

Curriculum Vitae for Rosie Miles

Rosie Miles has trained animals for the past 20 years and has ridden and trained horses for over 30 years. Rosie's early equine experience was in Dressage and Show-Jumping to a Grand Prix level. She was one of the most successful competitors in New Zealand and took this interest further by bringing the first Spanish Andalusian horses into the country and establishing the breed in New Zealand. She went on to train horses for film and TV and trained and coordinated the horses for the Xena TV series over seven years.

Over the past 20 years, Rosie has bred and trained St. Bernards, Rottweilers, Bull-dogs and Whippets. Joining Mark Vette in purchasing the Mark Vette's Rescue Zoo and working closely as a member of the Animals On Q team for the last seven years, she has developed her interest in animal training by gaining experience with training other species from Mice to Elephants and exotic species from Monkeys to Wolves.

Rosie also helped design (and performed in) the Mark Vette Rescue Zoo's Animal Star show. Over the years she has been instrumental in achieving an extremely high level of skill in dog training which has established Animals On Q as New Zealand's leading and most respected animal training team for film and TV with an fearsome international reputation.

Rosie has also participated in several 'front of camera' TV shows and has a very bright and humorous manner with a confident presenting style. She has made many TV appearances alongside Mark Vette including assisting on a regular segment of the Good Morning show with Mary Lambie.

Rosie's career with Animals On Q started by helping Mark prepare and train dogs for the movie 'Under Dogs' training sled dogs. She went on to assist with numerous TV commercials involving dogs over the past 3 years. Working as animal trainer on The Lion Witch and the Wardrobe, she assisted in the training of ten Wolves, five attack-trained War Dogs, fifty Mice, twenty Horses, two Hawks, a Red Robin and many other species full time over a year. Rosie also trained Dogs, Carriage Horses, Cats, Ducks, Geese and other species for the Last Samurai movie with Tom Cruise.

Rosie is an extremely competent clicker trainer and is expertly trained in several other techniques used for advanced film and TV work. Like the other members of the Animals On Q team, she is excellent at adapting these techniques and improvising in order to solve novel, multi-species training problems in a gentle, effective, loving and humane way.

Rosie has appeared and performed in many public arenas demonstrating the training of many species. These appearances include the Hawkes Bay National show, involving fronting the show for 30,000 people, numerous AMP shows, Pet Expos and other rural shows.

Find below a list of some of the Shows, TV commercials, Movies and TV appearances that Rosie has been involved in presenting or training animals.

Film

The Last Samurai (4 months full time)
Eisenhower
The Lion The Witch and The Wardrobe (9 months full time)
Boogieman
Cupids Folly
Treasure Island For Kids
Amazon High
Mulligan Fantasia
Wendy Wu
Dean Spanley
The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep
Aphrodite's Farm

TV Shows

Xena (7 years full time, 2 years supervising coordinator and trainer)
Hercules
Young Hercules (overall coordinator and trainer for series)
Jack Of All Trades (coordinator and trainer for 2 years)
Coordinating all horse actions from cast horses to chariot races with stunts on the above productions
Shortland Street
Mercy Peak
Mike King Show
Power Rangers

TV Commercials

Stella Artois
State Insurance
Air N.Z.
Makita Power Tools
Vodafone
Vero - Bull In The China Shop
National Bank Black Horse Series

Stills

Purina - Carlos Spencer, Sarah Ulmer & Hamish Carter
Oxtane
Animal Planet (20 species of animals in this shoot)
Max Fashions
Champ Branding
The National Bank Black Horse Series
And many more...

