

Dog Trainer Caters to Women



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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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