

## Former Animal Control Officer Publishes Book

Melissa Berryman of Hatchville, owner of People Training for Good Dogs and a former Falmouth Animal Control officer, has just published her first book, "People Training for Good Dogs—What breeders don't tell you and trainers don't teach."

She wrote the book after seeing how accepted information about dogs set dog owners up for failure and was not holding up in day-to-day life. After investigating numerous dog bite injury incidents and mediating many vicious dog complaints in her role as animal control officer, Ms. Berryman found that dog owners needed to widen their thinking from a dog/owner relationship to include the community as well.

While working as an animal control officer, she began teaching dog handling skills as opposed to dog training to area residents, focusing on safety and liability protection and helping owners avoid common legal problems that go along with dog ownership. In her book, she cites real-life case histories to explain how to apply overlooked behavior information in

a way that is easy to use and to understand and is street-proven. Common misperceptions are debunked and an emphasis is placed on understanding not only dogs but also how people's behavior influences, instigates and can diffuse many common issues with dogs.

Her book, from iUniverse, in hardcover is 252 pages; its ISBN is 9780595517909 and it costs \$29.99. The paperback is 232 pages. Its ISBN is 9780595461561 and it costs \$19.99. The book has received the Editor's Choice and Rising Star designations from iUniverse.

Ms. Berryman is a dog owner and adviser, and through her business, People Training for Good Dogs in Hatchville, she provides dog handling instruction, daycare, boarding and complementary support services. She holds a bachelor of science in animal science from the University of New Hampshire and an MPA in nonprofit management from Suffolk University. She is also a dog bite prevention specialist, providing consulting nationwide for dog owners and communities.