

## **About Melissa:**

Melissa Heigl has been working with animals for most of her life. She's enjoyed a variety of positions including veterinary technician, professional cat groomer, show cat handler, and animal trainer. She owns a Standard Poodle named Shade and a Labrador Retriever/Golden Retriever cross named Link. Melissa's dogs are titled in obedience, rally obedience and are certified therapy dogs.

In June of 2009, Melissa's dream of owning her own pet training business was realized. Her business is called The Ideal Pet, Inc. It is located in Greenfield, Indiana and specializes in family friendly, rewards-based training for cats and dogs. While she continues to enjoy training dogs of every shape and size, Melissa has found that she has a special love for training cats. When asked, Melissa will tell you that her favorite thing about working with felines is showing people that they learn quickly and love being trained.

## **About Yuki:**

Melissa travels throughout the Midwest with her demonstration cat, Yuki (Japanese for "snow"). Melissa adopted Yuki from the Rushville Animal Shelter in June of 2009, just one week before her first demonstration at the Indiana State Museum. The pint-sized white feline has been doing demonstrations ever since. Yuki also attended the Zionsville Fall Festival. She did so well that she's already been invited back to the event next year! Yuki also makes regular appearances at The Nutty Mutt Bakery in Greenfield and is anxious for her debut at The Humane Society of Indianapolis! Her favorite tricks are "high-five" and playing her tiny toy piano. When she's not working, Yuki enjoys playing with Melissa's 3-year-old daughter Emma, sleeping, and chasing the foster cat around the house.