

To Whom It May Concern:

When I was 19 years old I decided to make a big leap of faith and I moved from Idaho to Elko, NV. I had no job and I wasn't even sure what type of work I wanted to do. I searched the newspaper daily until an ad appeared for Brebeau Kennels. They were looking for a kennel technician. I have always loved animals and knew working with them might be fulfilling. I walked in for my interview nervous as can be. I met, for the very first time, a woman that seemed very nice, but very straight forward. Her name was Sharon Bachman. I never knew that day would be a changing point in my life. I interviewed well and she asked me if I would like the position. I quickly accepted for the simple fact I needed a job. I needed to help support my boyfriend and me. His way of making a quick buck was a construction job and selling pot to his buddies. It was an unstable way of living for obvious reasons. A lot of the youth that have grown up in Elko fall very easily into bad habits. Luckily, I was from a small town and had a strong foundation. I just needed a little guidance to decide where I wanted my life to take me.

That guidance I so badly needed came from Sharon starting in May of 2002-April 2010. But it didn't stop there. I had moved to Utah to get out of that same bad relationship that kept me there for so long. She was nothing but supportive for all of my decisions I made even if it meant I would no longer work for her and had to decline her offer to buy her business and carry on the name and reputation she built from the ground up. She trusted me to step up and take over what she had worked her life for. The reason she trusted me is because she trained me, guided me and helped me make decisions that were always in my best interest. It comes so natural for her when she meets someone to share her knowledge and so easily teaches others what she has learned and experienced over the years.

Sharon started out teaching me all of the basics for caring for people's pets. Patience and compassion are the foundation. She then trusted me enough to train me how to groom those pets. All the while she had mentored me into becoming manager of her business allowing her to leave town a little more often knowing I could handle most anything I had thrown at me. While working for her, I have gained the confidence and knowledge it takes to run a successful small business. I have been living in Utah for 5 years and continue to work with animals. I work at Veterinary clinic grooming dogs and cats and have become quite successful. This year I hope to open my business and I'm extremely confident that

I can make it successful with all of the knowledge and experience she instilled me with. I attribute everything I have learned and experienced to my very good friend and former employer Sharon Bachman.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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