ABOUT ANDREA



Originally from Genoa, Italy, Andrea's connection with dogs began long before it became his profession. Growing up in the countryside, in a family where people and animals were always welcome, he developed an early fascination with dogs and their world.

A defining chapter began in 2011, when he adopted Kiko, a Czechoslovakian Wolfdog and German Shepherd cross. Together, they explored mountains, coastlines, rivers and forests, sharing countless outdoor adventures. Their relationship was deeply rewarding, but living alongside Kiko also taught Andrea that love and experience alone are not always enough to understand the complexities of canine behaviour. This realisation sparked his journey into professional dog education.

In 2019, Andrea enrolled in a two-year Dog Educator programme at SIUA (School of Human-Animal Interaction) in Italy, following a zooanthropological approach to human-animal relationships. Through this programme, he developed a deeper understanding of canine communication, dog behaviour and the relationship between dogs and humans.

After completing his training in 2022, Andrea left his previous career to dedicate himself entirely to working with dogs. He established his own dog education and boarding business, Collective Dogs, in Genoa.

Later that year, an adventure brought him to South Africa, where he quickly fell in love with Scarborough, a coastal village in Cape Town's Deep South. What began as a trip became home. Over the following three years, he had the opportunity to work with and care for more than 40 dogs, gaining valuable practical experience and further developing his understanding of their individual needs.

In July 2026, following an inspiring conversation with Roxy, Andrea joined the What a Treat team. Today, he is proud to contribute his knowledge, experience and passion to a team that shares his commitment to thoughtful, individualised animal care.

Andrea's Approach

Andrea's approach is rooted in observation, patience and understanding. He believes that every dog is an individual, with their own personality, needs and unique way of experiencing the world.

Rather than expecting every dog to fit the same mould, he values taking the time to understand what motivates them, how they communicate and what helps them feel safe and confident. His goal is to support dogs in becoming more confident, understood and fulfilled, while helping their humans develop stronger, healthier relationships with them.

Andrea considers himself incredibly fortunate to continue learning, growing and sharing his days alongside one of the most fascinating animals on the planet: the dog.