

Jeff's introduction to dogs with behavioral issues started as a young child. Jeff's family seemed to have a knack for bringing dogs into their home that others had given up on. Bailey, one of Jeff's childhood dogs, unknowingly showed him how dogs could overcome traumatic events with time and guidance. The seeds had been planted but the idea of working with dogs didn't come until later in his life after Jeff's first personal dog was hit by a car. After this event, Jeff's wife insisted on getting a Bullmastiff. Having no idea what that was, Jeff started researching breeds, and that unlocked a thirst for knowledge that has yet to be quenched.

Jeff's sister was the one who originally suggested he start training dogs after overhearing a conversation of breeds during a Thanksgiving dinner. Even though it was laughed about at the time, it was the spark that started everything. Jeff's career began by volunteering with local shelter dogs, which quickly progressed into private lessons and group classes. As his reputation started to grow, he took a part time job with a local veterinarian, with the goal of being able to learn more about the medical side of dogs. This opportunity allowed Jeff to have a foundation in the medical world as well as the training world. People who have never lived with a dog with behavior issues don't typically understand the stress associated with it. Jeff's personal experience with challenging dogs has helped him connect with his clients and help him achieve great results. Experience is the best teacher.

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