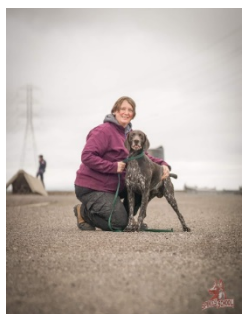


Jo Huxel Biography



Jo Huxel grew up in Germany where she began training dogs at a young age. She formally took up training dogs professionally and has over 15 years' experience.

She began her SAR career in South Africa, where she certified and deployed on wilderness searches with her partner Cassia.

She holds a Master's Degree in teaching (German and Linguistics) from the University of Bielefeld and has completed extensive coursework in coaching and group facilitation at the South African College of Applied Psychology.

Continuing education is important for Jo as indicated by her commitment to work with top instructors to strengthen her own training. Trainers such as Shade Whitesel and Sara Brueske have influenced her training methods. Furthermore, she attended Ken Rameriz's course, "Dive Deep: An Advanced Training Course", which is a hands-on, intensive training course for advanced handlers, along with countless other seminars and courses.

Her training focuses on marker and reward systems and foundations for sport/working dogs. She also specializes in troubleshooting issues in detection work. She is a group lead for Superfit Canine and has worked with handlers across the country. She has titled dogs in Obedience, Hunting, Rally, Dock Diving, Confirmation and Tricks. She is a Trick Dog and CGC evaluator for the AKC. In addition, she is a certified Absolute Dogs trainer and teaches pet dog classes private training, focusing on life skills

Currently Jo is a member of WA-TF 1 and Northwest Disaster Search Dogs. She handles 3 dogs, Cassia (FEMA LF/Wilderness), Bax (FEMA HRD; Land/Water HRD) and Rumo (in training for FEMA LF and trailing). She also spoils her dog, Zuki, who is living the life of retirement luxury.