

THE PETNERSHIP PROJECT HOLISTIC WELLNESS PET SHOW SPEAKERS PROGRAM

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

THE HEALING PLACE TEAM

Julie Anne Lee DCH (Diploma of Classical Homeopathy), RCSHom, (Registered with the Canadian Society of Homeopaths). Since graduating from the 4-year diploma program at the Vancouver Academy of Homeopathy in 1997, Julie Anne has been working alongside veterinarians nationwide to provide classical homeopathic and holistic treatment to animals, large and small, with acute and/or chronic conditions. She has continued her studies with some of the most renowned international homeopaths, and has lectured internationally. In 2008, she founded the College of Animal Homeopathic Medicine, a 3-year post-graduate program held at UBC, which combines an Animal Sciences course with the Homeopathic Professionals Teaching Group program out of England. It is offered to Homeopaths, Doctors of Veterinary Medicine, and Veterinary Technicians. She is the owner and premier homeopathic practitioner at **Healing Place Veterinary Clinic** in North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Dr. David Ruish, DVM (Hon). Dave began his veterinary practice in BC in 1982. In 1984 he was approached to serve on the BCVMA board of examiners to write and grade the anatomy and physiology portion of the Veterinary board exams. He completed the Professional Course in Veterinary Homeopathy offered by Dr. Richard Pitcairn in 1997-98. Shortly thereafter he began working together with Julie Anne Lee, DCH, RCSH, first at Adored Beast Veterinary Clinic, then at Vancouver Animal Wellness Hospital, and currently at **The Healing Place Veterinary Clinic**, continuing to provide excellent veterinary homeopathic care for clients and their pets. He attends both conventional and holistic seminars and conferences.

Shelagh Begg, is a certified (**International Academy of Canine Trainers**) pet dog trainer. She is a member of the **CAPPDT**, **APDT**, owner/operator of Dazine Canine Dog Training and Daycare Centre, and Director of HugABull Rescue and Advocacy Society. www.hugabull.com.

Dakota Bawden-Tutte, BA, Dip. Ed., a dog trainer and writer/lecturer on the benefits of the raw diet for over 15 years, is the co-founder of **True Carnivores** – the 1st raw-food-only store for cats and dogs in Vancouver. The caretaker of 2 beloved raw-fed dogs, ages 12 and 15, (and a cranky cat who lived til 21 years of age because of the raw diet!), Dakota continues to educate pet owners through seminars, radio shows, articles and most recently, her book: *The Real Poop on Pet Food: True Confessions of a Raw Feeder*. www.truecarnivores.com

Franco Cavaleri is a graduate of UBC, majoring in Nutritional Science and Biochemistry. His postgraduate research efforts continue today on the latest gene-related (Nutrigenomics) and insulin-related nutraceutical research. His post graduate efforts in scientific research and development have led to the accumulation of several awards in the Canadian Health Industry including nine formulation awards. Franco is also the author of **YOUR DOGS HEALTH**. Today Franco is the CEO, president, and research director of Biologic Publishing Inc. and Biologic Nutrigenomics Health Research Corp.; an adviser to industry companies involved in human and animal nutrition; and regularly presents his findings in lectures to University level pharmacy, practicing medical and lay audiences. www.biologicvet.com

Dr. Peter Dobias has been recognized as one of the most innovative, open-minded, and non-traditional veterinarians. Peter's healing methods are a blend of conventional medical knowledge, nutrition, herbology, homeopathy, energy, and intuitive healing. Peter is the founder of **Dr. Dobias Healing Solutions**—a holistic healing company that provides online consultation services and a gathering place for the animal lover community. www.peterdobias.com

Bob Eden is a retired 28 year police veteran with over 30 years of dog training experience and 16 years as a police dog handler. He has authored two books, "*Dog Training For Law Enforcement*" and "*K9 Officers Manual*" and has been involved in the development of a number of video productions for law enforcement K9 training. In 1988 he was appointed to the B.C. Police Commission's committee to create minimum police dog training standards for law enforcement agencies in the

province of British Columbia. He lectures and teaches extensively around the world, and is currently the organizer and director of the International Police K9 Conference. <http://www.policek9.com/>

Dr. Loridawn Fawcett, DVM, is a holistic veterinarian with a strong interest in homeopathy, reiki, herbal medicine, and stem cell therapy. She was previous owner the Grand street Cat Clinic in Mission, a veterinary clinic specializing in cats. She has 2 kids, 4 cats, a new puppy, and a flare for adventure. www.homeovetbc.com

Heather Ferguson, CDART has been involved in human emergency response/first aid since 1978 and animal emergency response and first aid since 1998. She is presently the Southwest BC Coordinator for the Canadian Disaster Animal Response Team (CDART), and is employed by St John Ambulance as the Lower Mainland Region Staff Instructor for human and pet first aid.

Alice Fisher. A popular trainer with more than 18 years of training experience, Alice is a strong advocate of reward-based positive reinforcement training as an effective way to train a dog and see consistent results over the long term. Foremost among her objectives, is the value of relationship-building between owner and dog. Alice is one of the first in Canada to achieve her third party board certification CPDT-KA(2003) and is a founding member and President of C.A.R.E.S.S, a non-profit society providing education and resources for companion animal owners. Alice owns **DOGSmart Training** and shares her life with her bouncing bearded collie, Tequila Rose.

Kathy Garland is an Animal Massage Practitioner with Harmony Animal Massage in Metro Vancouver. She received her training from the Northwest School of Animal Massage. Kathy integrates traditional massage techniques and TTouch bodywork in sessions with her animal clients. She is also the writer/editor for **Your Holistic Dog**, a resource blog that explores holistic health and wellness options for you and your dog.

Kathy Gibson (along with her husband Gary) is a consultant in the areas of aggression, behavior problems, and learning difficulties and has been working with dogs and people for over 20 years. Kathy and Gary established the first therapy dogs in institutions and the first animal therapy program in Canadian prisons. Today, along with a private practice, they train many professionals throughout the Lower Mainland and B.C. who work directly with dogs or whose work brings them in contact with dogs. www.customcanine.com

Shiri R. Joshua, M.A.(Psych) is a spiritual speaker, healer, and former psychotherapist specializing in the Human-Animal Relationship and Pet Loss Bereavement. She is considered one of Canada's leading educators and a pioneer in both of these fields. Shiri's work has been featured in the media on national and international levels over the past 10 years. Her new book **"The Animals' Messenger"** is due to be published in Spring 2011 and will serve as a vehicle to share transformational life-changing inspired guidance that she had received from the animals for the past 3 years on how to live a purposeful life based on our connection with all living beings. www.soulacademy.ca

Dr. Sue Pollen, DVM took the IVAS certification exam in acupuncture and received advanced training in Traditional Chinese Medicine and acupuncture from the Chi Institute. She treats dogs and cats with natural and conventional approaches including herbs, acupuncture, homeopathy, drugs, and supplements. Her Animal Wellness office is in Burnaby at Waterworkz Dog Spa and she treats pets along the Sunshine coast and in Washington state. <http://www.drpollen.blogspot.com/>

Roz Rickard comes with a wealth of knowledge about your pet's oral hygiene. After working in the Dental field for a

number of years in 3 different countries, Roz completed the Canine Oral Hygiene course 5 years ago. With her dental background Roz is able to bring a level of expertise and excellence to animal dentistry that is unsurpassed in the field. www.sparklebark.com

Inna Shehktman's search began with a one year-old gangly Irish Wolfhound cross that she rescued from the SPCA. Knowing that larger breeds have shorter life spans and are more likely to have health problems, she began to see that diet was one of the keys to a healthier, longer life for her beloved companion. Inna began researching raw diets through books, courses, breeder and veterinary consults, and in 2004, co-founded **Red Dog Deli Raw Food Company Inc.**—a manufacturer of premium raw diets for dogs and cats. www.reddogdeli.com

Dr. Meg Smart, DVM graduated from the University of Guelph in 1968 and was **the first female** graduate to win the Andrew Smith Gold Medal for academic proficiency. After graduation, she received a diploma in Clinical Pathology and from 1969 to 1973 taught Pathology and Clinical Pathology at Guelph. In 1973, she began to teach at the **Western College of Veterinary Medicine** as a clinician in Large Animal Medicine, and later started the first small animal nutrition Elective for 4th year students in North America. She was the first woman to be promoted to full professor at WCVN, and has dedicated her life to researching animal nutrition.