### **Meet Mike England**

Mike is the owner/operator of Dragon's Heart Dog Kennels. Mike is from Tripoli Wisconsin. Mike has had an interesting life. He is a Master Mason and was the Senior Warden of his Lodge. He has helped raise many thousands of dollars through "The Walk for a Cure" which he organized. This was a 60+ mile walk from Rhinelander, WI to Wausau, WI.

"What am I most proud of...My wife and my kids and my dogs..of course. They have shown me the importance of being the best person you can be at all levels. Nothing is impossible. Being the example above all things. The physical things I have done are great and have helped me grow but are not the meaning of life. There is a spiritual standard we must make ourselves adhere to. That is where we need to grow. Being more kind, more compassionate, more tolerant. At the end you will know you have lived a Good life. " – Mike England

# Military Service and Cage Fighting Experience

Mike was a Marine and a veteran of the Gulf War. He was a member of a machine gun team. Mike has experience Mixed Martial Arts and has trained with Marco Ruas, UFC 7 champion, in Brazil. There he learned a fighting technique called Ruas Vale Tudo, which is a mix of submission wrestling and kickboxing. He has also trained in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and fought in two cage fights. He remains undefeated.

# **Dragons Heart Kennels**

Mike is very mechanical savvy and was the Maintenance Lead at a large plant that engineers wood products. This was a good job but was very stressful and was not what Mike was passionate about. He was passionate about working with animals, particularly dogs. He has four huskies of his own. This last year, Mike took a risk and opened his own dog kenneling business. He built his facility with his own hands. The building has an excellent heating and cooling system to keep the dogs comfortable. Temperature monitors and cameras on the living facilities to make sure that the dogs are safe. He has gained some inspiration and knowledge from Cesar Millan, the dog whisper. Including how dogs think in the pack mentality. Mike makes sure to get the dogs plenty of outside time to play in the large fenced in yard. He also has built and setup obstacles to help train the dogs. He makes exercise fun for the dogs. The dogs are living well when they stay with Mike at Dragons Heart Kennel. His kennel has only received five-star reviews and his clients has been more than pleased with his service and how their pets are treated. After taking a risk and following his dream, Mike is now the owner of a growing and business that he truly enjoys running.

"It was only years after Dragon passed away a Shephard/Husky mix that I truly realized his value and heart. Near the end of his life I was at the lowest point in mine. When family and friends

basically wrote me off and no one was there to help or even care, he was there. I one thing that would give everything of himself for me and love me truly unconditionally. He was by my side always. My only regret is I didn't realize his heart sooner. I think of him every day and hope what I have done he can see from where he is. Dogs are just the best of everything. They are pure and uncorrupted. Their species has been far more tolerant of our species that our species of theirs, yet they give us all of themselves. I will spend the rest of my days giving back. I won't get rich, I will have to work harder than I had to before but at the end of the day, I love what I do and I feel there is value in this work. It is a value of compassion and love. Something the world could use a lot more of. "- Mike England

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