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**EDUCATION**

Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois

**Master of Science** December 2004

GPA 3.91 on 4.0 scale

Winona State University, Winona, Minnesota

**Bachelor of Science** June 1998

Biology Major / Psychology minor

167 quarter hours

**GRADUATE LEVEL COURSES**

Management of People and Organizations, Animal Training, Bioacoustics, Biological Studies of Zoos & Aquariums, Biomolecules, Marine Mammalogy, Biometrics, Biosystematics & Evolution, Mammals of the World, Mississippi River Ecology, Learning and Motivation Theory, and Bird Identification.

**PERTINENT UPPER LEVEL UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**

Cell Biology, Ecology, Environmental Biology, Large Felid Management, Genetics, Histology, Limnology, Mammalian Anatomy & Physiology, Microbiology, Oceanography, Organic Chemistry and Plant Physiology

**CERTIFICATIONS**

*Candidate for:* Certified Dialogue Education™ Practitioner (CDEP) through Global Learning Partners.

Associate Certified Applied Animal Behaviorists (ACAAB), Animal Behavior Society, March 2009

Certified Pet Dog Trainer (CPDT), Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers, November 2006

Certificate of Zoo & Aquarium Studies, Western Illinois University, December 2004

Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT), California Veterinary Medical Association, June 2001

**RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE**

Collected Wisdom Animal Behavior, Sole proprietor

July 2010 – present. Animal Behaviorist. Ojai, California

Teaching and performing research for the ASPCA (see below)

Perform behavioral modification and training in people's homes for their pets

Continually update and generate new handouts for clients

Lecture at veterinary clinics and shelters on companion animal behavior

Publish photography of dog and cat behavior in textbooks and other media

Contribute to the field of behavior and exotic pets via writing and book chapter publications

Collected Wisdom Animal Behavior, LLC Member Manager.

January 2007 – June 2010. Animal Behaviorist. Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Teaching and performing research for the ASPCA (see below)

Behavior modification with dogs at local shelters

Foster dogs and rabbits for local shelters

Perform variety of staff and volunteer training's for local shelters

Perform 6-8 private behavioral consultations per week

Develop and instruct several dog training classes per week

Lecture at veterinary clinics and shelters on companion animal behavior

Continually update and generate new handouts for clients  
Publish photography of dog and cat behavior in textbooks and other media

American Society for Prevention and Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)

January 2007 – present. Independent Contractor

Teach ASPCA SAFER (canine aggression assessment) workshops to animal shelters nationwide  
Collaborate in the design and data collection of several ongoing research projects  
Perform aggression assessments on dogs being affected by breed bans (i.e. marine bases around the country)

Wisconsin Humane Society, Behavior Department, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

January 2005 – November 2006 Manners Class Coordinator. 45+hours a week.

Evaluated adult dogs and puppies using standardized evaluations  
Behavior modification with shelter dogs before placing into adoption  
Performed variety of staff and volunteer training's for shelter  
Managed 17 dog training classes a week, 9 dog trainers, and 14 volunteers  
Developed and implemented two new dog training curriculum  
Instructed 4-6 dog training classes per week  
Performed 2-6 private behavioral consultations per week  
Public seminars on a variety of species and topics  
Responded to client needs on the Behavior Hotline

Colorado Division of Wildlife, Infectious Disease Studies, Wildlife Health Lab, Ft. Collins, Colorado

October 2004 – December 2004. 40 hours week

Collect tissues from ungulates for detection of Chronic Wasting Disease sampling for the State of CO

US Geological Survey, Biological Resource Division. Ft. Collins, Colorado.

July 2001 – October 2004. 20-40 hours/week. GS-07 Student Career Experience Position

West Nile Virus surveillance: Independently trapped kestrels, collected feathers and blood, processed tissues in lab in preparation for viral testing, and supervised a field crew.

Mosquito Identification: Trapped and identified mosquitoes and submitted to Tri-County Health for West Nile Virus detection

Shorebird Telemetry: Trapped and banded shorebirds, performed surveillance by truck and airplane, collected feathers and blood, and collected invertebrates.

White-tailed kite project: Sampled vegetation for stable isotope analysis, performed raptor surveys independently, recorded nest location and activity of kites, collected blood and feather samples for stable isotope and genetic analyses, and generated reports from projects as needed.

Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL

August 2003 – December 2003. 20 hours/week. Graduate Assistant and Lab Coordinator

Taught freshman biology labs  
Prepared weekly lab sessions and introduced outside educational material  
Designed, administered and graded all laboratory exams  
Assisted professors with class lectures and grading  
Tutored freshman biology students

University of California Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, Davis, California 95616

December 2000 – September 2003. Post-Graduate Researcher. 20 hours/week

Collected data from clients for feline FDA drug trials  
Traveled independently to 18 dog parks in CA  
Collected various measurements and surveys on dog parks  
Surveyed veterinarians around the country for dog breed behavior study

## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

Behler Chelonian Center, Ojai, CA  
June 28, 2010- present. As needed.

UP200/Midnight Run dog sled veterinary team, Upper Peninsula, Michigan.  
5 days every February for the years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010

John Beargrease dog sled veterinary team, Duluth, Minnesota  
Jan 25-31, 2008. 160 hours

Wildlife volunteer, Wildlife Dept., Wisconsin Humane Society, Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
March 7, 2007-Nov 28, 2007. 108 hours

Bat trapping and census, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Denver, Colorado  
June 2004 – July 2004. 20 hours

Mississippi river clean-ups, Living Land and Waters, Quad Cities, Illinois  
March 2003 & March 2004. 16 hours

Trail restoration Horn Environmental Learning Program, Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois  
September 2003 – December 2003. 30 hours

Tule goose telemetry project, United States Geological Survey, Dixon, California  
October 2000 – March 2001. 80+ hours

California Raptor Center volunteer and trainer, Davis, California  
August 2000 – July 2003. 700+ hours

Marine Mammal Dept volunteer, John G. Shedd Aquarium, Chicago, Illinois  
September 1998 – June 2000. 500+ hours

## **PRESENTATIONS** (only the previous 2 years listed)

*Upcoming:* SAFER aggression assessment training, ASPCA, Colorado Springs, CO December 7-10, 2010

*Upcoming:* SAFER aggression assessment training, ASPCA, Columbus, OH November 2-5, 2010

*Upcoming:* SAFER aggression assessment training, ASPCA, Topeka, KS October 4-7, 2010

SAFER aggression assessment training, ASPCA, Toledo, OH July 20-23, 2010

Reducing stress for exotic animals, Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, Tomah, WI May 16, 2010

SAFER aggression assessment training, ASPCA, NC April 19-22, 2010

SAFER aggression assessment training, ASPCA, St. Louis, MO April 6-9, 2010

SAFER aggression assessment training, ASPCA, Oakland, CA March 9-12, 2010

SAFER aggression assessment training, ASPCA, San Francisco, CA Jan 11-14, 2010

UP200 sled dog vet team. Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Milwaukee, WI Jan 6, 2010

SAFER aggression assessment training. ASPCA, Seattle, WA. Nov 2-5, 2009

Canine behavior seminar. VCA-Waukesha, WI October 15, 2009

Canine behavior seminar. Waukesha Small Animal Clinic, WI October 1w, 2009

Breed Behavior: Fact & Folklore. UW-Madison Shelter Medicine Vet Students. October 10, 2009

Stop the Pulling! Central Bark, New Berlin, WI October 15, 2009

Surviving puppyhood! Central Bark, New Berlin, WI October 1, 2009

Dog Bite Prevention. Chiropractic Care Center Kids Festival, Brookfield, WI. August 22, 2009

Litterbox & house soiling solutions. Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Milwaukee, WI July 12, 2009

Canine behavior & training. Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Milwaukee, WI July 12, 2009

Stop the Pulling! (dog lecture) Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Milwaukee, WI July 12, 2009

SAFER aggression assessment training. ASPCA, Milwaukee, WI. July 7-8, 2009

SAFER aggression assessment training. ASPCA, Salt Lake City, UT. June 23-26, 2009

SAFER aggression assessment training. ASPCA, Stratham, NH. June 8-11, 2009

Improving quality of life for shelter animals, debunking dominance, and how our interactions affect those in our care. WI Federated Humane Societies Annual Conference. Wausau, WI April 30, 2009

Litterbox & housesoiling solutions Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Milwaukee, WI April 23, 2009

Solutions to cat behavior problems Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Milwaukee, WI April 23, 2009

Canine behavior & training. Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Milwaukee, WI April 16, 2009

Stop the Pulling! (dog lecture) Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Milwaukee, WI April 16, 2009

Common behavior challenges in recently adopted companions. UW-Madison Shelter Medicine Vet Students. April 8, 2009

Litterbox Prevention and Management. Animal Doctor. Muskego, WI February 8,, 2009

Managing multi-cat social interactions Animal Doctor. Muskego, WI January 25, 2009

Non-pharmaceutical solutions for thunderstorm/noise phobias. Animal Doctor. Muskego, WI January 25, 2009

Stop the Pulling! (dog lecture) Animal Doctor. Muskego, WI January 25, 2009

SAFER aggression assessment training. ASPCA, Asheville, NC. January 6-7, 2009

Veterinary emergency care for companion reptiles. Facilitated a reptile lecture and lab with Dr. Paul Gibbons, DVM. Meeting of the Brazilian Association of Wildlife Veterinarians (ABRAVAS). Santos, Brazil. November 28-29, 2008

Building bridges with veterinarians for exceptional behavior service. Milwaukee Veterinary Medical Association. Milwaukee, WI Nov 18, 2008

Rabbit Behavior and Training. Elmbrook Humane Society. Pewaukee, WI October 25, 2008

Improving mental wellness for animals in our care (shelters and veterinary clinics). WI Federated Humane Societies Annual Conference. Appleton, WI October 16, 2008

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Mohan-Gibbons, H and P. Gibbons. Behavior of turtles and tortoises. *Behavior of Exotic Pets*. Blackwell Publishing

Mohan-Gibbons, H and P. Gibbons. Behavior of lizards. *Behavior of Exotic Pets*. Blackwell Publishing

Gibbons, P. and H.Mohan-Gibbons. Behavior of snakes. *Behavior of Exotic Pets*. Blackwell Publishing

Mohan, H.M. 2004. Foraging success of white-tailed kites (*Elanus leucurus*) and interactions with other raptors. M.S. Thesis, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL

## **NON-REFEREED REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS**

Mohan, H.M. and W.M. Iko. 2001. Development of stable isotope analyses for use in studies of population dynamics and ecology of current and historic avian populations-Progress Report Dec 2001, Cosumnes River Preserve, The Nature Conservancy and BLM, California.

Iko, W.M. and H.M. Mohan. 2003. Population monitoring and research activities on white-tailed kites at the Cosumnes River Preserve – Progress Report Dec. 2002, Cosumnes River Preserve, The Nature Conservancy, and BLM, California.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Peer reviewer, ad hoc, for Emu: Austral Ornithology

Peer reviewer, ad hoc, for Journal Animal Welfare Science

Guest writer for Society of Veterinary Behavior Technicians (SVBT), WisconsinWags blog, and BrewCity Tails Rescue.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Animal Behavior Society (ABS)

Association of Pet Dog Training (APDT)

International Sled Dog Veterinary Medical Association (ISDVMA)

Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association (WVMA)

National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA)

Society of Veterinary Behavior Technicians (SVBT)

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