPERIENCE:

If you work or volunteer at an animal shelter:

Name of your facility:

Your role/position:

Your responsibilities:

For how long have you been involved there (please give start date)?

Circle which describes your shelter:

Full access Limited access

Shelter serves this type of region:

Rural suburban urban

Does your shelter offer animal control services? Y N

Please list the other shelter facilities in your community:

Under what, if any, circumstances does your shelter euthanize a dog?

What is your shelter's policy on adopting out pit bulls?

Name one policy you would change at your shelter if you could be in charge and why:

In your experience, please list the three most common reasons for a dog to be surrendered to a shelter:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Please list what you consider to be your five best qualities in dealing with people?

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

What type of person might you not adopt a dog or a cat to?

In response to the following statement, please circle the response with which you would agree:

"Pet owners can be annoying."

not very often some of the time most of the time almost always

Describe a recent example of a pet owner being difficult, and how you handled the situation. How did the pet owner respond?

DOG TRAINING EXPERIENCE:

If you are a dog trainer: Which are you currently teaching (please circle all that apply)?:

Private, one-on-one

Group classes

Behavior consults

Are you self-employed?

Y

N

Do you work for another trainer or a dog training school or shelter?

Y

N

For how long have you been training dogs professionally?

How many clients/students do you see a week?

If you offer behavior consulting, do you work with cases involving aggression?

Which types of cases do you see most frequently?:

Briefly describe your favorite method for teaching a dog to "lie down":

Briefly describe your favorite method for discouraging a dog to jump up on people:

Please list what you consider to be your five best qualities in dealing with people?

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

What type of person would you say should not own a dog or a cat?

In response to the following statement, please circle the response with which you would agree:

"Dog owners can be annoying."

not very often

some of the time

most of the time

almost always

Describe a recent example of a pet owner being difficult in class or in a consult, and how you handled the situation. How did the pet owner respond?

Please answer the following questions in the space provided:

- 1) What do you feel are the top three priorities to make your community better for animals and people?

- 2) What do you believe should be the fundamental goal of an animal shelter?

- 3) What do you believe should be the fundamental goal for a dog trainer?

- 4) What do you think is the most challenging aspect of dog trainers and shelter professionals working together? What are the potentially best aspects?

- 5) What do you believe might be the most challenging thing for you during a Training Wheels visit into your community? To what would you most look forward?

I hereby certify that the information I have provided in this application is complete and accurate. I understand that my above responses and the results of my written examination will be kept in confidence. I hereby authorize the Community Animal Shelter Association to contact the "jigsaw" partner or referees I have named.

Candidate signature: _____
Date: _____ CASA 4628 Route 209 Accord, NY 12404 FAX (845) 687-0802
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