



“Animals  
nurture  
my spirit.”

## MYRNA BETTS

Myrna Betts (right) has been training dogs for 25 years and has been associated with Animal Actors Of Canada for the last seven. She's trained a chicken for a World Chaos computer game commercial, 11 cats for a Wild Strawberries music video ("my toughest assignment") and the dog in the Nicole Kidman film *To Die For*. Though an obvious dog-lover, Myrna is quick to point out: "I'd rather train chickens than dogs any day."

Myrna's been with her partner, Gloria Cameron, for 23 years. The couple live near Cambridge, the Ontario town in which both women were born. They share their home with Busy, Fancy and Echo (the chickens), Magic (the pigeon), Cody, Levi and Tess (the dogs) and Dot (the mouse).

In the 1970s, Gloria was a cause célèbre when she was fired from the Canadian Armed Forces for being a lesbian, undergoing an all-day grilling until she fessed up. Gloria now says it was all for the best, "otherwise I wouldn't have met Myrna."

Photograph by Guntar Kravis, taken in Myrna and Gloria's home.