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To whom it may concern,

I have been working as an animal trainer consistently for over 12 years and started in the industry over 25 years ago. During that time I have always prided myself of doing a good job and treating the animals that I work with compassion and respect. Working with animals is my life. I love them dearly and cannot imagine doing anything else . I have absolutely no blemishes on my record and have always been in good standing with American Humane. I have always considered having that organization on set as an asset and even carry an American humane guideline book in my glove box at all times in the event that there is not an officer on the job that I am working.

I feel that it is important for you to know my background so that you can know that I am sincere with what I am about to say,

I have known Sid Yost for approximately 7 years and have worked with him on a number of TV shows, movies and commercials. In the time the that I have known him, I have never once witnessed any mistreatment of the animals that he was working. All I have ever seen was the compassion and love he has for them. I spent Three solid months working every day with him on a movie called Furry Vengeance. During that time I never even heard him raise his voice to an animal for any reason. To the contrary , we had to train these little ferrets to look into a telescope and roll an acorn with their noses on cue. As you can imagine this is not an easy feat....the only thing that I was witness to was infinite amounts of patience and good humor.

Whether it was a ferret , a dog, cat or bear, from what I saw, his approach to training was always through encouragement, patience and positive reinforcement

thank you for your time.

Best regards,

Cris Rankin