

# Mary Burch

AKC Canine Good Citizen® Director



Mary Burch understands what is happening at both ends of the leash! Dr. Burch has more than 25 years of dog experience and is one of less than 50 Certified Applied Animal Behaviorists in the United States. She is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and has trained dogs to the advanced levels of obedience and is considered an international expert on the topic of therapy dogs. Dr. Burch is the author of nine books—including her most recent Citizen Canine—more than 200 articles, is a pet behavior columnist for AOL's PawNation, and has been a lobbyist on legislation pertaining to dangerous dogs and responsible dog ownership. She is frequently interviewed as an expert by newspapers and magazines for articles related to all aspects of canine behavior and responsible dog ownership.

## Media Appearances:

- Martha Stewart Living
- Animal Planet
- Video—AKC Dog Care and Training
- Leader of Ladies Home Journal "Ask The AKC Expert" message board on Lhj.com

## Quoted expert:

- Newsweek
- U.S. News & World Report
- Reader's Digest
- MSNBC
- Prevention Magazine

## Club Memberships:

- Tallahassee Dog Obedience Club
- Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America
- Dog Writer's Association of America
- American Society of Journalists and Authors

## Professional Experience/Education/Awards:

- Winner of the Maxwell Medallion-Dog Writer's Assn of America
- Founding member of the Animal Trainer's Forum in the Association for Behavior Analysis
- Served as a member of county animal control "Dangerous Dog Committee"
- Published in AKC Gazette, Off-Lead Dog Training Magazine, Front & Finish
- Invited presenter on canine behavior throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and Europe

## Sport of Purebred Dog Highlights:

- Owner/trainer of Utility titled Border Collie that was named Delta Society Therapy Dog of the Year
- Owner/trainer of Welsh Springer Spaniel that was in the top 20 in breed standings, conformation Champion with a Utility title, Excellent agility title, and of course, earned the Canine Good Citizen award

