

# *The crooked path to happiness*

*Former photojournalist and lawyer follows her passion*

— By Lisa Meerts —

Kathleen Sullivan flicked a flag attached to a thin rod and sent her two horses running around a round pen in September practicing a profession her parents once criticized as unprofessional.

The horse trainer shifted her weight back and both horses, Merlin and Hollywood, trotted to her. They stopped inches from her chest.

Sullivan spends more than half each year living in her trailer, traveling mostly throughout the Southwest to teach clinics. She shares her small living quarters with her 8-month-old yellow Labrador, Clancy.

