Course Information
Cornell’s Spring Companion Animal Behavior Seminar is designed to educate veterinarians and veterinary technicians about the basics of behavior: how animals learn, how best to train them, and how to modify their behavior when it’s in conflict with the desires of the human family. The day will be filled with discussions on the common behavior problems seen in dogs and cats, from the simple to the serious.

Our presenter, Kelley Bollen, is a certified animal behavior consultant with a master’s degree in animal behavior. She has worked in the companion animal behavior field for over ten years and has been at Cornell for two and a half years as the Director of Behavior Programs for the Shelter Medicine Program.

Ms. Bollen has consulted with thousands of pet owners struggling with problem behavior, and she gives practical advice to address the issues plaguing pet parents. She uses only scientifically proven positive-based methods to modify behavior. She is an excellent lecturer, and attendees will undoubtedly learn a great deal during this day-long seminar.

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Program Fee
Preregistration is required. The early registration fee for the program is $200 for veterinary technicians and $250 for veterinarians until April 15. After April 15 the registration fee is $225 and $275 respectively. The cost of the program covers tuition; course materials; certificate of attendance; course notes; continental breakfast, lunch and refreshment breaks.

Proceeds from the course will benefit the Maddie’s Shelter Medicine Program at Cornell University’s College of Veterinary Medicine.

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MORNING SESSIONS

7:15  Registration & Continental Breakfast

7:45  How Animals Learn and the Basics of Training and Behavior Modification
An understanding of basic learning theory is required in order to modify unwanted behaviors.

9:15  Puppy Primer
Learn how to lead a discussion on the basic requirements for raising a well-adjusted canine companion with your new puppy clients.

10:15 Break

10:30  Common Problem Behaviors in Cats
Learn how to advise pet owners on problems from housesoiling to aggression.

11:30  Common Problem Behaviors in Dogs
Learn how to advise pet owners about common problems such as digging, jumping and getting into the trash.

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

12:30 Lunch

1:30  Separation Anxiety – Beyond Medication
Medication alone rarely helps a dog suffering from separation anxiety; behavior modification techniques must accompany a prescription.

2:30  Fears and Phobias
Animals can develop a fear of anything that causes a negative emotional response. At times, fears develop into phobias. Fears and phobias can compromise welfare and should be addressed.

3:30 Break

3:45  Understanding Canine Aggression
Aggression is a very serious problem that can pose a safety risk to the families as well as the community where the dog lives.

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