

Marlene chats with Caroline Bolduc of Bold Canine

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If I knew how to whisper in print I'd say, "I think we have a dog whisperer in our midst."

I met recently with Caroline Bolduc of Bold Canine (Obedience & Pet Services), to chat about her 10-year-old business. For the most recent four of those years, Caroline has been offering her services to the four-legged community of Erin.

That's not quite accurate. From what I gleaned during our conversation, the dog's owner, most with two legs I'd assume, shares an equal partnership in improving communication and understanding between master and best friend.

"Growing up, there were always dogs in our house. Dad loved dogs."

At age 10 she taught their Airdale terrier to jump the fence. "My mother was not too impressed. I rediscovered my passion 10 years ago after adopting a German Sheppard mix from the Humane Society Shelter in Mississauga."

"I've learned to think like a dog," Caroline says, but only after a great many courses of study. One such course was Canine Communication Studies in Kitchener. The organizations which carry her name as member are too long to list. I'd suggest you visit www.boldcanine.com to read her credentials and biography.

Keeping ahead of training methods is ongoing but Caroline seems to be loaded with energy for the work she loves. She's continually talking to her peers and picking up new methods of interacting with four-legged family members. "I want to be as versatile as possible".

Some of the services available are in-home training; group classes at Erin Pet Depot plus dog walking and pet sitting. Have you always wanted a dog but dread the thought



Caroline Bolduc, owner of Bold Canine, with Gunner.

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of leaving it home alone while you work? Well, Bold Canine has the answer. Caroline will drop by your house according to your specific needs to play, feed and walk your pet.

Caught up late at work? Give her a call and she'll keep your animal cared for until you arrive. If you're headed out town for several days and know the dog does not interact well with kennel life . . . Caroline is your answer and she's not limited to sitting dogs. "I even sat for an iguana." You can reach her by phone 519 833 1031 or email info@boldcanine.com.

The first step in having your dog become the pet you always dreamed of is to have Caroline meet and evaluate your dog. She'll look at personality, breed and temperament. Next she can decide what techniques will work best, how long it might take and then put a plan together for your approval.

As well as her own business Caroline works closely with the Upper Credit Humane Society by helping to understand their shelter dogs and the type of home best suited to each adoptee. She'll follow up with the owners to help the dog adjust to its new home. "The dogs are so happy to get into a new home."

When not whispering into the ear of your dog, Caroline likes to spend time with husband Dave and their four dogs. She also likes to get together with friends, bike and read. She belongs to a book club that is currently reading a Canadian best-seller, *The Colony of Unrequited Dreams*.

Caroline! It's 608 pages long. How DO you do it?

Pet owners! Concerned about your pup? Give Bold Canine a call 519 833-1031. If you have a pot bellied pig, Caroline is itching to sit for you.