

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Vicki Hughes lives in western North Carolina among the rolling hills of the lower Appalachian chain and Blue Ridge Mountains. Like many of us Vicki grew up with a variety of breeds of dogs. She has been training dogs since she was a preschooler so it follows that she would have found herself in the dog training and breeding business. Vicki holds a degree in Biology and has worked as a genetics research assistant, a zoological research assistant, an artist and later a high school and college teacher. She owns Possum Hollow Enterprises encompassing the Possum Hollow Working Dogs kennels, publications, and advertising. Possum Hollow is the home of working Border Collies and working Turkish Livestock Guardian Dogs. Through the years Vicki has raised goats, sheep, ducks, cattle and horses as well as breeding high quality working herding and livestock guardian dogs. Her breeding programs emphasize working ability and temperament. She is active in national, state and local breed clubs and organizations and takes an active role in protecting the rights of farmers to raise and sell working dogs. Vicki's Possum Hollow is one of very few working farms offering livestock guardian training to outside puppies. Through the use of her own adult guardian dogs, Vicki has been providing advice to puppy buyers, new guardian dog owners and the guardian dog public for many years. This book is her offering to farmers and ranchers everywhere who need guidance and encouragement in their own efforts of training their livestock guardian dogs.