



'Applause Your Paws' and the Doggie Dee-va

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Denisa "Dee" Canales Hoult is the owner of Applause Your Paws, a dog training company in Miami that focuses on education for dog owners.

With an emphasis on building a stronger relationship between human and canine, Applause Your Paws training techniques focus on teaching dog owners how to better communicate with their dogs to build trust and mutual respect. Through positive reinforcement training, Applause Your Paws specializes in modifying many common behavioral issues including aggression and excitability.

Hoult is certified through the Certification Council of Pet Dog Trainers, an international testing and certification program for professional pet dog trainers. The CCPDT certification program is based on humane training practices and the latest scientific knowledge related to dog training. Competence and continued growth in training practices is promoted through recertification every three years. Hoult is just one of two trainers in Miami-Dade with this credential.

Hoult is also a professional member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers, an organization of individual dog trainers committed to becoming better trainers through education. Hoult has been involved in Miami-Dade's animal community for eight years through multiple animal organizations, includ-

ing Paws 4 You Rescue, a non-profit, mixed-breed dog rescue. She frequently offers training advice to those who adopt a rescued dog to ensure a smooth transition for both people and dogs into their new relationship. Hoult often attends Paws 4 You fundraising events promoting rescue and encouraging dog owners to find responsible and qualified trainers.

In addition to running Applause Your Paws, Hoult serves as executive director of the South Florida Veterinary Foundation, a non-profit organization that promotes the animal-human bond in South Florida, where she works closely with veterinarians to encourage a spirit of philanthropy and community service.

Hoult holds a Bachelor of Science degree in marine science and biology from the University of Miami and is a candidate for a Masters in business administration. For fun, Hoult does agility with her Border Collie mix Zoe and teaches tricks to Oxford, her yellow Labrador and certified therapy dog.

Keep an eye out for Applause Your Paws and Hoult, called the "Doggie Dee-va" by her clients. She's warm, friendly, professional and committed to helping dog owners build a better relationship with their dogs through education, communication and positive training.

For more information, visit www.applauseyourpaws.com or call 786-239-6216.