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Vice President

I was first introduced to the American Pit Bull Terrier in 1992 while living in the Central Valley of California. After two years of searching, my mentor, Ruth Kramer, decided that she would breed her bitch and thus “Funny” (Int’l CH UWPCCH ‘PR’ Arkay’s Vintage Dream On CGC TT) came into my life. After relocating back home to Washington State, I obtained my second APBT, a dog I called Spider. I wanted to get into showing and although Spider had a promising pedigree, he proved to be a much better pet than a show dog. My third American Pit Bull Terrier, URO3 FO UWPS UGWPC1 UGACH UCD ‘PR’ Maurader’s Klickitat of Vintage TT CGC TDI, (Klicker) was truly the beginning of my adventures with the breed.

It was with Klicker that I began an earnest quest in public education regarding the APBT. Not only was he a registered Therapy Dog who traveled to hospitals and nursing homes for over 10 years, he was my first trained service dog. Klicker flew all over the United States and participated in a number of performance and conformation events. He was the United Kennel Club’s first unofficial triple grand champion earning those titles in Agility, Weight Pull, and Conformation. He was also the first known UKC dog to break 20 titles. He possibly was the first dog to earn a total dog award in 3 events at a single show. My goals were to expose as many people as possible to the true temperament of the breed. Klicker was one of the greatest ambassadors for this breed and as a team, we accomplished a great deal in that regard.

My fourth APBT, Int’l CH AKC CH UFA USA RATM UGNJ CAS FO UAG11 UCD UWPS UGWC1 GRCH Alpine’s Vintage Power Trip CD RA DDN CA FDC TDA TKA RATI CZ8B CGCA CGCU ROHG SPOT-ON “PowerBall” has earned 50 titles in 12 different disciplines. He is believed to be UKC’s third triple Grand Champion earning those in Weight Pull, Dock Diving, and Conformation.

My American Pit Bull Terriers have found themselves in the UKC Top Ten for many years with one winning the entire competition in 2014. I have held spots in the Agility All Stars and the Weight Pull All Stars. Klicker was the first to earn a spot in both the Agility and Weight Pull All Stars in the same year.

Although I am not truly a breeder (I am a breeder who has never bred a litter) all of my dogs are fully health tested before they are bred. Additionally, they are health tested in order to ensure that they are healthy enough for the rigorous demands of my lifestyle and love of performance.

Leadership Experience

I obtained my first job at the age of 15 in which I managed a horse rent string stable. With the exception of my current job, my career has entailed all supervisory and management positions. In the 90’s I was a unit manager of a commercial pork production unit for the largest agricultural conglomerate in the world. I was responsible for overseeing in excess of 3 billion dollars’ worth of livestock, inventory, and buildings. My annual expense budget was 2.5 million. Under my leadership, my crew and I not only took a 25-year-old farm and made it the top producing farm in our company, we took our production to one of the top 1% in the Nation.

As a retail store manager, my success with building a solid team quickly elevated me into a position of management consultant to a number of our stores. I was responsible for training, motivating, and improving employee productivity and customer service.

Volunteer Roles:

Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society 1981-1985– President, Treasurer

California Polytechnic State University Cutting and Reining Horse Club –1985-1989 President for 2 years and served as the Agricultural Board Representative for one. This club had an average of 200 members at any given time. We traveled all over the United States to various different horse events representing and competing for Cal Poly State University.

National American Pit Bull Terrier Association 1994 -2017. In NAPBTA I served as the Vice President on two separate occasions, as the Treasurer on 3 separate occasions, and as the President for one. Many times my officer positions were interim until a successor could be elected. With NAPBTA I served on two separate breed standard committees. Additionally, I joined the awards committee in 2002-2015 and served continuously for 13 years. I actively participated in the breed specific legislation committee as well as the judge's education committee. I have been a loyal member through both wonderful and tumultuous times, under five different Presidents. I am proud of my history and accomplishments with NAPBTA and feel strongly that I have made a positive impact on the image of the American Pit Bull Terrier through my participation.

Northwest American Pit Bull Terrier Club 1995-2003 President for 7 years. At the time of my appointment to President, we had a treasury of about \$1500 dollars. When I left the club we had in excess of \$25,000 dollars. Our club donated approximately \$15,000 dollars to different breed specific legislation organizations during my tenure.

I have also spent several years volunteering with the Corcoran 4H groups teaching high school students how to manage and show livestock including: horses, swine, goats, cattle, and sheep. I have countless documented therapy dog hours using my American Pit Bull Terriers.

Breed Support

I have traveled across the United States and appeared on a number of television news programs speaking out for the American Pit Bull Terrier as a breed. I have written several published articles for magazines, newspapers, and books on the APBT. I have been interviewed for television, radio, and national publications in relation to the breed and BSL. As part of a Washington State BSL activation organization, I traveled to schools, fairs, and gave symposiums on responsible dog ownership using my APBT's as demonstration dogs. I was an instrumental part of the introducing anti breed specific legislation in several states where I traveled to State Capitals to speak. In Washington State, I was invited to the signing of an anti BSL law by Governor Gary Locke. Locally, I have been to numerous town meetings and spoke on behalf of the APBT. Always traveling with me were my very well trained American Pit Bull Terriers.

On UAPBTO

I am incredibly excited to be working within the confines of an organization that can finally put the American Pit Bull Terrier first. I have remained loyal to the breed and the promotion and preservation of them throughout my tenure as an owner and a member of the UKC family.

I operate under the name Vintage Kennel, and under my logo it reads: Defining the Total Dog. Promoting Responsible and Respectful Dog Ownership by Example. I believe that UAPBTO shares the same vision as an organization that I do as an individual: breed education, mentorship, breed health, and fighting BSL. My history proves that I am dedicated to the American Pit Bull Terrier and look forward to many more adventures sharing the breed with the world – and helping others learn to do the same.

Sincerely
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