Solving Canine Behavior Problems

Course Information
This weekend course at Cornell’s College of Veterinary Medicine in Ithaca, New York, has been designed for veterinary technicians, trainers, breeders, kennel clubs, and owners – anyone with a serious interest in canine behavior.

The Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers has approved this course for 12 CEUs.

This program was reviewed and approved by the AAVSB RACE program for 12.5 hours of continuing education in jurisdictions which recognize AAVSB RACE approval. Please contact the AAVSB RACE program if you have any comments/concerns regarding this program’s validity or relevancy to the veterinary profession.

Program Fee
The early registration fee for the program is $300 and includes tuition; course materials; record of completion; and continental breakfast, lunch, and refreshment breaks throughout the program. Cornell University staff and members of the NYS Association of Veterinary Technicians receive a $50 discount. Only one discount may be applied.

Faculty
Katherine A. Houpt, VMD, PhD, board certified by the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists. She is the James Law Professor of Behavior Medicine Emeritus, Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Pamela Perry, DVM, visiting lecturer, Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Marcia Rafter Ritchie, LVT, CPDT-KA, VTS-BEHAVIOR, Director of Training and Behavior, the Family Companion, Buffalo, NY.

Germain Rivard, DVM, PhD, Fellow in Veterinary Behavior Medicine, Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine.

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Program Schedule

Saturday, May 14
8:00  Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:30  What's New in Dog Behavior?
The many new findings on canine cognition and communication for example, sitting and staying takes a lot of brain power. Katherine Houpt
9:30  Break
9:45  Effects of In-shelter Enrichment for Dogs
The effects of different shelter enrichment programs for dogs on the behavior, cortisol, and adoptability will be discussed. Pamela Perry
10:45  Break
11:00 Behavioral Therapy
Following a description of common agonistic behavior problems that would help us understand their sensory basis, this seminar intends to suggest evidence-based behavioral therapy. Germain Rivard
12:00 Lunch
1:00  Your Cases
Fill out a behavior history report online at www.vet.cornell.edu/abc/historycanine.htm about an interesting case and send it to amm36@cornell.edu.
2:30  Break
2:45  The Technician’s Role in Creating a Behavior Centered Practice
Behavior is an important focus for the technician, in both general practices and those that specialize in behavior. Valuable information on developing programs, training staff members, client education and treatment of behavior problems. Marcia Ritchie
3:45  Break
4:00 Separation Anxiety Revisited
Separation anxiety is the second most common canine behavioral problem. We must try to convince owners to use the techniques and medications that help relieve the dog’s stress. Katherine Houpt

Sunday, May 15
8:00  Continental Breakfast
8:30  A Practical Approach to Canine Aggression
The latest treatments for aggression and a discussion of when to refer and when to remove a dog from the household. Katherine Houpt
9:30  Break
9:45  Fears & Anxiety at the Veterinarian’s Office
This seminar presents the manifestations of fears and anxiety at the veterinary practice along with some remedies that include an exam room behavioral toolbox as well as some behavioral therapy standard operating procedures. Germain Rivard
10:45  Break
11:00 Compulsive Disorders
This lecture addresses the effects of stress on the development of compulsive behaviors and the use of behavioral modification to treat them. Pamela Perry
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Behavior Problems of Working Dogs
There are many types of working dogs. Their problems occur when they aren’t successful or when they need to retire. Katherine Houpt
2:00  Break
2:15  Enrichment for the Geriatric Pet
The focus of this presentation is to develop a better understanding of how to enrich the lives of geriatric pets. Learn key ways to assist clients, including programs and therapies, to positively impact social, cognitive and physical well being of the senior pet. Marcia Ritchie
2:30  Break
3:00 Cesar Milan vs Sophia Yin
We will watch clips of each in action and share opinions. Katherine Houpt

Registration Form

You may register online at www.vet.cornell.edu/events/ or by completing this form and submitting by fax (607-253-3198); phone (607-253-3200) with credit card; or mail. Send check made payable to Cornell University or provide credit card information below to:

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Office of Continuing Education
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Confirmations will be emailed on May 2, 2011, for those who did not register online.

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