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WILDLIFE VETERINARIAN | ANIMAL ADVOCATE | WRITER

PERSONAL PROFILE

Lifelong passion for and dedication to animal advocacy, conservation, and welfare, demonstrated by more than 30 years of international work in veterinary medicine and zoological research. Combine solid scientific and medical expertise with intense drive to strengthen the human-animal bond.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Wildlife medicine	Public speaking	Education
Zoological research	Animal advocacy	Published author

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Veterinarian

- ♦ Completed 3-year residency program with UC Davis and California Dept. of Fish and Game. Investigated disease outbreaks in free-living wildlife, requiring extensive field and laboratory work; supervised non-domestic animal ward operations with 2 technicians, veterinary students, and 1,500 animal caseload annually.
 - Conducted two-year deer field study, and wrote manual for wildlife biologists on assessing deer condition.
- ♦ Served as zoological and wildlife veterinarian at several zoos and wildlife facilities in Africa and the United States with a focus on neonatal care; diagnosis; treatment; medical management; capture and relocations; immobilizations; necropsies; and record management.
- ♦ Provided compassionate, comprehensive veterinary services in private practice (Colorado and California) for small companion animals and non-domestic species. Encompassed all aspects of medical management, diagnostics, emergencies, surgery, client relations, and record keeping.

Wildlife Research

Participated in a wide variety of research projects:

- ♦ Numerous research projects in Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa and Namibia encompassing epidemiological, behavioral, and ecological field research. Subjects included captive primates, African Cape buffalo, waterbuck, wildebeest, lions, and African wild dogs.
- ♦ Conservation biology study of San Joaquin kit foxes and coyotes.
- ♦ Research volunteer for Global White Lion Protection Trust, Timbavati, South Africa;
- ♦ Examination of parasitic life cycles and pathology in wildlife species;
- ♦ Caretaker for captive antelope fawns and adults; deer population census;
- ♦ Evaluation of Komondor Dogs' potential for guarding sheep against coyote predation;
- ♦ Behavior studies on captive wolves and coyotes;
- ♦ Study of fish and bird behavior in natural habitats.

Animal Advocacy

- ♦ **Published Author:** “*Soul of the Wild: Intimate Messages from the Hearts and Souls of Elephants and Whales*” (2010)
- ♦ Engaging **professional speaker** on Africa, wildlife, and the human-animal relationship for a wide variety of interest groups and venues including national expos and conferences, elementary schools, professional development courses, animal shelters, zoos, bookstores, service clubs, social groups, radio, television, and online interview programs.
- ♦ Orchestrated an all-species parade for children on Earth Day.
- ♦ Created individual species educational programs at a nature center.
- ♦ Conducted private sessions and workshops to improve communication, understanding, and relationships between people and animals, both domestic and wild.
- ♦ Created unique and effective training and therapeutic protocols to help people care for animals compassionately and holistically.
- ♦ Developed strong interpersonal skills to coach people through challenging situations with their animals, including behavior issues as well as illness and end of life concerns.

INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE EXPLORATION AND TRAVEL**Lived in Kenya one year, Israel two years**

Kenya, Namibia, Uganda, Rwanda, and South Africa; Tonga; Costa Rica; Ecuador; Peru; Cayman Islands; Israel; Sweden Greece, Germany, Italy and Switzerland; Galapagos; San Juan Islands, Alaska, Haiti

- *Visited Mt. gorillas in Rwanda, chimpanzees in Uganda*
- *Swam with humpback whales in Tonga*
- *Kayaked with orcas in San Juan Islands*
- *Swam with captive and wild dolphins in Florida, Hawaii, and Costa Rica*

RELATED INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Board of Directors**, Centaur Rising (CO)
- ♦ **Board of Advisors**, Sanctuary One (animal sanctuary) (OR)
- ♦ **Faculty Member**, Novalis Project (nature-based education) (OR)
- ♦ **Volunteer Naturalist and Animal Caretaker** for Wildlife Images, Grants Pass, OR (captive wildlife rehabilitation/education center)
- ♦ **Volunteer Naturalist**, Lookout Mountain Nature Center, Jefferson County, CO
- ♦ **Amateur Photographer**: hundreds of candid photographs capture the spirit of countless animals and people throughout the world
- ♦ **Volunteer trainer and adoption ambassador**, Jackson County (OR) Animal Shelter
- ♦ **Horse leader**, Riding Beyond, equine facilitated therapy program for breast cancer survivors
- ♦ **Speaker and volunteer facilitator**, Rose Circle Community program for teenage girls

EDUCATION

Residency in non-domestic animal medicine, U.C. Davis and California Dept. of Fish and Game
 D.V.M., Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO
 Post-graduate courses in ethology and animal behavior, Purdue University
 B. A., Biology (with distinction), University of Colorado, Boulder, CO