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“In dog training as in life, quiet strength and leadership are often the qualities most predictive of success...”

Camilla Gray-Nelson

- Entrepreneur/Businesswoman
- Media Personality
- Successful Dog Trainer, Breeder & Competitor
- Motivational Speaker



Camilla Gray-Nelson is a dog trainer that proudly calls herself a farmer’s daughter. Her “natural” approach to communication, leadership and power has launched her to success not only with dogs—but with a wide and varied human client

tele as well. She has taken her farm-girl wisdom to the masses, sharing the secrets of power and influence from the animal world with corporate leaders, women, parents and couples alike. So don’t be fooled. Camilla is not just another dog trainer! She is President of Dairydell Inc. and owner of Dairydell Canine, the fastest growing dog training center in Northern California. She’s an innovator, a powerful communicator and a woman on a mission.

Camilla coaches, cajoles and commands her audience, teaching important life lessons on leadership and personal empowerment in an unlikely way—through the process of dog training. Drawing upon her years of studying animal behavior, Camilla discusses the subtler side of leadership—why bigger and louder isn’t better and how leadership cues can be applied to all of life’s important situations. It’s a powerful but pragmatic approach designed to help audiences better achieve their goals—with their dogs and in their lives.

Camilla’s humor, wit and unique message have led media outlets to her door. Her energy, passion and commitment to teaching “natural leadership” make her one of today’s most in-demand speakers.

What clients say

Just like the best movies, Camilla speaks a universal language; one that empowers women & men, dog owners & non-owners alike.

Jan Wahl
Movie Critic, Lecturer
& Entertainment Reporter

As a communication professional I’m always looking for ways to better engage people on behalf of my clients. Camilla’s approach to leadership and communication has been invaluable.

Deborah Halbert
President, Big Dawg Communications

I’m a lawyer and know a thing or two about leadership, but when it came to controlling our own dogs, Camilla needed to train us how to win our case at home. Where was Camilla when I was raising my kids?

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“Natural leadership doesn’t rely on strength or bravado...”

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Lecture Topics

From Your Lips to Their Ears

Communication strategies for success

Ladies, Labs & Leadership

Why women have a leg up on the competition

Quiet Please!

Learning to turn down the volume to turn up effectiveness

Leaders vs. Leash Holders

Are you walking the Dog of Life, or is it walking YOU?

Core Strength—We’re not talking Abs!

Finding the leader within you

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Camilla’s Professional Accomplishments

- Consumer Affairs Officer for the U.S. Government
- Founded Dairydell Canine in 1989; training over 10,000 dogs and their owners
- In an economic downturn, has grown her business by 300%
- Featured speaker at International Association of Canine Professionals, American Association of University Women, National Association of Women Business Owners and others.



“She speaks our language!”



“Who’s the Boss? She is!”



“It’s bliss following a leader!”

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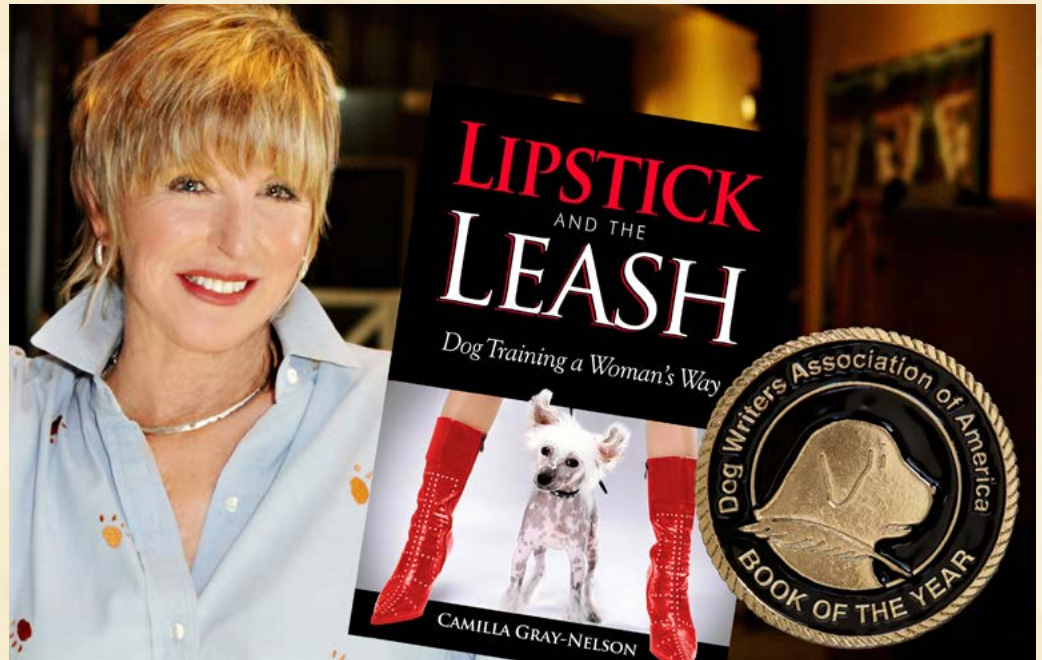


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“LIPSTICK AND THE LEASH: Dog Training a Woman’s Way” Named Best Book by Dog Writers Association of America



Manhattan, NYC February 20 2013

During a gala event at the Affinia Manhattan Hotel and with a who’s who of American dog writers in attendance, author Camilla Gray-Nelson received the evening’s top honor when [LIPSTICK AND THE LEASH: Dog Training a Woman’s Way](#) was named Best Book of 2012 by the [Dog Writers Association of America \(DWA\)](#). In addition to receiving the organization’s top writing award, the book was also awarded the Maxwell Medallion for Best Training Book. The awards ceremony which many see as the “Oscars” of the dog world, coincided with activities leading up to the Westminster Dog Show held on February 10th, 2013.

“I’m thrilled to have received these honors not only because they recognize the very best writing within the industry, but because the spotlight will mean more women will be exposed to the message of empowerment that the book carries. Women need to know that when they really understand their relationship with their dogs, they have a better opportunity to understand themselves and their relationships with the two-legged animals in their lives. ”

In addition to the two honors awarded by the DWA, the book was previously named winner of the 2012 USA Best Book Award by USA Book News and the 2012 Living Now Gold Medalist by the Jenkins Group.

Although this is the first book from the noted dog trainer, Gray-Nelson is a regular contributor to the [International Association of Canine Professionals](#)

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(IACP) "Safe Hands" Journal and is a frequent blogger known by her witty online persona "The Dog Talk Diva."

Gray-Nelson is quickly becoming the "go-to" dog expert for peers, media outlets and corporate sponsors alike and is already busy working on her follow-up book. "As happy as I was to write the first book, I'm doubly excited to explore in greater depth how these same leadership principles can be applied to the more general challenges of everyday living." The release date of the second book has yet to be announced.

When not working on her writing projects, Gray-Nelson can be found running her Dairydell Doggie Dude Ranch training and boarding facility, speaking at industry and community forums, and conducting one of her many training seminars. Her next seminar-- "[What's My Dog Saying?](#)" will be held on March 9th, 2013 at the Healdsburg Community Center in Healdsburg, CA. For more information on attending please call (707) 762-6111 or visit: www.dairydell.com.

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LIPSTICK AND THE LEASH: Dog Training a Woman's Way Wins Prestigious USA Best Book Award.

(Petaluma, CA November 26, 2012)--Jeffrey Keen, President and CEO of USA Book News announced earlier this month that LIPSTICK AND THE LEASH: Dog Training a Woman's Way has won the prestigious 2012 USA Best Book Award in the competitive category of Animal/Pets/Training. Over 1500 entries were considered for awards for mainstream and independently published titles in 2011 and 2012.

Author Camilla Gray-Nelson says "I'm honored to receive this award. There are a tremendous number of authors and publishers who vie for this recognition. That the book resonated with this distinguished panel of industry judges is truly exciting. I believe it recognizes my special message that understanding our dogs helps us to understand ourselves. And, that the reasons we succeed or fail with our canines may hold the key to improving our relationships with the two-legged animals in our lives as well."

For Gray-Nelson, the award from USA Book News followed closely on the heels of her September, 2012 receipt of the Living Now Book Award in a similar category. The Living Now Awards honor books that help readers find balance in their lives by understanding the natural world around them.

"I really believe this book is quickly becoming a new classic in pet training. A lot of bookstore owners have told me they're considering it a "must have" in their Pets section" added Gray-Nelson. Driving the favorable response amongst bookstore owners is the fact that the book is "book club friendly" and provides a Readers' Guide on its website to further encourage discussion. E-book formats are also in development.

"As for me, I'm already working on a follow-up book that will explore in greater depth the life lessons that can be learned from animals and how instinct can be more empowering than human language skills" added Gray-Nelson." No release date for the second book has yet been announced.

Gray-Nelson is an active member of IACP (International Association of Canine Professionals) and speaker at their national conferences. She is an in-demand media personality who frequently lectures on the subject of "natural leadership" and is also an active blogger known by her witty online personae "The Dog Talk Diva."

More information about the author can be found at:
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Dog Trainer Caters to Women



Wed., July 4, 2012

by Diane Peterson, Santa Rosa Press Democrat

Camilla Gray-Nelson grew up on a dairy farm in Petaluma, where she learned everything she needed to know about true power and influence from a cow named Piggy.

When it was feeding time, all the young heifers would race to the hay. Piggy would saunter over to the feeder, and the other cows would part like the Red Sea.

"Every cow made room for her, because they knew she was the queen," the 62-year-old dog trainer said. "If they kept eating, Piggy would come over, and she would give a well-placed bump ... They got the message."

The downhome farm girl, who learned the non-verbal language of animal instinct before she learned English, got the message as well. "Quiet power is real power," she said. "The real leader in the animal world is the one who sets boundaries and makes rules and is not afraid to enforce them. But, the enforcement is done quietly."

Gray-Nelson, also known as the "Dog Talk Diva," owns Dairydell Doggie Dude Ranch and Training Center in east Petaluma, where she has offered dog training, day care, boarding, classes and consultations since 1989.

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Camilla Gray-Nelson Receives 12th Annual Women in Business Award for Entrepreneurship

The Dog Talk Diva continues on path of leadership.

(Rohnert Park, CA, June 29, 2012)—During a gala event feting female leaders, innovators and visionaries, Camilla Gray-Nelson, President of Dairydell Inc., received The North Bay Business Journal's 2012 Women in Business Award in the category of Entrepreneurship. The event which took place at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Sonoma Wine Country in Rohnert Park was themed to recognize the 40th anniversary of Title IX, the groundbreaking federal law on women's sports.

"To receive this award is an incredible honor. To receive it in a year celebrating the advances provided to women via Title IX is even more meaningful. At the core of my business ventures is a desire to empower women and this award will serve to motivate me to continue this work" said Gray-Nelson.

2012 has been a banner year for Gray-Nelson. In March, she released the best-selling book "Lipstick and The Leash: Dog Training a Woman's Way" and soon followed with the debut of her Dog Talk Diva line of products. Although the book and product line were specifically created to help women in the training and management of the family dog, Gray-Nelson readily acknowledges that she sees dog training as a metaphor for life. "I am truly passionate about sharing the secrets of quiet control and natural leadership that can help women achieve greater levels of success in all aspects of their lives."

Gray-Nelson is the author of the first dog blog for women "Dog Talk Diva" and is an in demand media personality.

Her latest venture is an educational seminar on canine body language entitled "What is my Dog Saying?" scheduled for July 8th at Dairydell Canine in Petaluma, CA. For more information on attending please call (707) 762-6111 or visit: <http://www.dairydell.com>.

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[Read Interview with Camilla at the Northbay Business Journal](#)



'Dog Talk Diva' does it write

Camilla Gray-Nelson to start new book tour Saturday,
March 17 at Copperfield's Books



March 15, 2012

by Bob Canning, Petaluma360.com

Fresh from an exhausting yet exhilarating six-day trip to Orlando, Florida, for Global Pet Expo 2012, Camilla Gray-Nelson sits and stays long enough for a chat before she is off and running again.

Petalumans will recognize Nelson's name — or blogname ("Dog Talk Diva") — as a top dog trainer. Her Dairydell Doggie Dude Ranch and Training Center was named in 2011 by readers of the Argus-Courier as the Best Kennel, and her clients come from as far as Sacramento and San Jose. Nelson is author of a new book, "Lipstick and the Leash: Dog Training a Woman's Way," that is getting a lot of well-deserved attention.

"I was overwhelmed by the number of people who sought me out at the reception" at the Pet Expo, she says. "The contacts I made were more important than the sales."

Those contacts, to name a few, included the wife and daughter of Dr. Marty Becker, the popular veterinary contributor to ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" and resident veterinarian on "The Dr. Oz Show," the producer of Lifetime's "Welcome Home" and the producer of "American Milestones with Joan Lunden" on PBS.

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Puppy Love

Dairydell Canine's Camilla Gray-Nelson teaches dogs and owners how to communicate



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by Michael Keel, Northbay Biz

Among the many ranches and farms that adorn the bald hills of Petaluma is a place called Dairydell Canine; it's what some might consider heaven on earth for dogs. Owner Camilla Gray-Nelson, otherwise known as the "Dog Talk Diva," is a professional dog trainer, born and raised on a dairy farm in Petaluma, who's been working with animals her whole life. Gray-Nelson, who began training dogs in 1989, started as a dog breeder, exhibitor and competitor in AKC competitions. "Dairydell" was her breeding kennel name.

Gray-Nelson never planned on being a dog trainer. Rather, it was a hobby while she worked for the government and then in the wine industry. Gray-Nelson says, "I was planning a traditional career, but sometimes life takes us to some unexpected places." When she branched out from hobby to charging others for her services, she started with house-calls on the weekends. Gray-Nelson laughs, "Have truck, will train—you know?"

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Dog Talk Diva® Announces Product Launch Targeted to Women at Global Pet Expo Trade Show

(Petaluma, CA, February 8, 2012)—Camilla Gray-Nelson, also known by her witty online personae Dog Talk Diva™, announced today that she will unveil a new product line of the same name at Global Pet Expo 2012, February 29-March 2, in Orlando FL. The Dog Talk Diva line of products is targeted to the unique challenges women face in the training and management of the family dog.

According to the 2011 APPA Pet Products Trend Report, U.S. households are increasingly bestowing the dog of the house with full family privileges. They travel with the family, wear designer brands and frequently use high tech and eco-friendly toys. But with these additional privileges often come increased expectations regarding behavior and training—the responsibility for which rests primarily with the woman of the house.

“Throughout my career, women have sought my help in getting the family dog under control. Most often it’s well-intended but ineffectual methods of training (relying on physical strength, bravado or endless cookies) that leads them to me. With my new line of Dog Talk Diva products, I feel I can finally provide women with the kind of tools they need to be more successful. These products reflect my core belief in calm power and leadership and continuing commitment to help all women become leaders with their dog.”

Product offerings include the humorously titled “What Did Mama Say” follow-through tab and “Coming Mother” recall cord among others. Retail prices for the line range from \$8.50 to \$24.99 per unit and will be available at pet product retailers beginning April, 2012.

Gray-Nelson added, “We’re delighted to debut these products at Global Pet Expo precisely because this is where industry trends are showcased. We think our products are positioned perfectly to meet the needs of female consumers everywhere.”

Media and buyers attending the show can visit Dog Talk Diva at **Booth 3272**.

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LIPSTICK AND THE LEASH: Dog Training a Woman's Way

LIPSTICK AND THE LEASH: Dog Training a Woman's Way is an instruction guide for women who need help controlling their dogs. No wonder – since 3 out of 4 households leave dog care to a woman! Author Camilla Gray-Nelson, a.k.a. the Dog Talk Diva®, explains that it's not about "Sit" when it comes to controlling a canine. It's not about manhandling, yelling or cookies, either.

Using her farm-girl wisdom, Camilla shares that "top dogs" in the animal world aren't the ones doing the barking and fighting; they are cool, calm and collected. She points out that we are all animals at our core and, because of this, can get what we want from our dog in the same way the top dog achieves what he wants: through quiet focus, feedback and follow-through.

The book is full of anecdotal stories from Camilla's childhood with her animal mentors, among them Piggy the Cow and Nellie the Dog. Her country upbringing has made her fluent in the non-verbal language of animals. Her mother was also an important role model for quiet strength and effectiveness as she got what she wanted from Camilla's father, whom the author describes as "one willful puppy!"

The chapter entitled "A Woman's Kryptonite – Stay Away From It!" reveals three specific types of behaviors that can undermine a woman's natural power, just as the mysterious element Kryptonite rendered Superman powerless in its presence. One example: anger and frustration will communicate weakness in animal terms and leave a woman powerless with any dog she is trying to control.

Instead, Camilla explains the importance of powerful body language, eye contact, a calm voice and consistent enforcement of rules. Numerous photos throughout the book show dogs communicating non-verbally with each other and illustrate how women can use these same non-verbal techniques to instruct their dogs more naturally – and effectively.

The final chapter on training demonstrates how to teach basic commands a woman's way and includes practical tips on stopping common household behaviors like jumping, barking, digging, counter-surfing and more.

Women will find LIPSTICK AND THE LEASH insightful and helpful for improving their dogs' behavior and as an added bonus, they will take away valuable lessons for becoming more effective in other areas of their life as well.

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Promotion plans include a six-city tour beginning March 15, 2012. The author will be exhibiting at the Global Pet Expo in Orlando and giving presentations and workshops in San Francisco and the greater Bay Area, Seattle, WA; Portland, OR; Memphis, TN; St. Louis, MO; and Minneapolis, MN.

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Economic downturn not too "ruff" on local dog business.

Dairydell Canine achieves big gains in tough times

(Petaluma, CA, August 24, 2010)—Ask Camilla Gray-Nelson how business is these days and you might get a surprising answer. Camilla is the owner of Dairydell Canine, Northern California's fastest growing dog training and boarding center. In what some might call a stroke of bad luck, Camilla decided to embark on a multi-million dollar expansion to her business in 2007, just prior to the first signs of the general economic downturn.

"My business plan and growing client base called for expansion and major capital investment. The family's dairy business was already being phased out, and I thought the timing was perfect" she says with a laugh. "Little did I know!"

When the recession hit with full force in 2008, Camilla's dream facility had already been built. Located on a 120-acre former dairy ranch in Petaluma, Dairydell Canine has a 11,000 square foot boarding barn, 25,000 square foot covered sports arena and another 20,000 square foot training and exercise arena. It's a state-of-the-art center and is priced accordingly. Overnight stays in private suites run \$55 per dog and four-week training packages can cost as much as \$3,500. The services are clearly aimed at pampered pooches in homes with discretionary incomes. It's just the kind of professional service to get hampered in tough economic times.

In response to the challenge of expanding at a moment of historic economic contraction, this farmer's daughter claims she had several things in her favor. "First I'm Irish, and for the Irish bad times are just another day. I wasn't raised to whine and frankly didn't have time to wallow." But Gray-Nelson had more than a stubborn attitude to help her. She was positive. "I knew my business model was solid. I knew that if I kept what was working, and was flexible enough to respond to the times with some strategic changes, I could make it."

Gray-Nelson held true to the business' fundamentals but also diversified to incorporate more than the standard dog training and boarding services other competitors were offering. She expanded her business hours to accommodate more commuting dog owners who wanted doggie daycare. She added a beautifully maintained private dog park to draw another customer base; the first of its kind in California. She also established herself as "the" authority for helping women manage the family dog. She created the first dog blog for women: DogTalkDiva.com, and now lectures regularly on the subject of "natural leadership and power." Statistics show her point of differentiation is well founded. Over



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73 percent of all US dog-owning households leave primary dog care responsibilities to the woman of the house.

In addition, Gray-Nelson says she's been brought kicking and screaming into the world of social-media. "Like a lot of people, I'm still not sure I understand it, but even old dogs have to learn new tricks. After dragging my feet and consulting with some very savvy specialists, I knew I had to up my relevancy." Bill Grey of Grey Visual Design has been a key resource and mentor in the process. "There was some foot-dragging at first, but Camilla's a smart businesswoman; she knew she had to do this." In addition to her blog, Gray-Nelson has a robust website www.dairydell.com, a presence on Twitter and the requisite Facebook fan page.

Last but not least, Gray-Nelson is quick to point out that she was a forerunner in what has now become a trend in businesses vying for their piece of the consumer pie — direct-to-consumer best practices. "That's just a fancy way of saying we must not only meet, but exceed our client's expectations, and that's how I've built my business since the beginning." She now regularly trains staff on the finer points of her brand of customer service. "We greet every customer and dog by name, and consider them our personal friends, not just clients. Like our mission statements says, we treat every client as a friend, and every dog as our own." She's quick to say this is the key driver of her customer's loyalty.

The results are impressive. In 2009, at the deepest point of U.S. economic downturn and with consumer confidence at an all time low, Dairydell Canine sales revenues grew by over 30 percent. (They've grown over 300% since 2007). Over 10,000 dogs have stayed or trained at the new Dairydell facility and the organization continues to add staff positions. Gray-Nelson is currently penning a book on her experiences and is in increasing demand for media appearances and on the lecture circuit. "Growing my business in the face of tough marketplace challenges is a great source of pride – and thankfulness", she adds. "Behind my trademark cheery exterior and positive demeanor, I can't say I haven't been a little scared, but I wouldn't change a thing. And you can take that to the bank!"

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