



Acting Like Animals LLC
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Certified Animal Trainer, public speaker, writer and photographer with 20+ years experience in the film production and animal industries.

ANIMAL TRAINER & COORDINATOR for ACTING Like ANIMALS LLC, President

Acting Like Animals LLC, is a USDA certified animal training facility, that specializes in the positive reinforcement training of domestic and exotic animals.

In Real Life, animal training programs are customized for private clients based on animal need, behavior, specialty or behavioral modification issue.

On the Silver Screen,” production services include : animal coordination on and off set, animal training, supply, safety & welfare on the set as well as all aspects of pre and in-production requirements for the still, commercial, television and motion picture industries.

Specific animals are supplied and/or trained with select behaviors based upon scripted animal-action; behaviors are then ‘*achieved on set*’ in accordance with production guidelines, impromptu directorial needs while in adherence to Animal Safety and Welfare Guidelines.

Recent credits include : “Madame Web,” “The Collaboration,” “Salem’s Lot,” “The Parenting,” “Kevin Can F**K Himself,” “Paranormal Nobodies,” “Dexter: New Blood (Marble),” “I Wanna Dance with Somebody,” “The Art of Secret Flight,” “Spirited,” “Shrine,” “Love, Weddings & Other Disasters,” “Free Guy,” “CastleRock S1 & S2,” “Spencer For Hire,” “Little Women,” “The Society,” “Jungleland,” “Defending Jacob,” “I Care A Lot,” “Nos4A2,” “The Vault,” “Suspicion,” “City on a Hill,” “Equalizer 2,” “Smilf S1 & S2” “Daddy’s Home 2,” “The Burning Woman,” and various commercial clients such as: Amica, Hasbro, Bose, Google, MA Health, Zenni Optical, Silver Honey, DuckDuckGo, LLBean, Simplisafe, Hannafords, Millennium, Progressive and Cellular One, among others.

PROFESSIONAL DOG TRAINER

Individual and group classes taught at veterinary hospitals and dog businesses. Examples of classes include: *Obedience, Behavior Modification, Acting Behaviors, Tricks, Canine Citizen and Exercise classes specifically designed for a dog and its’ owner.*

EDUCATION

- **Humboldt State University**, California, Cum Laude, Wildlife-Photojournalism
- **Dutch Equestrian Vocational School & International Agricultural College at Larenstein**, The Netherlands, Equine Management
- **University of Utrecht**, The Netherlands, Equine Reproduction-Artificial Insemination

CERTIFICATIONS

- Animal Behavioral College **Certified Dog Trainer**
- **Certified Canine Fitness Trainer**
- American Kennel Club, **Canine Good Citizen Evaluator**
- Animal Law Enforcement Academy, *Humane Officer*
- Intelligent Horsemanship, *Natural-Horse Training Methods*
- *Basic Emergency Services for Animals*
- *Disaster Sheltering for Companion Animals*

APPEARANCES

- Television Interview by *CNN/Richard Quest*, “On the Set of Hachiko with Richard Gere”
- Television Interview by *Dailies* on animal safety in filmed entertainment
- Television Interview by *NBC* new affiliate on the film, “Hachiko”
- Behind the Scenes Interviews and promotional DVD footage for the motion pictures: “The Zookeeper,” “Hachiko,” “Prime,” “A Crime” and “Underdog”
- Promotional videos and website clips for the *American Humane Association*
- Print Interviews with: “The Boston Globe,” “The Providence Journal,” “The Denver Post,” “Bark Magazine” and numerous websites and cinematic trades.
- Guest Speaker for the *Director’s Guild Association of Los Angeles*
- Guest Speaker for the *Director’s Guild Association of New York*
- Guest Speaker for the *Boston Animal Rescue League*

WORK HISTORY

WRITER, AMERICAN HUMANE ASSOCIATION, 2014-2015

Responsible for the conception, research and creation of written and photographic content in the areas of: advocacy, general interest, marketing and promotional materials for the American Humane Association, Red Star Animal Relief Services and the Kathy Anderson Kitty Club.

ANIMAL SAFETY REPRESENTATIVE, AMERICAN HUMANE ASSOCIATION,

2002-2013 Certified Animal Humane Officer & Animal Safety Representative specialized in the behavior of mammals, amphibians, reptiles and marine life. Responsible for the pre-production and on-set collaboration with directors, producers, trainers and talent to effectively and safely coordinate stunt/creative work with animals used in film, print and television productions. Enforcement for the authorization of the "No *Animals were Harmed in the Making of this Film*" disclaimer through the utilization of The Guidelines for Animals in Film and Television. Oversight of over 100 + feature and commercial productions such as: "SeaBiscuit," "Zookeeper," "SNL," "Animal Planet Live," "Law & Order," "Real Steel," "War of the Worlds," "The Walking Dead," "Criminal Minds," and "Hachiko."

- **WRITER & PHOTOGRAPHER**, Literary and photographic works on animals and animal-behavior published nationally and internationally in books, magazines, newspapers, websites and newsletters.
- **HORSE TRAINER, OWNER & PRESIDENT of EQUINE ABC's LLC**, Rhode Island, Horse training, consulting, brokering, leasing and sales in combination with breeding and importation of American Paint Horses and Dutch Warmbloods.
- **EQUINE VETERINARY TECHNICIAN**, New England Equine Practice, New York
- **HAVIKERWAARD DEKSTATION**, The Netherlands & Kebra Ranch, New Jersey Stallion Management, Semen Collection and Preparation, Pregnant and Lactating Mare Management, Artificial Insemination, Foaling and Imprinting
- **WASSENAAR BREEDING CENTER**, The Netherlands, Health Care of Cheetahs, Assistance in Cheetah-Breeding Program, Care and Socialization of Newborn Cubs
- **DIERGAARDE BLIJDORP**, The Netherlands, Health Care of 10 Species of Exotic Cats
- **STICHTING AAP**, The Netherlands, Health Care of over 100 Species of Primates, Birds and Small Mammals, Writing and Photography for Newsletters and Promotional Materials, Creation of Photographic Archive for Species Identification, Assist in Coordination of Public Events and Marketing Campaigns