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Subject: Your course in Melbourne during the 1980's

For the Attention of Michael Tucker

Dear Michael,

I am extremely disturbed to see a posting on a public forum purportedly written by yourself, which discredits me and my reputation. Please see below this message..

May I nudge your memory Michael and take you back to a time in the early 1980's when you conducted a seminar and practical training course in Melbourne, in which you used a very beautiful but slightly timid border collie bitch to demonstrate heeling backwards? (in those days not a common practice as Agility and Doggie Dancing were not heard of in Australia).

One of the highlights of your course, which left a lasting impression on my young mind, was your psychological approach to dog training. Up until that point, the Australian way of training was more negatively geared than in seeking to understand the way a dog thinks. Do you remember explaining to us all the way you solved a problem you had experienced with an otherwise promising young Labrador Guide Dog, by crouching down on the ground and observing an object at a busy intersection from the height at which the dog would see it?

Do you also remember teaching us about the experiences you had in the UK when tests were conducted ringing a bell prior to feeding the dogs and them salivating at the sound of the bell? Do you remember teaching us that a dog bonds to the person who trains it more readily than to the person who feeds it?

I attended your course along with my young daughter Angela, and you commented on being impressed with the way she handled the young German Shepherd dog she used during that week end.

At the time my married name was Beverley Kunze.

I am almost seventy years of age and all these years I have held you in such high esteem. I am shocked and disappointed that you would make such a public statement about myself and publicly slur my reputation in this way without contacting me first to dig a little deeper.

If you are the fine person I have always believed you to be, I will appreciate you responding to this letter, and hopefully with your memory jogged.

Regards,