

Company History

The Collared Scholar was founded in 2007 by Meagan Karnes and Katie Earle. Ms. Karnes was the founder and President of Fur-Crazy Pet Care, one of San Diego's largest and most well known pet care companies. Ms. Karnes founded the business after her encounters with sub par service providers in the industry. With a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and a Master's Degree in Business Administration, Ms. Karnes found herself working long hours in the San Diego Biotech field. Her dog, Koby, an American Pit Bull Terrier was suffering. Ms. Karnes and her husband decided to hire a caretaker for their beloved pet. However, on the second day with his pet sitter, Koby was taken to an unfenced park for some playtime and, while the sitter turned her attention away from the dog, he got spooked and ran away. Koby was gone for 7 days before Ms. Karnes and her husband found him in an Animal Control facility, frightened and traumatized.

After her experience with Koby, Ms. Karnes decided to leave the biotech world and pursue a career with animals so that she could rehabilitate her dog, as he had developed people and animal aggression while he was missing. Thus was born Fur-Crazy Pet Care, a pet care company that quickly grew to be the largest in San Diego with a client base of over 800.

While running Fur-Crazy, Ms. Karnes took part in dog welfare and rescue efforts, through which, she was first introduced to Mrs. Earle. The two instantly hit it off as they shared the same passion for saving and rehabilitating homeless and stray animals. At the time, Mrs. Earle was working for the Children's Physicians Medical Group as UM/QI/Credentialing Delegation Oversight Coordinator. While working in the healthcare industry, Mrs. Earle volunteered for several local animal rescue and welfare groups and was integrally involved in the management of a local Dachshund Rescue organization. After meeting Ms. Karnes, Mrs. Earle began contemplating a change in careers and when she realized she could finally pursue her passion, she left the healthcare industry and joined the Fur-Crazy team. Because of her past experience and abilities, Mrs. Earle quickly excelled, becoming Fur-Crazy's business development manager and certified dog trainer in less than a year.

Fur-Crazy Pet Care was sold in 2007 after experiencing exponential growth since inception. While still involved with Fur-Crazy Pet Care, Ms. Karnes and Mrs. Earle developed a dog training program, tackling behavioral issues primarily in rescued dogs. They also developed a program to train dog trainers which they began to implement prior to Fur-Crazy's sale. After selling Fur-Crazy Pet Care, the two retained their rights to the training portion of the business and so was born The Collared Scholar.

The Collared Scholar is a full service dog training academy that focuses on behavior modification and training for urban living. Ms. Karnes, through her experiences with her own dog, has developed a specialization in bully breeds with emphasis on anti-aggression training and Mrs. Earle, through her own experiences has developed her skills in working with deaf dogs.

The company now services all of San Diego County. They offer such services as Puppy Classes, Basic Obedience, Advanced Obedience, Agility, and Anti-Aggression Training. They also offer a complete online database that serves as a virtual blackboard where students have access to important training tips and handouts, as well as an exclusive online community of pet

owners involved in the program. The company also offers a rescue and rehabilitation program to help save dogs in need.

The Collared Scholar offers a higher education for owners and their pets. They offer all types of training including private and group classes and an in kennel board and train program as well as a broad selection of dog training and pet care products. The Collared Scholar is licensed and insured and guarantees all of their training programs. The Collared Scholar also operates a rescue and rehabilitation program to give assistance to dogs in need. For more information, please visit www.collared-scholar.com or call 1-877-k9-BEHAVE.