

Melanie Benware is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer through The Tom Rose School of Professional Dog Trainers in St. Louis, Missouri. Melanie has been training dogs for over 13 years, for the last 9 years she was the trainer at Holiday Barn Pet Resorts in Glen Allen, Virginia; one of the nation's oldest and largest kennels. In addition to her training at Holiday Barn she volunteered her time as a trainer and foster for Ring Dog Rescue, a local Pit Bull rescue. Before professionally training dogs she trained dogs for a kennel and lab rescue in St. Louis. Most recently Melanie, her husband and their pack have relocated to Ireland. While in Ireland she continues to actively lend her expertise to Holiday Barn's training program in her role as Dog Training Coordinator/Consultant. Melanie is dedicated to helping owners develop and maintain a healthy, happy and balanced relationship with their dogs.

Melanie was honored to receive the IACP Ambassador award in 2013, serve on the 2014/2015 conference committee and was elected to the IACP Board of Directors for the 2015-2017 term. She hopes to not only bring new ideas from a training perspective but also from a marketing standpoint. Before pursuing her career as a dog trainer Melanie was a Marketing and Business Development Manager for one of the largest Credit Unions in St. Louis. She also has 7 years of experience working in all aspects of the radio industry. She strongly believes in the IACP and its mission, she hopes that her time on the BOD will help in continuing to see the IACP grow in strength and numbers.

In her spare time she enjoys exploring Ireland with her husband and their four dogs; Mari, a lab mix; Mongo, a German Shepherd; Zhenga, a South African Boerboel; and Bogart, a Bull Mastiff.