

SARAH BOSTOCK

BIO

Sarah Bostock brings a multidisciplinary background in animal behavior, canine training, business leadership, organizational service, and community involvement to the dog-training profession. She earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Biology and Psychology from the University of Central Florida, with a focus on animal behavior. During college, Sarah worked as a wolf educator and studied canine behavior under the mentorship of wolf biologist Dr. L. David Mech. She also served as an educator at SeaWorld and completed internships with zoos and sanctuaries focused on the behavior, care, and management of large carnivores.

With more than 10 years of professional animal-training experience, Sarah has worked in multiple kennels and training facilities specializing in the care, handling, and rehabilitation of reactive and aggressive dogs. Her ability to integrate behavioral science with practical training and handling skills has allowed her to excel in complex behavior-modification cases. She is particularly passionate about strengthening the human canine relationship and helping professionals apply effective, ethical, and realistic training practices.

Sarah is the owner of Canine Evolution LLC and has held leadership and management positions within veterinary hospitals and large canine facilities. These roles have provided her with experience in business operations, employee development, client relations, risk management, animal welfare, and organizational growth.

Within the International Association of Canine Professionals, Sarah currently serves as Chair of the Certification Committee. In this role, she helps oversee the certification process, supports evaluators and applicants, and contributes to strengthening professional standards and improving the efficiency and consistency of the certification program.

Sarah is also the Training Director of Twin Cities PSA Club and serves as Chair of the Trial Administration and Competition Support Subcommittee for the PSA World Championship Planning Committee. Through these leadership roles, she assists with event planning, competition logistics, volunteer coordination, and the development of organized, professional experiences for competitors, officials, and spectators.

She is an AKC Canine Good Citizen Evaluator, Barn Hunt Judge, UpDog Judge,

disc dog judge, prospective GRC Judge, and lure course safety certified professional. Sarah actively participates in Protection Sports, Barn Hunt, Disc, Dock Diving, FastCAT, Rally, Agility, Scent Work, NASDA, and lure coursing. Her accomplishments include earning national recognition in Barn Hunt and training multiple dogs to advanced championship titles.

Sarah's continuing education includes the Prong Collar Knowledge Assessment certification, Nino Drowaert's Puppy University and E-Collar University, professional decoy education, and continuing education focused on therapy dogs and the human-animal bond.

Beyond the canine industry, Sarah serves on the Planning and Zoning Commission for Baldwin, Minnesota. This role has expanded her experience in public service, policy and ordinance review, land-use considerations, collaborative decision-making, and representing the interests of a broader community.

Sarah's academic education, hands-on canine experience, organizational leadership, business ownership, committee service, and civic involvement give her a practical and well-rounded perspective to bring to the IACP Board. She is committed to supporting canine professionals, strengthening educational and certification opportunities, encouraging responsible industry standards, and helping the IACP continue to grow as a respected professional organization.

Please summarize your experience and interest with the IACP. I have been an IACP member for many years and have attended multiple IACP conferences. I currently serve as Chair of the Certification Committee, which has allowed me to become even more involved in supporting the organization and our industry. With degrees in biology and psychology focused on animal behavior, I am passionate about bringing science and evidence-based knowledge into the dog-training field. I am committed to protecting our ability to train dogs—especially the responsible use of training tools—and advocating for professionalism, education, and high standards within the industry. I look forward to continuing to become more involved with the IACP and contributing to its mission.

Why do you want to become an IACP Director? What do you hope to improve or work to improve to benefit the IACP?

Over the past several months, I have become more involved behind the

scenes with the IACP through my role as Chair of the Certification Committee. That experience has given me a greater understanding of the organization's strengths, challenges, and potential, and it has made me want to contribute on a deeper and more long-term level.

I value the IACP and its role in supporting dog-training professionals with diverse methods, backgrounds, and areas of expertise. As a Director, I would like to help improve communication, organization, consistency, and efficiency within the IACP. I am particularly interested in strengthening the certification process, expanding educational opportunities, bringing more science and evidence-based information into the field, and advocating for trainers' ability to use appropriate tools responsibly.

Most importantly, I want to help the IACP continue growing into a strong, professional, and respected organization that provides meaningful value to its members and represents the dog-training industry well.

What skills/areas of expertise, or knowledge will you bring to the IACP

Board? I bring a combination of scientific knowledge, hands-on dog-training experience, business leadership, organizational skills, and volunteer service to the IACP Board. I hold bachelor's degrees in biology and psychology from the University of Central Florida, with an emphasis on animal behavior. My professional background also includes animal education, work with zoological organizations, veterinary hospital management, kennel and staff management, and extensive experience training both companion and sport dogs.

I currently serve as Chair of the IACP Certification Committee, where I help oversee the certification process, support applicants and evaluators, address procedural challenges, and work to improve the program's organization and consistency. This experience has strengthened my ability to collaborate, problem-solve, manage detailed processes, and communicate with professionals from a variety of backgrounds.

I am also the owner of Canine Evolution LLC and the Director of Twin Cities PSA Club. Through these roles, I manage business operations, employees, client communication, events, finances, scheduling, community relationships, and educational programming. My work with Twin Cities PSA has given me

substantial nonprofit volunteer and leadership experience, including organizing trials, seminars, fundraisers, sponsorships, volunteers, and club activities.

My additional credentials include serving as an AKC Canine Good Citizen Evaluator, Barn Hunt Judge, and UpDog/disc dog judge. I am also lure course safety certified and working toward becoming a GRC judge. I actively participate in numerous dog sports, including PSA, Barn Hunt, disc, agility, rally, scent work, dock diving, FastCAT, NASDA, and lure coursing. This broad involvement allows me to understand and represent the needs of pet dog trainers, behavior professionals, sport competitors, judges, club leaders, business owners, and clients.

I am the Training Director for Twin Cities PSA Club and serve as Chair of the Trial Administration and Competition Support Subcommittee for the PSA World Championship Planning Committee. In these leadership roles, I help coordinate event logistics, support competitors and officials, organize volunteers, address challenges, and ensure trials operate safely, efficiently, and in accordance with organizational standards.

Outside of the dog-training industry, I serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Baldwin, Minnesota. In this role, I review land-use matters, consider how local ordinances apply to proposed projects, listen to public input, and help make thoughtful recommendations that balance individual and community interests. This experience has strengthened my understanding of governance, policy review, public service, and the responsibility involved in making decisions that affect diverse stakeholders.

I would bring a practical, science-informed, and balanced perspective to the IACP Board. I am comfortable evaluating complex issues, listening to different viewpoints, working collaboratively, and turning ideas into organized action. I care deeply about professional standards, education, ethical and responsible training practices, and protecting trainers' ability to select appropriate tools and methods for the individual dogs and clients they serve.