

NDTF – National Conference 2010

(Day 1) Saturday 20th March - Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour

| Timings | Presenter | Topic |
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| 8.00 – 8.45 | | <p>CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS</p> <p>Please note registrations close 15 minutes prior to commencement of Conference <u>each day</u>. It is important to arrive early to avoid delays. Auditorium doors will close 8.55 a.m., the program will commence at 9.00 a.m. sharp.</p> <p>Registrations will open again at morning break for late arrivals</p> |
| 9.00 | Boyd Hooper/Steve Austin | CONFERENCE OPENING & WELCOME |
| 9.10 | Steven Lindsay | <p>In our first session Steven will be discussing learning processes. He will present an update on conventional learning protocols and constructs</p> <p>Appetitive and aversive control of behaviour Expectancy and prediction – their effects on learning and behaviour</p> <p><i>Includes Q&A time</i></p> |
| 10.35 | | MORNING BREAK |
| 11.00 | Corrective Services NSW K9 Unit | Preliminary results of trial program using Detector Dogs to search for mobile (cell) phones, including live demonstration of operational Detector Dogs |
| 11.50 | Catherine Webb | Catherine Webb has a science degree (Zoology) and a nationally recognised Certificate in Dog Behaviour and Training. Catherine will present findings of a recent pilot study conducted through Melbourne University on aversion learning to test the relative effects of various dog training devices/equipment |
| 12.20 | | LUNCH |
| 1.20 | Steven Lindsay | <p>In this session Steven will focus on increasing delegates understanding of social status and leadership, discussing the concepts of 'dominance' and hierarchy (leader/follower bond – roles and rules)</p> <p>This presentation will also begin the discussion on understanding and dealing with fear and aggression (these areas will be discussed in several of Steven's presentation throughout the Conference)</p> <p><i>Includes Q&A time</i></p> |
| 2.45 | Steve Austin | Dogs working for the environment – Australia's best known trainer, Steve Austin, will take us through a video presentation of various programs that are utilising dogs to save and/or protect our environment and native animal species |
| 3.10 | | AFTERNOON BREAK |
| 3.35 | Robert Holmes | <p>Is it Behavioural or Physical? When should you consider the possibility of physical conditions affecting behaviour? What can be done to check it out?</p> <p>Undoubtedly one of Australia's leading experts in dealing with animal behaviour problems, Dr Robert Holmes will be discussing this vital area that is so often overlooked when dealing with behaviour problems</p> <p><i>Includes Q&A time</i></p> |
| 4.15 | Steven Lindsay | <p>Q&A session - Steven will take questions from the audience on the following subjects:</p> <p>Factors that influence and optimise learning Canine intelligence and its role in training Learning disabilities - Is there such a thing as a 'dumb' dog?</p> <p><i>This session also includes a discussion and overview of the Army Super Dog Program that Steve was involved in</i></p> |
| 5.00 | | CLOSE |

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(Day 2) Sunday 21st March - Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour

| Timings | Presenter | Topic |
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| 9.00 | Boyd Hooper/Robert Holmes | OPENING (DAY 2) |
| 9.05 | Steven Lindsay | To commence day 2 Steven will be talking about motivation, power and freedom incentives. Discussions on what motivation is and the factors that influence it. This session will also include an explanation of integrative training and address conflict, anxiety and frustration. <i>Includes Q&A time</i> |
| 10.30 | | MORNING BREAK |
| 10.55 | Steven Lindsay | In this session Steven will cover a range of issues including what is important to a dog, its priorities and preferences. He will discuss a range of principles and protocols which must be considered when training dogs and dealing with their behaviour, including ethics and the precautionary principle <i>Includes Q&A time</i> |
| 11.55 | Boyd Hooper | Boyd Hooper is the CEO of the National Dog Trainers Federation. He has been involved in the training of dogs for over 25 years and is currently the Course Director of the nationally recognised Dog Trainer Certification course 21574VIC Certificate III in Dog Behaviour and Training. Boyd is also the Conference Director. Boyd's presentation will focus on building confidence & increasing performance - moving from good to great. He will discuss the various methods and techniques in overcoming weaknesses, and will deal with common problems that trainers face with their dogs offering a range of strategies to improve performance |
| 12.20 | | LUNCH |
| 1.10 | Steven Lindsay | Q&A session - Steven will take questions from the audience on the following subjects: Understanding the effects of using aversives to control/modify behaviour Counter conditioning and safety training Developing confidence through training |
| 1.40 | Paul McGreevy | Paul McGreevy is an Associate Professor at The University of Sydney. In addition, Paul is a Veterinary Surgeon with a PhD in Animal Behaviour, and the author of multiple books on Dog Training and Behaviour. Paul will be discussing the breeding of dogs and how certain breeding practices are influencing health and performance capabilities. Interest in this topic has grown considerably since the documentary 'Pedigree Dogs Exposed' aired. The presentation will focus on key elements in breeding and selection for performance, stability and fitness <i>Includes Q&A time</i> |
| 2.45 | | AFTERNOON BREAK |
| 3.10 | Joanne Righetti | Joanne is one of Australia's best known and well respected behaviour specialists. Dr Righetti has a science degree (Zoology) and a PhD in Animal Behaviour. Joanne will be presenting various case studies on behaviour problems she has encountered. She will describe treatment protocols she has implemented and also discuss the results <i>Includes Q&A time</i> |
| 3.40 | Boyd Hooper/Steve Austin Steven Lindsay | Presentation featuring Steven Lindsay, Boyd Hooper and Steve Austin |
| 3.50 | Panel of Speakers Steve Lindsay/Boyd Hooper Paul McGreevy/Vicki Austin Steve Austin/Robert Holmes Joanne Righetti plus more.. | Our keynote speakers will come together as "the panel of experts" in an open forum question and answer session that is not to be missed! Delegates are invited to submit questions in advance of the Conference. If your question is selected by our panel you will be invited to (if you choose) ask your question during this session |
| 5.00 | | CLOSE |

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(Day 3) Monday 22nd March - Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour
Advanced Program

| Timings | Presenter | Topic |
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| 9.00 | Boyd Hooper/Steve Austin | OPENING (DAY 3) |
| 9.05 | Steven Lindsay | Domestication/social relationships Interspecies co-operation and unity Understanding the man/dog relationship <i>Includes Q&A time</i> |
| 10.20 | | MORNING BREAK |
| 10.45 | Steven Lindsay | Reactivity thresholds Adaptation, compromise, reconciliation Factors affecting a dogs trainability Understanding the role of play in learning and development <i>Includes Q&A time</i> |
| 12.00 | | LUNCH |
| 1.00 | Steven Lindsay | Strengthening and refining performance Attention training Shaping behaviour – error corrected adjustments Powerful incentives – improving motivation and learning <i>Includes Q&A time</i> |
| 2.15 | | AFTERNOON BREAK |
| 2.35 | Steven Lindsay | General Discussion – Q&A time |
| 3.25 | Steve Austin/Boyd Hooper | CLOSE |

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