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Education and Certification

- 2013** Associate Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist (ACAAB)
Animal Behavior Society
- 2006** MA in experimental psychology with an emphasis in animal behavior - *University of Tennessee, Knoxville*

Master's Thesis: Feeding behavior and chick-a-dee calls in the presence of predator models: a field study of Carolina chickadees (Poecile carolinensis)
- 2003** BA in psychology - *University of Tennessee, Knoxville*
- 2000** BS in biology - *University of Tennessee, Knoxville*

Refereed Publications

- 2013** Freeberg, T. M., & Mahurin, E. J. (2013). Variation in Note Composition of Chick-a-dee Calls is Associated with Signaler Flight in Carolina Chickadees, *Poecile carolinensis*. *Ethology*, in press.
- 2008** Mahurin, Ellen J. & Freeberg, Todd M. (2008). Chick-a-dee call variation in Carolina chickadees (*Poecile carolinensis*) and recruiting flockmates to food. *Behavioral Ecology* 20 (1), 111-116.

Current Experience

- 2014-present** Banfield Pet Hospital *Client Services Coordinator* - Brentwood, TN
- 2013-present** *Freelance Animal Behavior Consultant* - Franklin, TN
- 2013-present** Kenyon Canine Institute - *Professor* - kenyoncanineinstitute.com
- 2013-present** ASPCA - *Volunteer Responder* - Field Investigations and Response (FIR) Team
- 2013-present** ASPCA - *Behavior Lead* - Anti-Cruelty Behavior Team
- 2004- 2013** Clever Critters - *Animal Behaviorist, Business Owner* - Yorktown, VA (2010-2013) and Knoxville, TN (2004-2009)

Work History

This is a summary of my concurrent work experiences from 1997 to 2014. 17 years experience in animal training, behavior modification and enrichment as a pet behavior consultant for hundreds of families, and dozens of animal shelters, rescue groups and pet professionals in Tennessee and Virginia, as a Behavior Lead for the ASPCA, as a Knoxville Zoo Bird Show trainer, and as a service dog trainer for Wilderwood Service Dogs and Northstar Foundation. 17 years of customer service and office organization experience as a receptionist for various veterinary clinics, most recently Banfield Pet Hospital in Brentwood, TN. 17 years of experience educating about animals and animal behavior through Kenyon Canine Institute, through Knoxville Zoo Education programs, as a mentor for Animal Behavior College, as a licensed presenter of Family Paws Education programs, and as a blogger for KONG. 17 years of animal care experience in the settings of laboratory research, zoo, animal sheltering, veterinary medicine and animal rescue. 10 years of animal behavior research as a graduate student and through projects for Petsafe/Radio Systems Corporation. 9 years of experience with business ownership and management of all aspects of the business. 5 years experience contributing to professional conferences presenting posters and talks on various subjects and participating in program planning.

Professional Memberships

Animal Behavior Society
Association of Pet Dog Trainers
Psi Chi, The National Honor Society in Psychology