

## Bio



Kasie Maxwell has worked and lived with animals her entire life. Over the years she has worked as an assistant to a veterinary homeopath, veterinary technician and assistant, working student for an A-circuit hunter/jumper stable, trainer for a Hanoverian stable owned by a rider on the Belgian Olympic Equestrian Team, pet-sitter, wildlife rescuer, and has served as a foster home to many rescued animals.

A vegan since 1983, Kasie soon developed a strong interest in natural foods and healing. She has studied holistic animal husbandry for over two decades. Kasie has extensive experience with a wide-range of natural modalities including the use of western herbs, natural diets, homeopathy, flower/gem essences, Reiki, acupressure, therapeutic massage, dietary supplements, and essential oils in both domestic and wild animals.

Along with her partner for over fourteen years, Ron Love, Kasie started Rara Avis in 2003. Rara Avis products are based on her own herbal recipes used to promote wellness in a variety of animal species over the years.

Kasie has also worked as a Pastry Chef, Bread Baker, Webmistress, Information Technology Manager and Systems Administrator. She is the founder of District 5 Dog Owner's and Guardians ([d5dog.org](http://d5dog.org)), a local dog advocacy group; webmistress for the San Francisco Dog Owner's Group ([sfdog.org](http://sfdog.org)), and founder of the San Francisco Raw Feeders ([sfraw.com](http://sfraw.com)).

Kasie grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area and lived for a while outside of Eugene, Oregon earning her B.A. degree in English from the University of Oregon. Ron and Kasie live in San Francisco with their family of rescued animal companions: two Great Danes, two birds, and two turtles.