

Trainer – Michele J Will

My love for dogs started over thirty-five years ago with my very first dog, a Boxer named Peaches. I became hooked on dog training after enrolling in a training class at Philadelphia Dog Training Club. Peaches went on to earn her Companion Dog Excellent title and became a registered Therapy Dog. Through the years I continued to show and train dogs and had several Boxers and English Cocker who also earned obedience titles and did Therapy work. In 1999 I joined a local Search and Rescue group. I became a K-9 handler with my Boxer Louie. During my seven years doing volunteer Search and Rescue. I trained two dogs for Human Remains Detection that became certified in land and water recovery. Louie was one of the first four dogs deployed to search at the Staten Island Landfill after the 911 attacks. My second dog Carson, also a Boxer was deployed to Waveland, Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina. Louie and Carson assisted both local and State Police and PEMA, during their Search and Rescue careers.

Later I spent several years working at a local daycare and training facility as a supervisor and spent time as a training assistant. This experience was invaluable in learning about dog behavior and implementing ways to reduce stress for dogs. During this time, I also created my Enrichment program. I took my knowledge of Search and Rescue work and came up with a program that was created to support fearful dogs and dogs with behavioral problems and for dogs that just needed a purpose.

In my spare time you can find me enjoying my two dogs Lenny a Boxer and Talon a Dutch Shepherd. Talon is training for IGP Sports and does Scent Detection. I am a certified AKC - CGC evaluator, Advanced Level CGC & Urban CGC, and can administer the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy program and Level 1 AKC - FIT Dog instructor.

Memberships

International Association of Canine Professionals - Professional member, Member of United States Boxer Association, United Schutzhund Club of America & Northeast Working Boxer Klub

Other Certifications

Herm Springer Prong Collar Knowledge Assessed - Certification
Ways to Enhance Performance for Detection Dogs & Patrol Dogs Course – Certificate
Mission Ready K-9 Course – Certificate
Pet First Aid & CPR- Certification
Pet Loss Companion - Certification

