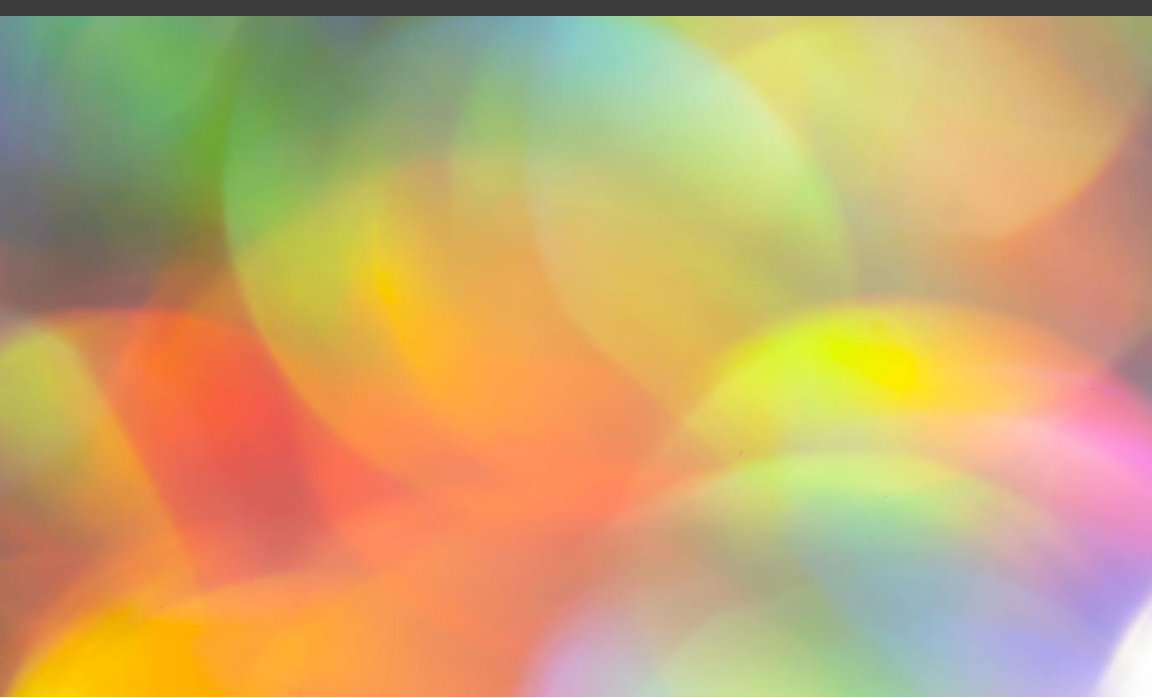


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# CAMILLA THE TAIL WAGGING TUTOR

SPEAKER: JENNIFER BRANDT WITH  
FURBABY COMPANION CAMILLA



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# MEET JENNIFER & CAMILLA





# CAMILLA

THERAPY DOG LICENSED THROUGH  
THERAPY DOGS INTERNATIONAL (TDI)  
BASED OUT OF NEW JERSEY.

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## EMOTIONAL CONNECTION

- Interaction between child and dog fosters empathy, compassion, and a deeper understanding of the human-animal bond.
- Help regulate emotions.
- A child can feel more bonded and loved.
- Help a child feel more comfortable and open up about their emotions.
- Can learn how to expression affection and receive love.

## BENEFITS OF READING TO A DOG

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## EMPATHY AND COMPASSION

- Learn to care for another living being.
- Improve social skills, such as communication, active listening, and teamwork.
- The relationship between a child and a therapy dog can help children develop trust.
- Therapy dogs can help children learn to respect others' feelings and boundaries.

## BENEFITS OF READING TO A DOG

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## STRESS RELIEF

- Studies have found that petting a dog for 15 minutes can lower your blood pressure by 10%.
- Helps a child relax and unwind while engaging in a beloved activity.
- Improving confidence and academic progress.
- Releasing oxytocin (a feel-good hormone) in both child and dog.

## BENEFITS OF READING TO A DOG



## IMPROVE READING SKILLS

- A 2010 University of California study found that students who read to animals for 15 to 20 minutes per week for eight weeks increased their reading skills by 12% to 20%.
- Another University of California study involving canine reading programs made another exciting discovery. Students participating in a program experienced their reading fluency increasing by 12% to 30%.
- Practice enhancing a story with their voices.
- Children spend more time reading when a therapy dog is present. As they become better readers they become more interested in reading and reading at a high level increases a child's competence.
- Increase in the desire to read outside of school.

## BENEFITS OF READING TO A DOG

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## IMPROVED BEHAVIOR

- Reduce Fear and Anxiety driven Behaviors.
- Improving social skills.
- Improving emotional stability.
- Encouraging participation.
- Helping children feel safe.
- Helping children learn appropriate behaviors.
- Helping children develop trust.

## BENEFITS OF READING TO A DOG



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## RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

- Boost a child's self-esteem.
- Foster new friendships.
- Prevention of social isolation.
- Children learn ways to express their feelings and develop more trusting relationships

## BENEFITS OF READING TO A DOG



## TAIL WAGGING TUTORS PROGRAM THRU TDI

The main objective of this program is to provide a relaxed and “dog-friendly” atmosphere, which allows students to practice the skill of reading.

By sitting down next to a dog and reading to the dog, all threats of being judged are put aside. The child relaxes, pats the attentive dog, and focuses on the reading.

## HOW TO START A READING PROGRAM IN YOUR SCHOOL

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## WAYS TO GET A THERAPY DOG IN YOUR SCHOOL

1. If you know someone who has a therapy dog, you can reach out to them to see if they would be willing to bring their dog to your school.
2. You can personally train and certify your own dog to bring to school.
3. TDI is a national organization. Your school can reach out to TDI directly and they can pair you with certified dogs.

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## CONTACT THERAPY DOGS INTERNATIONAL

Therapy Dogs International

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Email: [therapydogsinternational@gmail.com](mailto:therapydogsinternational@gmail.com)

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## OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT LICENSE THERAPY DOGS

American Kennel Club supports and recognizes the following national therapy dog registration/certification organizations:

- Alliance Therapy Dogs (formerly Therapy Dogs Inc.)
- Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs
- Love on a Leash
- Pet Partners
- Therapy Dogs International

## HOW TO START A READING PROGRAM IN YOUR SCHOOL

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## OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT LICENSE THERAPY DOGS

### Other Wisconsin Based Organizations

- Ambassadors of Love (LaCrosse)
- Door County Therapy Dog Terms, Inc. (Door County)
- Infinite Possibilities Animal, Inc (Milwaukee)
- Kenosha Kennel Club Therapy Dogs (Kenosha)
- Southern Wisconsin Canine Therapy Dogs Assn (Southern WI)

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## THERAPY DOG CERTIFICATION TEST

- Brief Separation from Handler, your dog has to remain calm while left with another person
- Walking Around People
- Sit/Stay/Down
- Recall on 20 ft. Leash
- Socializing with people
- Walk, Sit, Down, and Turns around a person on crutches, other health equipment, loud noise and a person running
- Leave-It
- Meeting Another Dog
- Reaction to Children

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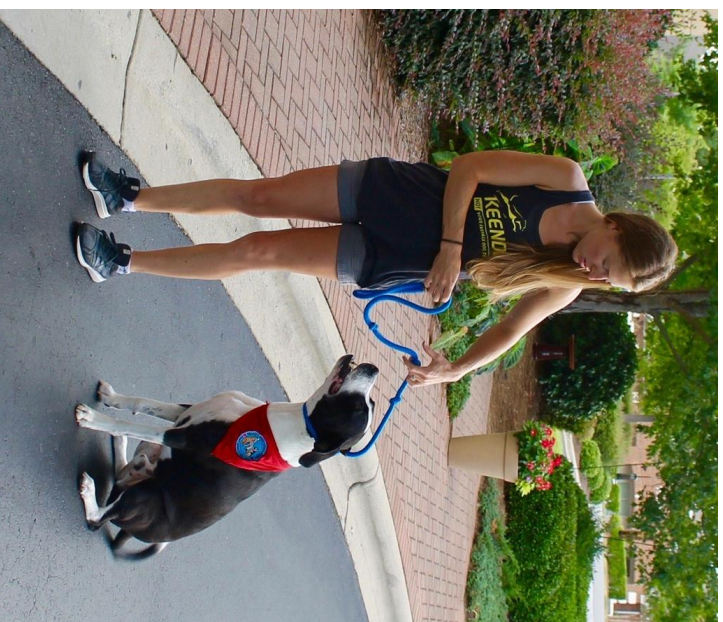
## HOW I GOT INVOLVED WITH TRAINING THERAPY DOGS



# KEENDOG TRAINING IN CHARLOTTE, NC



Camilla at a group training class

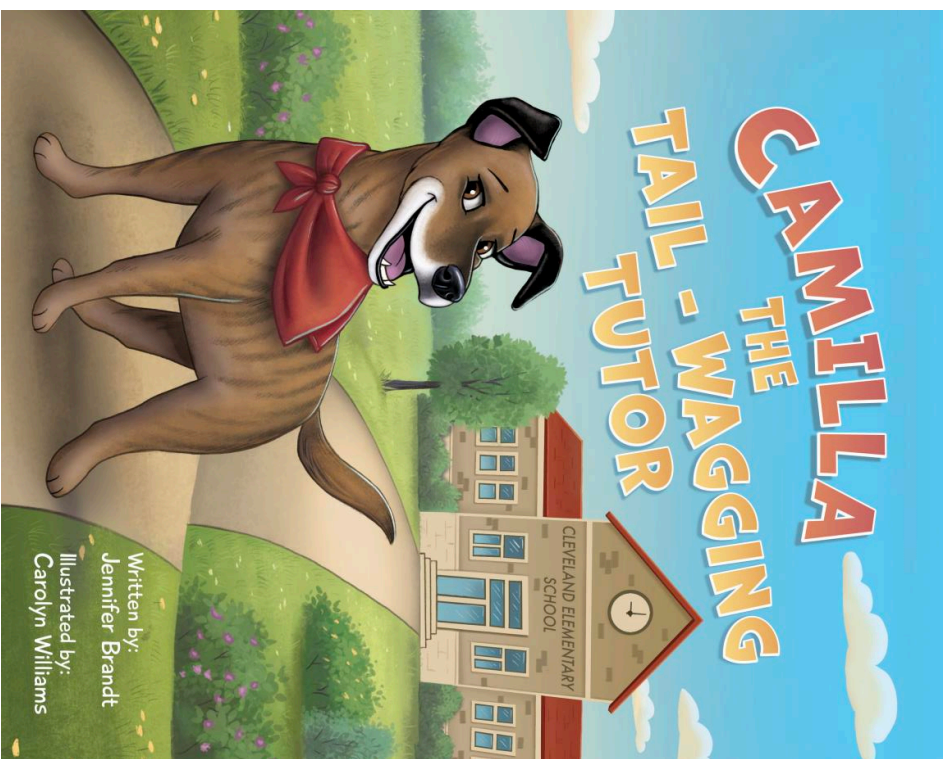


Katrina working with Cesar



- Owner are Phil and Katrina Kensington
- [keendogtraining.com](http://keendogtraining.com)
- Now offering virtual services to clients all over the US

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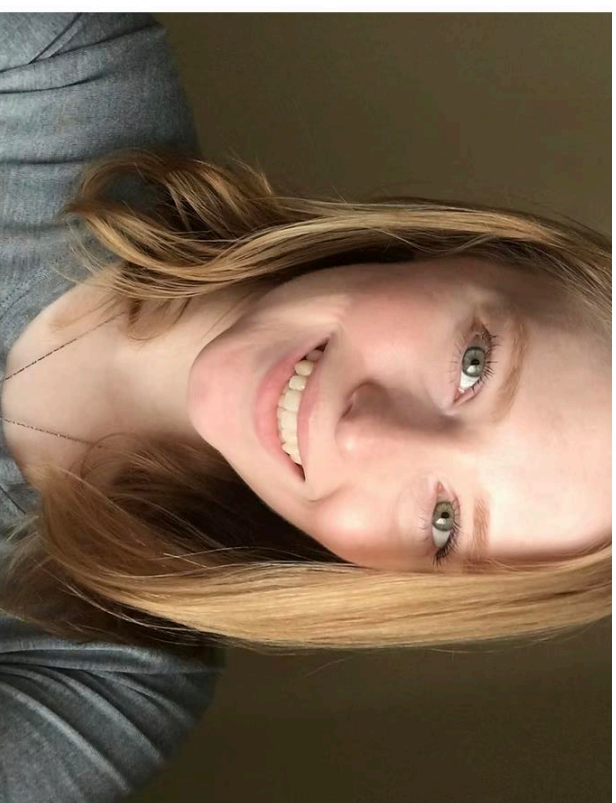
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