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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://www.fearfree.com/).

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 53rd 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. Rechtine, 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 127th Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, Monterey, California

Ward, C. and R. L. Eshenroder. 1996. Burbot, king of fishes? Speaker 126th 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