

## Tiffany Skora Boundas/ Dog Trainer

By the time I was in kindergarten, I had already been the primary caregiver for birds, cats, dogs, and even a duck! By the time I was eight, I had trained my west highland White Terrier, Heidi, to follow all basic commands, stay in the yard without a fence, and ride a skateboard. I also taught her to bark on command and protect and attack if necessary.

I am a natural entrepreneur. In high school, I started and maintained several successful businesses. I then went to Northern Illinois University and participated in the R.O.T.C. program. I completed Basic Camp in Fort Knox Kentucky which was life-changing. I then studied-in an abroad program in Mexico, learning to speak Spanish, and, with the help of Mexican silversmiths, make jewelry. I stayed there for 1 1/2 years, starting two businesses, including exporting from Mexico.

Friends know me as loyal and honest, and able to get things done. I have two beautiful daughters, one studying in San Francisco, and the other about to go study in Texas. As a stay-at-home Mom, I combined my love for relationship-building and entrepreneurial skills, creating a wonderful home life for my family, including being Girl Scout leader for nine years, once being awarded their Leader of the Year Award.

I learned that cultivating relationships with animals was the best way to teach my children kindness. We would regularly volunteer at animal shelters, including twice at the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Utah, caring for dogs, rabbits, sheep, goats, horses, and even pigs.

My favorite dog is the Doberman, and I have been the caretaker of three of them, all coming from rescue shelters. My calling is to help both people and dogs by rescuing dogs and connecting them to people who will benefit from this caring relationship.