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CURRENT POSITION

Behavior Consultant and Owner

Corporate, Non-Profit and Private consultations: Dog and Company, Arizona and Nevada

Chair, Board of Professional Certification – Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist

Animal Behavior Society, Bloomington, Indiana

Behavior Consultant

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, New York, NY

Visiting Assistant Professor

Department of Animal Sciences, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona

Adjunct Instructor

University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, Urbana, Illinois

CURRENT RESEARCH AND INTERESTS

- Applied companion animal behavior
- Increasing successful adoptions from animal shelters
- Reducing number of animals euthanized due to behavior problems
- Identifying and reducing stress in the shelter environment
- Companion animal environmental enrichment

ACADEMIC and PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

Ph.D. in Animal Sciences, School of Agriculture, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, 2004

Concentration: Applied Animal Behavior and Welfare

Dissertation: *Evaluation of Temperament Information to Improve Adoption Occurrence and Evaluation of Human Contact and Housing Arrangement on Stress Response of Adult Shelter Dogs*

Advisor: Dr. Temple Grandin

M.S. in Animal Sciences, School of Agriculture, University of Arizona, Tucson, 2001

Concentration: Animal Behavior and Welfare

Thesis: *Evaluation of Estrus Detection, Onset of Calving and Heat Stress Using Infrared Technology in Lactating Dairy Cows*

Advisors: Dr. Robert J. Collier and Dr. William Schurg

B.S. in Zoology, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, 1999

Concentration: Animal Behavior

Advisor: Dr. John Vandenburg

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Behavior Modification Manager, September 2011 – May 2012

San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, San Diego, California

- Behavior evaluations of incoming dogs and cats
- Behavior modification for dogs and cats
- Specialized behavior volunteer coordinator and trainer
- Pre-adoption consultations
- Post adoption consultations and follow-up
- Behavior foster coordinator
- Behavior training for staff and volunteers

Behavior Consultant, June 2009 – December 2009

The Animal Foundation, Las Vegas, Nevada

- Individual behavior evaluation of difficult behavior cases
- Facility recommendations
- Behavior evaluation training for Animal Foundation Staff
- Kennel enrichment amelioration

Behavior Consultant, April 2008 – May 2009

Maddie's Projects, Maricopa County, Arizona

- Behavior evaluation training
- Adoption recommendations
- Facility recommendations
- Behavior training for staff and volunteers
- Kennel enrichment amelioration

Behavior Consultant, January 2008 – January 2009

Arizona Animal Welfare League, Phoenix, Arizona

- Individual behavior evaluation of difficult behavior cases
- Independent review of animals recommended for behavior euthanasia
- Behavior evaluation training for AAWL Staff
- Refinement of intake procedures at County Animal Control
- Kennel enrichment amelioration

Dangerous Dog Evaluations, September 2007

Evaluation of Seized Fighting Dogs from Michael Vick Estate

- Individual animal behavior evaluations
- Specific animal recommendations for disposition

Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist, 2006 – 2007

Animal Behavior Center, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Urbana, IL

- Applied research and Humane Education
- Clinical animal behavior
- Behavioral enrichment
- Development of behavior knowledge management system: website and telephone helpline

Behavior Fellow, 2004 – 2006

Animal Behavior Center, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, NY, NY

- Rehabilitation and evaluation of shelter animals
- Clinical animal behavior
- Applied research
- Humane education
- Behavioral enrichment
- Development of behavior knowledge management system: website and telephone helpline

Teaching Assistant, 2001-2003

Department of Animal Sciences, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins

Courses: Animal Breeding and Genetics, Livestock Handling and Welfare, Environmental Effects on Livestock, Introduction to Animal Sciences

Research Assistant, 1999-2001

Department of Animal Sciences, University of Arizona, Tucson

- Assisted Dr. William Schurg on Equine Nutrition projects
- Assisted Dr. RJ Collier on Heat Stress in Dairy Cattle projects
- Collected and analyzed thermal imaging data using SAS program

GUEST LECTURER

AFB International: Dog Behavior, Evaluations and Behavior Modification, January 2007 – March 2007

University of Illinois: Bird Behavior, March 2007

ASPCA Veterinarian Continuing Education, Cats and Housesoiling, January 2007

University of Illinois: Companion Animal Management & Humane Education, October 2006

Purdue University: Societal Issues in Animal Management, June 2006 and June 2007

University of Illinois: Companion Animal Biology, January 2006

Colorado State University: BioPsychology, October 2002

Colorado State University: Experimental Psychology, November 2002

ASPCA Dog Training Internship Program, March 2005

Cornell University: Shelter Medicine, April 2005

MANUSCRIPTS

Coppola, CL; Grandin, T; Enns, RM. *Noise in the Animal Shelter Environment: Building Design and the Effects of Daily Noise Exposure* *Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science* 2006; 9; 1-7.

Coppola, CL; Grandin, T; Enns, RM. *Influence of Human Interaction on Salivary Cortisol: Can human contact reduce stress for shelter dogs?* *Physiology and Behavior* 2006; 87; 537-541.

Coppola, CL; Grandin, T; Enns, RM. *Dog Housing: Designing for Social Enrichment*, Proceedings for International Conference on Environmental Enrichment, New York, New York, 2005

Coppola, CL; Grandin, T; Enns, RM. *Improving Adoption Process of Adult Shelter Dogs Utilizing Temperament Information* (In preparation)

Collier, RJ; Wolfgram, A; **Coppola, CL**. *The Use of Infrared Technology to Assess the Effects of Changes in Physiological Condition on Surface Temperature of Cattle (Bos taurus)* (Submitted, *Journal of Animal Science*)

PAPERS AND POSTERS PRESENTED AT CONFERENCES

Outcomes of a Program for Dogs with Separation Related Behaviors in an Animal Shelter, P.A. Mertens and **C.L. Coppola**, Presented at American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior, San Diego, California 2012

Kids and Dogs – it doesn't always end well, **C.L. Coppola** and K. London, Presented at the Interdisciplinary Forum on Applied Animal Behavior, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2011

The use of strong aversives in the treatment of behaviour problems, **C.L. Coppola**, P.J. Reid, C. Brudecki, Presented at the Interdisciplinary Forum on Applied Animal Behavior, Tucson, Arizona, 2009

Breed Specific Legislation, **C.L. Coppola**, Presented at the Interdisciplinary Forum on Applied Animal Behavior, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2007

Post graduate educational opportunities for applied animal behaviorists, **C.L. Coppola** and P.J. Reid, Presented at the International Society of Applied Ethology Regional Meeting, Vancouver, Canada, 2006

Anger Management for Puppies, **C.L. Coppola**, Presented at the Interdisciplinary Forum on Applied Animal Behavior, Las Vegas, Nevada, 2006

Canine Social Behavior and Communication, P.J. Reid and **C.L. Coppola**, Presented at the University of Illinois Behavior Conference, Urbana, Illinois, 2006

Feline Social Behavior and Communication, P.J. Reid and **C.L. Coppola**, Presented at the University of Illinois Behavior Conference, Urbana, Illinois, 2006

Dog Housing: Designing for Social Enrichment, **C.L. Coppola**, T. Grandin and R.M. Enns, Presented at the International Conference on Environmental Enrichment, New York, New York, 2005

Influence of human interaction on salivary cortisol: Can human contact reduce stress for dogs in a public animal shelter? **C.L. Coppola**, T. Grandin and R.M. Enns, Presented at the Interdisciplinary Forum on Applied Animal Behavior, Phoenix, Arizona, 2005

Influence of Housing Arrangement on Stress Response of Adult Shelter Dogs, **C.L. Coppola**, T. Grandin and R.M. Enns, Presented at the Colorado State University Graduate Student Seminar, Ft. Collins, Colorado, 2004

The Relationship Between Housing and Stress Response in Adoptable Shelter Dogs, **C.L. Coppola**, T. Grandin and R.M. Enns, Presented at Animal Behavior Society, Boise, Idaho, 2003

The Effect of Temperament on Stress Response in Shelter Dogs, **C.L. Coppola**, T. Grandin and R.M. Enns, Presented at American Society of Animal Sciences, Phoenix, Arizona, 2003

Novel Approaches for the Alleviation of Climatic Stress in Farm Animals, R.J. Collier, **C.L. Coppola** and A. Wolfgram, EAAP Technical Series No. 7, Rome, Italy, 2003

The Physiological Response to Stress, R.J. Collier, A. Wolfgram and **C.L. Coppola**, Presented at the American Society of Animal Sciences and American Society of Dairy Sciences Joint Meeting, Quebec City, Canada, 2002

Using Body Surface Temperature to Predict Calving, **C.L. Coppola**, R.J. Collier and R.M. Enns, Presented at the Western Section of the American Society of Animal Sciences Meeting, Ft. Collins, Colorado, 2002

Evaluation of Thermal Status of Cattle Using Infrared Thermography, **C.L. Coppola**, R.J. Collier and R.M. Enns, Presented at the Western Section of the American Society of Animal Sciences Meeting, Ft. Collins, Colorado, 2002

Evaluacion del Estres Termico del Granado Bovino Mediante Termografia Infrarroja, R.J. Collier and **C.L. Coppola**, Mexicali, Baja California, 2001

CERTIFICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist
CoreCAAB
Animal Behavior Society
Interdisciplinary Forum on Applied Animal Behavior

International Society of Applied Ethology
Canine Good Citizen Evaluator
American Society of Animal Science
United Federation of Animal Welfare
Association of Pet Dog Trainers

REFERENCES

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