



## **For Immediate Release**

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World-renowned pet behavior expert and Animal Planet TV star Victoria Stilwell is pleased to announce that Sharon Jennings has recently graduated with distinction from the prestigious Victoria Stilwell Academy for Dog Training & Behavior's flagship Dog Trainer Course. As a result of Sharon's successful graduation, she is now qualified as a professional dog trainer in the West London area.

Victoria is one of the world's best-known dog trainers due to her hit TV show *It's Me or the Dog*, through which she shares her passion for educating the public about the power of reward-based positive reinforcement training methods and the dangers and ineffectiveness of traditional dominance-based philosophies. The 2016 launch of her new Victoria Stilwell Academy (VSA) reflects her passion for promoting effective, safe and humane training tools and methods by qualified dog training professionals in an otherwise unregulated industry.

Taught by Victoria herself and her world-class faculty, VSA's 6-month Dog Trainer Course is a rigorous academic and practical study of dog training and behavior knowledge and skills, effective human communication, and business management acumen. The comprehensive course curriculum features multiple learning models and requires students to engage in a combination of in-person learning with Victoria and her faculty, online studies, and practical experience under the tutelage of a VSA-approved professional mentor. This combination of real-world experience, academic learning and practical applications has positioned VSA as a leader in dog trainer education.

Graduates of the Dog Trainer Course emerge from VSA prepared to offer group dog training classes and private lessons on a professional basis. All VSA graduates sign a statement pledging to promote, practice and uphold Victoria's high level of force-free, reward-based, positive dog training methodologies and ideologies in their professional work.

As a successful VSA graduate dedicated to maintaining the highest level of professionalism while following the latest in the ever-evolving field of animal behavioral science, Sharon offers the West London area a dog training option they can trust.

### **About Victoria Stilwell**

Victoria Stilwell is a world-renowned dog trainer best known as the star of the international hit TV series *It's Me or the Dog*. Having filmed over 110 episodes since 2005, Stilwell is able to reach audiences in over 100 countries with her philosophy of positive training methods. A best-selling author, Stilwell appears frequently in the media and is widely recognized as a leader in the field of animal behavior. A passionate advocate for positive dog training methods, Stilwell is the Editor-in-Chief of [Positively.com](http://Positively.com), the founder of the [Victoria Stilwell Academy for Dog Training & Behavior](http://Victoria Stilwell Academy for Dog Training & Behavior), and the CEO of [Victoria Stilwell Positively Dog Training](http://Victoria Stilwell Positively Dog Training) – the world's premier global network of positive reinforcement dog trainers. The recipient of multiple awards, Stilwell is committed to helping the cause of animal rescue and rehabilitation and is heavily involved organizations around the world to increase awareness of puppy mills, dogfighting, animal abuse, pet overpopulation, dog bite prevention and other animal-related causes, but she is best known as a champion for force-free positive reinforcement dog training methods. She is a National Ambassador for the American Humane Association and serves on the Advisory Boards of RedRover, DogTV, Dognition and Canine Assistants.

### **About Sharon Jennings**

Sharon Jennings is CEO and Head Trainer at The Office Dog,

"For me, and for many other young, professional people, a big blocker to getting a dog is the number of hours worked. This would mean that a dog would be left alone for large portions of the day. Kimber really hates being left alone, he's a bit of a mummy's boy (when he's not being a daddy's boy). Walkers, sitters and doggy day-cares are great options, but they don't help you to spend time with your dog. That's what I want to do, that's why I started The Office Dog! I want to help people to have more time with their dogs, and be able to do it in a happy and safe environment"

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