Travis Brorsen Bio

Travis Brorsen is one of the most sought-after dog trainers in America today. He is Founder and CEO of <u>Greatest American Dog Trainers</u>, and the host of Animal Planet's <u>My Big Fat Pet</u> <u>Makeover</u>. Travis is also the expert judge on the new Discovery+ show, Puppy Bowl Presents: <u>The Dog Games</u>, streaming now!

Growing up on a farm and ranch in Oklahoma exposed Travis to a love for animals of all types and sizes. After college he made the decision to move to Los Angeles to pursue a career in entertainment instead of following his plans to go into agriculture. He appeared in more than 20 national commercials and guest starred in several <u>hit shows</u> such as Desperate Housewives, JAG, Bones, Drop Dead Diva and many others.

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As a result of the show, Travis discovered his passion for helping dogs and their owners create a similar positive learning experience that builds relationship. He spent the next five years pouring into his highly successful dog training business in Los Angeles. Travis also created <u>"Adventures with Travis & Presley"</u>, an early childhood education program focusing on bully preventing and character education. He has partnered with Frog Street Press in Grapevine, TX to share it with America. It is currently used in thousands of elementary schools across the United States. Travis was nominated for TV's Best Dynamic Duo for the Fox Reality Awards and honored with the Humanitarian of the Year at the New York Pet Fashion Show in 2018.

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