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Re: Sharon Bachman

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in regards to my knowledge of the work and dedication of Sharon Bachman to inform her community about how animals can comfort humans in life. I have the privilege of knowing Ms. Bachman for twenty-five years and working for her at her kennel for fifteen years. During my years working with Sharon, she has worked with at risk youth and special needs youth and adults. As a social worker I have called on Sharon and her dogs to work with youth who have mental health issues, and youth who have experience abuse and neglect trauma. Watching these children go from being depressed, angry and non-trusting to children who are happy and have someone (dog) who they can confide in is amazing. The children learn how to walk the dogs, brush and just love on these amazing animals that Sharon has worked with.

If you have any questions please contact me at the above number or at 775-340-1421.

Sincerely,

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