

## About Kris Butler

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- Owns, manages, trains for **American Dog Obedience Center , LLC**, since 1979, a nationally recognized trainer specializing in programs that improve the quality of people's lives through interactions with skilled companion and therapy dogs. More than 1500 dogs have stayed at American Dog Obedience Center received Kris Butler's unique brand of hands-on training.
- 20+ titles in AKC obedience and field performance events (with Dennis)
- Author of two successful books.
- Kris has attended hundreds of hours of seminars and workshops, studying a broad range of topics, methods, and philosophies from the world's leading professionals
- Developed goal-directed animal-enhanced rehabilitation programs at **Integrus Jim Thorpe Rehabilitation Hospital** in Oklahoma City , **Southwestern Medical Center Rehabilitation Unit** in Lawton , and trained therapists who developed a goal-directed program at **The Rehab Unit at Mercy Hospital** in Oklahoma City .
- 1995 – 2004 provided weekly contract services to **Integrus Jim Thorpe Rehabilitation Hospital** in Oklahoma City , handling her skilled dogs during individual treatment sessions, working with occupations, physical, speech, psych, and recreational therapists in meeting specific patient goals.
- During 2002 developed and implemented a comprehensive volunteer selection and training process for **Integrus Jim Thorpe Rehabilitation Hospital** .
- In 1995, founded **Petworks In Progress Foundation**, a non-profit 501-c-3 organization for volunteer therapy animal handlers.
- Developed an animal-enhanced experiential program at an alternative high school, working with her dogs and a licensed family therapist to meet adjudicated students' goals in communication and social skills. Transitioned the program to include volunteer animal/handler teams.
- Developed a goal-directed animal-enhanced experiential program for an

elementary school which included her skilled dog, a special education teacher and Kris, interacting for three semesters with children identified as LD. A separate experiential program at this school that included Kris and her dogs targeted children identified as at-risk in a ten-week Pet-Assisted Social Skills group.

- Introduced animal-enhanced experiential learning at another elementary school, same district as above, working for one year with her own skilled dog and a special education teacher to meet goals of children identified as ED. Worked another semester two years later, same school, same teacher.
- At least 4 public school systems in Oklahoma have had teachers who have included their own dogs in educational environments after attending Kris's Reaching People Through Dogs programs for educators.
- Beginning in 1997, provided professional consulting services, delivered seminars, conducted site assessments, trained animal evaluators, and conducted animal evaluations in Wyoming, Texas, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Arkansas, Ohio, New York, and Washington, as well as in Oklahoma.
- Professional Member International Association of Canine Professionals (IACP)
- Approved evaluator for AKC's Canine Good Citizen (CGC) program
- Licensed evaluator, evaluator instructor, team instructor, and site assessor for Delta Society. She has served as a paid instructor and consultant on several Delta Society projects throughout the USA .
- Awarded Delta Society's prestigious Therapy Dog of the Year Honor, with golden retriever, Partner, in 1995.
- Member Therapy Dogs Incorporated.
- Member Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT).