

## CAMILLE WARD

Ann Arbor, MI 48105 | P: 734.358.1972 | E: AboutDogsLLC@gmail.com | W: AboutDogsLLC.com

---

### EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY, ANN ARBOR, MI

**Ph.D. in Biopsychology, 2007**

Dissertation: Cognition and Social Cognition in the Domestic Dog (*Canis familiaris*)

**M.S. in Biopsychology, 2005**

Areas of specialization: Animal behavior, canine behavior and cognition

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT, ANN ARBOR, MI

**M.S. in Natural Resources and Environment, 1995**

Thesis: Predictors of Vigilance in the American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*)

Areas of specialization: Animal behavior, wildlife behavior and ecology

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, DEARBORN, MI

**A.B. Environmental Studies, 1990**

Areas of concentration: animal behavior, biology, environmental science

Minor: Biology

Honor's Thesis: Animal Behavior and Conservation in Urban Environments

### PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

**Board-Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist (CAAB), 2010 – Present**

Animal Behavior Society

**Fear Free Certified Professional, Fear Free™, 2017 – Present**

Fear Free Pets

### ANIMAL BEHAVIOR CONSULTING

**Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist/President of About Dogs LLC, 2007 – Present**

About Dogs LLC, Ann Arbor, MI

Working with pet guardians and their dogs to prevent, manage, and correct behavioral issues—primarily aggression but also separation anxiety, fears, phobias, unruly behavior, compulsive behaviors, new puppy issues and more. Veterinary collaboration on medical management of behavioral cases as needed.

**Animal Behaviorists, 2018**

ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals)

Behavior assessment, modification, and rehabilitation of dog survivors of criminal cruelty and neglect including animals rescued from fighting cases, hoarding, and puppy mills.

**Canine Behavioral Counselor/President, 1999 – 2002**

Teacher's Pet LLC, Ann Arbor, MI

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Fear Free Advisory Group, 2016 – Present**

Dr. Marty Becker's Fear Free Initiative (<https://fearfreepets.com/about/what-is-fear-free/>)

Improve the emotional wellbeing of animals during veterinary exams, when working with trainers, groomers, and other pet professionals.

**Legal Consulting/Expert Witness Services, Various Legal Cases, 2010 – Present**

- Provide expert testimony and analysis in legal matters related to canine behavior, welfare, and animal law.
- Prepare comprehensive reports, written opinions, and expert declarations for use in litigation.
- Provide expert witness affidavits, consultations, and trial preparation, ensuring that complex concepts are communicated clearly to clients, attorneys, and the court.
- Serve as an objective, independent expert in cases involving canine behavior including aggression and welfare.
- Support attorneys with case strategy, document review, and evidence analysis to strengthen case outcomes.

**Board of Professional Certification, Applied Animal Behaviorist Certification Program, Animal Behavior Society 2013 – 2020**

Reviewed applications for board certification and voted on acceptance (or denials).

**Comparative Canine Behavior Symposium, Animal Behavior Society's 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference 2016**

Co-organized the first behavioral symposium of its kind in North America. Invited and organized a panel of top canine scientists from around the world to present their research on behavior.

**Program Chair, IFAAB (Interdisciplinary Forum on Applied Animal Behavior), 2012**

IFAAB presents an opportunity for behaviorists actively involved in applied companion animal behavior to share information, advance their knowledge, develop productive professional relationships, and encourage future communication.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

IAABC FOUNDATION (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF APPLIED BEHAVIOR CONSULTANTS)

**Instructor**

[Deep Dive Behavior Mentorship: Consulting on Canine Aggression, Anxieties, and More](#), 2024 – Present  
[Canine Social Behavior](#), 2021 – Present

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR, MI

**Lecturer**

Dog Cognition, Behavior, & Welfare, (Psychology 400), 2008 – 2012

Introduction to Cognitive Psychology, (Psychology 240), 2008

**Graduate Student Instructor**

Introduction to Animal Behavior, (Psychology 335), 2004 – 2006

Introduction to Psychology, (Psychology 111), 2003

Field Mammalogy, (Biology 453), 1994

Ecological Issues, (Natural Resources 301), 1994

Terrestrial Vertebrate Natural History, (Natural Resources 317), 1993

**MENTORSHIP AND ADVISORY ROLES**

VIRGINIA TECH, BLACKSBURG, VA

**Committee Member for Graduate Thesis**

Department of Applied Animal Behavior and Welfare

Thesis: Ignorance is Bliss: Investigating the Use of Window Film to Decrease Canine Barking (2024 – Present)

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY (ABS), IN

**Turner Program Mentor** for undergraduates from groups underrepresented in STEM and ABS

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR, MI

**Supervisor, Undergraduate Student Research**

Independent Study (Psychology 322), 2008

**Student Mentorship**

Supervised undergraduate student research and provided training in behavioral coding of animal behavior data (Psychology Department), 2004 – 2006, 2008

**SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS**

Ward, C. 2020. Greeting behavior between dogs in a dog park. *Pet Behaviour Science* 10: 1-14

Smuts, B. B., E. B. Bauer, and C. Ward. 2015. Rollovers during play: Complementary perspectives *Behavioural Processes* 116: 50-52

Ward, C. and B. B. Smuts. 2009. Interventions in dyadic play between littermates of domestic dogs (*Canis lupus familiaris*). *Animal Behaviour* 78:1153-1160

Ward, C. and B. B. Smuts. 2009. Social play in dogs: Individual variation and change over time. *Journal of Veterinary Behavior: Clinical Applications and Research* 4: 61-62

Bauer, E. B., C. Ward, and B. B. Smuts. 2009. Play like a puppy, play like a dog. *Journal of Veterinary Behavior: Clinical Applications and Research* 4: 68-69

Ward, C. and B. B. Smuts. 2008. Partner preferences and asymmetries in social play among domestic dog (*Canis lupus familiaris*) littermates. *Animal Behaviour* 76:1187–1199

Ward, C. and B. B. Smuts. 2007. Why does hyena play matter? *Journal of Developmental Processes* 2:31–38

Ward, C. and B. B. Smuts. 2007. Quantity-based judgments in the domestic dog (*Canis lupus familiaris*). *Journal of Animal Cognition* 10:71–80

Ward, C., R. L. Eshenroder, and J. R. Bence. 2000. Relative abundance of lake trout and burbot in the main basin of Lake Michigan in the early 1930s. *Transactions of the American Fisheries Society* 129:282–295

Dawson, K. A., R. L. Eshenroder, M. A. Holey, and C. Ward. 1997. Quantification of historic lake trout spawning runs in Lake Michigan. *Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences* 10:2290–2302

Ward, C. and B. S. Low. 1997. Predictors of vigilance for American crows (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*) foraging in an urban environment. *Wilson Bulletin* 3:481–489

## PRESENTATIONS

Ward, C. February 2023. Behavioral rehabilitation of fearful and aggressive dogs, Lincoln Memorial University, College of Veterinary Medicine, remote presentation

Ward, C. October 2022. Why can't we all just get along? Understanding conflict in multi-dog households, Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT)

Ward, C. October 2022. (Panel discussion with Dr. K. Spaulding, J. Rehtine, I. Bloom, M. Stanley, and F. Easter). Find your crew and a happier training life: Avoiding burnout while facing the challenges of being a dog professional, Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT)

Ward, C. 2022. Fear free in veterinary practice. Ann Arbor Animal Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Ward, C. 2022. The science of dog play and its applications, IAABC Foundation "Lemonade Conference, remote presentation

Ward, C. 2021. Relationship building between dogs in multiple dog households: Setting dogs up for success, Animal Behavior Society

Ward, C. 2021. Application of the Calmer Canine® to the treatment of travel-related anxiety: A case study in an adult Doberman Pinscher, Animal Behavior Society

Ward, C. 2021. Application of the Calmer Canine® to the treatment of travel-related anxiety: A case study in an adult Doberman Pinscher, Interdisciplinary Forum for Applied Animal Behavior, remote presentation

Ward, C. 2021. Common behavior problems in dogs and solutions. Q&A with veterinary students at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine

Ward, C. (co-presented with Dr. Sara Barnhart, DVM) 2020. Introduction to a fear free veterinary practice. Ann Arbor Animal Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Ward, C. (Podcast co-presented with Dr. Mikel Delgado) 2019. The path to becoming a CAAB (Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist), sponsored by Animal Behavior Associates/Behavioral Education Network

Ward, C. 2019. A day in the life of a dog psychologist: Helping guardians understand the emotional lives of their canine companions, Attorney's for Animals, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Ward, C. (co-presented with Dr. Crista Coppola and Nancy Williams) 2019. Unrealistic expectations in behavior cases, Interdisciplinary Forum for Applied Animal Behavior, Tempe, Arizona

Ward, C. 2016. Working with animal behavior in the veterinary environment. Ann Arbor Animal Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Ward, C. 2016. Dog-to-dog greetings, Animal Behaviour Society Annual Meeting, Columbia, Missouri. Invited speaker and co-organizer (with Dr. Robin Foster) of the Comparative Canine Behavior Symposium

Ward, C. 2016. What's up? Dog-to-dog greetings, Interdisciplinary Forum for Applied Animal Behavior, Tucson Arizona

Ward, C. 2016. Second chance dogs: Setting up for successful adoptions, Golden Retriever Rescue Club of Michigan, Farmington Hills, Michigan

Ward, C. 2015. Minimizing fear and anxiety in the veterinary setting. Compassionate Care Animal Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Ward, C. 2015. Understanding, preventing and treating behavior problems in dogs. Compassionate Care Animal Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan (public talk)

Ward, C. 2015. Using animal behavior theory to understand and treat behavioral problems in dogs. Interdisciplinary Forum for Applied Animal Behavior, Dallas, Texas

Ward, C. (co-presented with Dr. Karen London). 2014. Social roles and relationships in dogs. Webinar. Chat with CAAB's. Sponsored by Animal Behavior Associates/Behavioral Education Network

Ward, C. 2014. The new science of dogs. Papillon National Club Specialty of America, Wilmington, Ohio

Ward, C. 2013. Dog culture, dog minds. Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Ward, C., A. M. Thornburg. 2013. The performance of coyote pups on human-guided object-choice tasks. Animal Behaviour Society Conference, Boulder, Colorado

Ward, C. 2013. Cognition and social behavior in two hand-reared coyotes with reference to domestic dogs. Interdisciplinary Forum for Applied Animal Behavior, San Diego, California

Ward, C. 2012. Intervention behavior in domestic dogs. Wolf Park, Battle Ground, Indiana

Ward, C., R. Trisko. 2012. Is three always a crowd? Patterns of intervention behavior among domestic dogs. Interdisciplinary Forum for Applied Animal Behavior, Scottsdale, Arizona

Ward, C. 2011. Treating behavioral problems in dogs: The good, the bad, and the ugly. Presented to the Washtenaw Veterinary Academy in Ann Arbor, Michigan

Ward, C., E. B. Bauer, and B. B. Smuts. 2010. Play: It's more than just fun and games. Interdisciplinary Forum for Applied Animal Behavior, Williamsburg, Virginia

Ward, C. and B. B. Smuts. 2008. Play and the development of social relationships in litters of domestic dogs. Association of Pet Dog Trainers Conference, Louisville, Kentucky

Smuts, B. B. and Ward, C. 2008. Dynamics of dog-dog friendships: case studies from videotaped interactions. Association of Pet Dog Trainers Conference, Louisville, Kentucky

Ward, C. and B. B. Smuts. 2008. Social play in dogs: individual variation and change over time. Canine Science Forum, Budapest, Hungary

Anno, B., C. Ward, and B. B. Smuts. 2008. Third-party interventions in dyadic play between adult domestic dogs. Canine Science Forum, Budapest, Hungary

Bauer, E. B., C. Ward, and B. B. Smuts. 2008. Play like a puppy; play like a dog. Canine Science Forum, Budapest, Hungary

Ward, C. and B. B. Smuts. 2007. Social play in the domestic dog, *Canis lupus familiaris*. International Ecology Conference, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Ward, C. and B. B. Smuts. 2005. Quantity judgments in the domestic dog, *Canis lupus familiaris*. Animal Behaviour Society Conference, Snowbird, Utah

Ward, C. and R. L. Eshenroder. 1997. Bycatch of lake trout in the Lake Michigan chub fishery: implications for the population collapse of lake trout in the 1940s. Poster presented at the 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, Monterey, California

Ward, C. and R. L. Eshenroder. 1996. Burbot, king of fishes? Speaker 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, Dearborn, Michigan

## BOOK

Ward, C. 2008. *Relationship Training for a Well-Behaved Dog*. Ann Arbor: About Dogs LLC

#### MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS AND RESEARCH

[What dogs see when they watch TV](#). *Kinship* interview. December 2024

Ward, C. and Fox, A. [How to interpret your dog's facial expressions and behavior](#). *Kinship*. December 2024

[What is positive reinforcement training for dogs?](#) *Rover* interview. 2024

[How to properly introduce two pups](#). *The Wildest* interview. October 2023

[Do dogs have besties?](#) *Kinship*. December 2022

[Guided play: Managing fun at the dog park](#). *Dog Parkology* podcast interview. 2024

Got a reactive dog? Here's what you can do about it. *Outside Magazine* interview. May 2023

[How to keep your pet quiet](#). Interviewed for *Woman's Day* magazine online. January 2015

Ward, C. Keep it real: Managing expectations about your dog's behavior makes for a good relationship. *Bark*. September/October 2012: 41-44

Smuts, B. B. and C. Ward. The language of play: Some like it ruff. *Bark*. June-August 2011: 70-73

Ward, C. and B. B. Smuts. Fighting without biting. *Bark*. April-May 2011: 64-68

Smuts, B. B. and C. Ward. Pal dogs: does your dog need a BFF? *Bark*. June-August 2010: 68-71

Dogs and men play same game to woo their women, *The Economic Times*, 2010

Research on puppy play. *Cães & Cia*, February 2009

Research on sex differences in puppy play. *Cosmopolitan*, January 2009

WLHT in Grand Rapids radio interview on sex differences in puppy play, 2008

[In puppy play, it's ladies first](#), NBC News online, October 2008

#### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Animal Behavior Society (ABS)

American Veterinary Society for Animal Behavior (AVSAB)

#### EDITORIAL (AD HOCK EDITORIAL CONSULTANT)

*Animal Cognition*

*Behavioral Ecology*

*Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences*

*Journal of Applied Animal Behaviour Science*

*Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science*

*Journal of Ethology*

*Pet Behaviour Science*

*Wilson Bulletin*

#### GRANTS AND AWARDS

Department of Psychology Dissertation Thesis Grant, University of Michigan, 2005

Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, University of Michigan, 2003, 2005

Barbara Perry Roberson Summer Research Scholarship, Department of Psychology, University of Michigan, 2004

Jane Gibson Likert Scholarship, Center for the Education of Women, University of Michigan, 2003

Wildlife Ecology Faculty Award, School of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Michigan, 1994

Paul Steward Award, Wilson Ornithological Society, 1994

Merit Scholarship, School of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Michigan, 1994 and 1993

Lucy E. Elliott Memorial Scholarship, University of Michigan Alumni Association, 1994 and 1993

Recognized at the University of Michigan's Honors Convocation for High Academic Achievement and Distinguished Departmental Achievement, 1990