

## About FULL STRIDE KENNEL, LLC

Jackie and Nicholas Toth developed the concept for Full Stride Kennel and Canine Conditioning Spa in the mid 80's, when they were forced to board their dogs in a traditional kennel during a family emergency. Guilt overtook them when they returned and picked up their four dogs; the look, smell and distress was pitiful enough, but the dogs were not the same dogs after two weeks at a boarding facility.

Voilà`... a business plan was devised... an alternative kennel where dogs can have fun while getting plenty of exercise and socialization with other dogs... a place where dogs look forward to their visit... and their owners' are happy to take home the same dog that they had arrived with earlier.

As time went on, the Toth's became increasingly more involved in breeding and showing Dalmatians. Their dogs had significant muscle definition and fluid movement from running and playing with each other. As the pack of Dalmatians grew, a variety of other breeds were introduced for long-term K9 conditioning. Watching the body language and interaction between the dogs taught the Toths how to interpret their social skills and identify dominance and submission within the pack. With this knowledge and devotion to all dogs, Full Stride Kennel was opened in 1988.

The Toths have had many years of animal experience. Starting life together in the early 70's with two Afghan Hounds taught them many lessons. Over the years, they've also owned, groomed, and conditioned German Shorthair pointers, many Dalmatians, and one Tibetan Terrier. There have been a variety of cats through the years, as well, mostly Siamese mutts. A few horses, rabbits, and a goat have also had the pleasure of calling the Toth's home theirs', as well.

Jackie Toth retired from a 25-year show-ring career that included several Dalmatian champions. She finished her last champion, Evita, a Tibetan terrier, in 1998. Full Stride Kennel's foundation breeding stock were from the top-ranked lines in the country. The focus of their breeding program was based on sound temperament, bi-lateral hearing, and forever homes. Full Stride Kennel's Dalmatians were featured in television ads for dog food and in newspapers and magazines, including a cover shot for "Off Lead". Full Stride Kennel also exported the first pair of American-bred Dalmatians to the Soviet Union and had dogs throughout the U.S. and Europe. The re-release of 101 Dalmatians brought the demise of the breeding program. The fad began. Although lots of people wanted to buy a pup, there were not enough "good homes" to meet the stiff criteria that Full Stride Kennel demanded for placement of its puppies. At that time, Full Stride Kennel became a full-time boarding facility.

Jackie was a CL (Community Leader) on the Dogs, Puppies, and K9 Health Message Boards at ivillage.com for more than 2 years. She has also worked with the local Humane Society in a variety of capacities, including administrative duties and assisting with cruelty investigations. Jackie has served on the Board of Directors for the Windham County Humane Society, conducted a pet-loss support group, and published many dog-related articles. She has also worked at Camp Gone to the Dogs since 1991, is a member of PVKC (Pioneer Valley Kennel Club) and past member of DCSNE (Dalmatian Club of Southern New England) and DCA (Dalmatian Club of America).

Jackie is also a member of the NAR (National Association of Realtors), licensed in Vermont and New Hampshire. Jackie specializes in animal-related properties.