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Jessica graduated from the NAIT Animal Health Technology program in 2010 and has made the physical and emotional well-being of her animal patients her passion ever since. She is a Registered Veterinary Technologist and the co-owner of Companion Veterinary Clinic, a Fear Free Certified Practice in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. She is a Veterinary Technician Specialist in Behaviour, a Certified Professional Dog Trainer, and a Karen Pryor Academy Certified Training Partner. Jessica is a Fear Free Certified veterinary professional, trainer, and speaker. She was named the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association's Veterinary Technologist of the Year in 2020.

Jessica began developing the training and behaviour program at Companion Veterinary Clinic in 2013, including curricula for dog training classes, kitten classes, trick training, and private training and behavior modification sessions. She has a special interest in cooperative veterinary care and enjoys helping canine and feline patients feel more comfortable and empowered for veterinary examinations and procedures. Her goal has always been for clients to see their veterinary clinic as their first call for help with their pets' behaviour. She is passionate about teaching pet guardians how to best motivate and connect with their pets using positive, science-based methods of training.

She enjoys educating and sharing her knowledge through speaking engagements and workshops. This includes guest lecturing locally and internationally for veterinary professionals, trainers and providing client education seminars. She also enjoys writing and contributes to veterinary literature regularly. In her spare time, she loves creating pottery, reading, and being outdoors with her husband, two children, two dogs, one cat, and ten chickens.