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PROFILE

Michael Burkey is the CEO and Dog Behaviorist at Michigan Dog Training who specializes in working with aggressive, fearful and high energy dogs. He is a Civil/Criminal Expert Witness on Dog Behavior, Canine Good Citizen and Therapy Dog Evaluator, Service Dog Trainer, and dog sport competitor. Additionally, he is a former Police K9 Officer, Federal Law Enforcement Officer and Trainer, Social Worker, and Search and Rescue K9 Team Training Director.

EXPERIENCE

CEO & Dog Behaviorist, Michigan Dog Training; Plymouth, MI, 2000-Present State of Michigan Expert Witness on dog behavior, Conduct dog aggression evaluations and behavior modification plans, provide private training sessions specializing in the treatment of aggression cases, provide specialty dog training for Service Dogs (Diabetic Alert, PTSD, Mobility) and Detection Dogs, manage the training activities of all dogs at MDT, supervise MDT trainers to ensure training standards and procedures are met, provide direction, formulate policies and coordinate MDT operational activities, provide dog behavior education via workshops, speeches, and articles and oversee human resource activities.

Senior U.S. Probation Officer, Special Offender Specialist, U.S. Probation & Parole Department, Detroit, Michigan, 1991-2008 As a Federal Law Enforcement Officer supervised and investigated federal criminal offenders that had been convicted of Organized Crime (Mafia), high level drug crimes, Terrorism, and Sex Crimes. Prepared violation reports to return offenders back before the court and provide testimony to their actions, Supervised Protected Witnesses and worked closely with agents from U.S. Marshal Service, Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Led a 13 officer team that focused on supervising activities of sexual predators released to the community, introduced the use of Polygraph Examiners, Computer Forensic tools and GPS electronic monitoring units to aid supervision activities. Led and trained a team of Officer Safety and Self Defense Instructors, Provided Officer Safety Scenario Based Training, and provided department training in gang awareness, organized crime, interviewing/interrogation, and new officer training. Previously, served on the Drug Treatment Unit.



Police K9 Officer, Mt. Morris Police Department, Mt. Morris, MI 1997-2006 As a reserve police officer provided Police K9 Services; narcotic detection, tracking, area search, evidence detection and handler protection.

Dog Behaviorist, Huron Valley Humane Society, Ann Arbor, MI 97-06 approx. At the request of the Behavior Program Manager (services were volunteered) conducted dog behavior evaluations of difficult dogs and made recommendations as to placement and training.

1st District Court Probation Officer, Monroe, MI 1989-1991

Provided offender supervision services, prepared pre-sentence reports, conducted alcohol assessments and testified in court.

LICENSE

Social Worker, State of Michigan, #6802062855, 1990-2002 Certified Addictions Counselor, Level 1, State of Michigan #1-02100

DOG TRAINING SCHOOLS

- NePoPo Dog Training School, Practical Course, Gold Program, with Specialization in E-Collar Training, Bart and Michael Bellon, MO, March 5, 2017
- 2. NePoPo Dog Training School, Theoretical Course, Silver Program, Bart and Michael Bellon, MO, October 26, 2016.
- Michael Ellis School for Dog Trainers; Advanced Dog Obedience and Protection Work (Courses taken: Advanced Obedience, Dog Protection Theory, Protection Dog Decoy Practical and Teaching Ring & IPO Exercises) Michael Ellis, CA, 2012.
- 4. That's My Dog!, Obedience Intensive Academy, Robin MacFarlane, WI, 2008.
- 5. Sirius Dog Training Academy, Dr. Ian Dunbar, IL, 2001.

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

2000 - Business Graduate courses at Western Michigan Univ. & Phoenix Univ.

1985 - B.S. in Criminal Justice, Grand Valley State University

1984 - Police Academy Graduate, Grand Valley State University

EXPERT WITNESS

Civil Cases

- * Number of times retained as a dog behavior expert: 3
- * Number of times testifying at trial: 1

Criminal Cases

- * Number of times retained as a dog behavior expert: 2
- * Number of times testifying at trial: 2

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

Television

2017

- * September Channel 4 News with News Reporter and Anchor Steve Garagiola.
- * May 19 Channel 4 News with News Reporter and Anchor Steve Garagiola, "Big Dog Behaving Badly Gets Attitude Adjustment Thanks to Good Training."
- * May 15 Channel 7 News Live with News Reporter Simon Shaykhet, "What You Need to Know to Survive a Dog Attack."

2016

* Channel 7 News Live with News Reporter Aaron Bakersville, "Get Out Alive
- What You Need to do to Survive a Dog Attack."

2015

* Channel 7 News with News Reporter Ann Marie LaFamme , "Defending Yourself When a Dog Attacks"

2014

* Channel 4 News with Hank Winchester, "Experts Reveal How to Help Fend off Dog Attacks.

Radio

2014, WJR, 3 interviews on dog behavior

PRESENTATIONS

2017

- * October 20, Detroit Edison, Redford Employees, 1.5 hour, Dog Behavior and Dog Bite Prevention
- * Consumers Energy, State of MI Employees, 6 hours, Dog Behavior and Dog Bite Prevention

2016

- * Consumers Energy, State of MI Employees, 6 hours, Dog Behavior and Dog Bite Prevention
- * UPS Employees, Detroit and Livonia, Dog Bite Prevention

SKILLS

- * Expert Witness regarding dog behavior
- * Dog behavior evaluation and assessment
- * Dog aggression rehabilitation
- * Dog bite prevention educator
- * Advanced dog obedience, odor detection and service dog training
- * Adult education and counseling
- * Writing, speaking, and giving presentations

ORGANIZATIONS

Current Member:

- * Animal Behavior Society
- * Behavior Analysis Association of Michigan
- * International Association of Canine Professionals (IACP)
- * Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT)
- * Certified Canine Good Citizen Evaluator, American Kennel Club
- * Certified Farm Dog Evaluator, American Kennel Club
- * United Schutzhund Clubs of America
- * Capital Area Schutzhund Club
- * American Kennel Club Certified CGC Evaluator
- * Therapy Pets Unlimited Evaluator
- * Plymouth Chamber of Commerce

Past Member:

- * North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA)
- * International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants (IAABC), Founding Member and Ethics Committee Chair
- * Therapy Dog International Inc.
- * Rotary International of Northville, Michigan

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

DOG TRAINING

2017

- * 16 hours, Bart Bellon NePoPo Dog Training School, Gold Tune Up, MO
- * 40 hours, Bart Bellon NePoPo Dog Training School, MO
- * 40 hours, Bart Bellon NePoPo Dog Training School, Gold Program, MO

2016

- * 24 hours, 3D Dog Training Workshop with Heather Beck of K9 LifeLine, Salt Lake City, UT
- * 16 hours, Bart Bellon NePoPo Dog Training Workshop, VA
- * 40 hours, Bart Bellon NePoPo Dog Training School, Silver Program, MO
- * 16 hours Focused Heeling workshop with Forrest Micke, MI
- * 16 hours, K9 Cop Conference, NV (Boost Your K9 Athlete's Performance: K9 Healthcare From Kennel Environment to K9 Nutrition with Jill Cline, PhD & Rick Kesler, DVM; NePoPo Training System with Bart Bellon; The Future of Detection Dog Training, an Examination of Methods for Creating Better Detection Dog Teams with Jason Purgason; Imprinting Scent Specific Tracking Dogs with Jeff Schettler; E-Collar: Off Leash Control and Canine Problem Solving with Doug Roller; Tactical Obedience Training Methods with Jerry Bradshaw & Sean Siggins; K9 Legal Session 1 with John M. Peters, Attorney at Law; Preparing your K9 for Combat with Scott Clark; and Detector Dog Behavior with Ken Licklider.)

2015

- * 16 hours, K9 Cop Conference, TN (Decoy & Bitework with Franco Angeline; Reality Based Detection Training with Rodney Spicer; Training Records with Buck Dikes; Odor Training Aids and Scent Detection with Dr. David Adebimpe; Power Biting with Justin Regney; and Detection Dog Behavior with Ken Licklinder)
- * 16 hours, NePoPo Bart Bellon Workshop, VA
- * 32 hours, Narcotic Detection, Randy Hare, MI
- * 24 hours, Narcotic Detection, Randy Hare, MO
- * 8 hours, Narcotic Detection, Randy Hare, OH
- * 16 hours, Heeling workshop, Forrest Micke, MI
- * 16 hours, Trick Dog Instructor Workshop, Kyra Sundance, MI

2014

- * 32 hours, International Assn. of Canine Professionals Conference, VA
- * The Heeler's Toolbox, Forrest Micke, Leerburg Online University
- * 16 hours, Diabetic Alert Dog Seminar, Debby Kay, VA
- * 16 hours, E-Collar Applications, Michael Ellis, Leerburg, WI
- * 16 hours, NePoPo Bart Bellon Seminar, Columbus, OH

2013

- * 24 hours, Diabetic Alert Dog Train the Trainer, Linda Cree, MI
- * 16 hours, K9 Nose Work Seminar, Andrew Ramsey, MI

2012

- * 16 hours, NePoPo Bart Bellon King George, VA
- * 40 hours, Advanced Dog Obedience, Michael Ellis, CA
- * 40 hours, Protection Dog Theory, Michael Ellis, CA
- * 40 hours, Protection Dog Decoy Clinic, Michael Ellis, CA
- * 40 hours, Protection-Teaching Ring & IPOExercises, Michael Ellis, CA 2011
- * 16 hours, NePoPo Bart Bellon, Paducah, KY
- * 16 hours, Trick Dog Instructor workshop, Kyra Sundance, OH 2009
- * 200 hours, Explosive Dog Det., Obed. & Protection, K9 Academy, MI 2008
- * 80 hours, Obedience Intensive, Robin MacFarlane, That's My Dog!, WI 2007
- * 16 hours, E-Collar Workshop, Robin MacFarlane, That's My Dog!, MI 2004
- * Creative Cures for Problem Canines, Ken McCort, Wolf Park, IN
- * Coaching People to Train Their Dogs Workshop, Terry Ryan, OH 2002
- * 24 hours, Int. Assn. of Animal Behavior Consultants Conference 2001
- * 32 hours, Dr. Ian Dunbar's Sirius Dog Training Academy, IL 2000
- * 16 hours, Dog Behavior Evaluation and Assessment, Emily Weiss Ph.D.
- * 16 hours, Behavior & Performance Dog, Steppin-Up Dog School, Ohio
- * 24 hours, ClickerExpo, Dearborn, MI
- * 16 hours, Proactive Positive Training Workshop, PuppyWorks, Lisle, IL 1999
- * 40 hours, Train the Trainer, Chris Bach, WI
- * 12 hours, K9 Tracking/Trailing, K9 Elite, Ohio

1998

- * 24 hours, Managing the Lost Person Incident Course, NASAR
- * 8 hours, International K9 Trailing/Tracking seminar, David Brownell , MI
- * 16 hours, Urban K9 Disaster Seminar, GLSAR of MI, David Brownell, MI
- * 16 hours, Tracking & Trailing workshop, K-9 Elite, Ohio

1997

- * 24 hours, Police Utility and Narcotic Detection, NAPWDA, Troy, MI
- * 40 hours, Police Narcotic Detection, Desoto County Sheriff's Office, MS

- * 10 hours, Police Narcotic Detection, K-9 Elite, Ohio
- * 24 hours, K9 Urban Disaster, GLSAR of MI
- * 7 hours, K9 Training Exercises at DAD/DAC Event, Okemos, MI
- * 16 hours, SAFER (Safety Assessment for Evaluating Rehoming), Dr. Emily Weiss, PhD, CAAB

BUSINESS & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

2017

- * 50 hours, Tony Robbins Leadership Academy, San Diego, CA with TR Staff (Mark Devine Retired U.S. Navy Seal Commander, SEALFIT Founder and Best Selling Author; Siri Lindley World Champion Triathlete, Olympic Coach and Motivational Speaker; Jan Hargrave FBI Specialist Body Language and Handwriting Analysis Expert; Cloe Madanes Psychotherapy Expert; Sid Jacobson Psychotherapist and NLP Expert; Joseph McClendon III Head Trainer and #1 Performance Coach).
- * 70 hours, Business Mastery with Tony Robbins, West Palm Beach, FL 2016 337 hours, Landmark Self Expression and Leadership course

2016

- * 16 hours, Excellerate Associates, Business Seminar, Livonia, MI
- * 36 hours, Excellerate Associates, Business Lab,, Canton, MI

2015

- * 50 hours, Landmark Advanced course
- * 36 hours, Excellerate Associates, Business Lab, Canton, MI
- * 75 hours, Landmark Forum course
- * 16 hours, Excellerate Associates, Business Seminar, Hawaii

2014

* 16 hours, Excellerate Associates, Business Seminar, Livonia, MI

2007

* 8 hours, Business Symposium with Top National Business Leaders, U.S. Probation, Detroit, MI

LAW ENFORCEMENT

1991-2008

* Detective School, Witness Security, Computer Forensic Investigations, Sex Offender Management and Investigation, Officer Safety, Gang Awareness, Firearm Training, and Scenario Based Instructor Training.

1996

- * 16 hours, Street Survival, Tactical Edge Seminar, Lansing, MI
- * 8 hours, Street Survival, The Win Seminar, Lansing, MI

1995

* 40 hours, Self Defense Train the Trainer, FBI, Detroit, MI

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

2007, Farmington Hills Police Department

2000, Great Lakes Search and Rescue of Ohio, Sheree Roberto, Exec. Dir.

1998, Farmington Hills Police Department, Chief Will J.

1998, W. Bloomfield Police Department, Chief Donald C.

1997, Flat Rock Police Department, Chief Michael Sorenson