

Hi! My name is Claire Malan and I am from South Africa and recently moved to Washington, DC with my husband who is in the US Military. After a lifelong history of farming and working with animals, I decided to pursue my dreams of working with wildlife and obtained a degree in South Africa in Game Ranch Management and Wildlife Management, where I was awarded 21 certificates of academic excellence. I was awarded my degree Cum Laude with the highest distinction in the Faculty of Science. I then proceeded to work on some of the biggest private game ranches in South Africa and making my mark and contribution to wildlife conservation. I am no stranger to taking care of animals, and not one of my earliest childhood photos is without some kind of animal ranging from kittens and dogs to livestock and ostriches, and even crocodiles. My heart beams with love and adoration for animals and the outdoors, and this is what makes me the happiest.

With me in Southwest Washington, DC are my two South African rescue dogs Bono and Bella, who made the big trek across the Atlantic Ocean with me. They are surprisingly happy in DC and our daily routine includes checking up on all the groundhogs, squirrels and geese on Fort McNair.

Dog walking and pet sitting is extremely exciting for me as I am at my happiest around animals and being outside, and that is a little more challenging here in DC! Making sure your pets are well cared for is my way of getting my daily dose of animal love!