

DAY 1 – SATURDAY, MAY 16

7:00 – 8:00 **REGISTRATION/
BUFFET BREAKFAST**

8:00 – 8:15 **OPENING REMARKS**

8:15 – 9:45 **PLENARY A**

SEAN SENECHAL

ANIMALSIGN LANGUAGE

**ANIMALSIGN – a breakthrough method
teaching animals to communicate TO you.**

What are your animals saying? Don't guess; teach them to tell you with ANIMALSIGN. Are your clients' dogs reluctant to interact? Bond them with AnimalSign skills. Expand animal intelligence, by teaching them to communicate with manners. You will learn about the natural and learned communication abilities of dogs and horses, as well as ANIMALSIGN – the new tool enabling animals to communicate specifically, strengthening their willingness to learn, the human-animal bond, and their ability to assist humans in tasks.

Sean Senechal will introduce the new concept that animals can communicate better TO you with a revolutionary tool, ANIMALSIGN Language. You will learn about what it is, how it works, and why learning it benefits clients and animals.

ANIMALSIGN has strengthened communication, bonding, and patience, and has reduced frustration, making interactions (and training) easier and more fulfilling. With ANIMALSIGN, animals can tell you what they are wanting, needing, and sensing, and warn about dangers. Beyond just barking and sitting, dogs can tell you specifically what they are thinking.

You will hear how a reclusive Mustang horse became enthusiastic, how one animal signed to save another animal's life, and how a SAR dog signed it was thirsty and that its find was 'dead' or 'alive'. ANIMALSIGN can help you professionally with Working, Service, or Companion dogs. This technique blends in smoothly with your training techniques, enhancing animal and client satisfaction. Ride this new wave of viewing animals as language learners! Your clients and dogs will literally 'Thank you'!

9:45 – 10:00 **BREAK**

10:00 – 11:30 **PLENARY B**

JEAN DODDS

VACCINES & IMMUNITY

Vaccine Issues

Modern vaccine technology allows us to protect companion animals effectively against serious infectious diseases. However, the challenge to produce effective and safe vaccines has become increasingly difficult.

In veterinary medicine, evidence implicating vaccines in triggering immune-mediated and other chronic disorders (vaccinosis) is compelling. Certain susceptible breeds or families of animals are at increased risk for severe or lingering adverse reactions to vaccines. The onset of adverse vaccine reactions can be immediate hypersensitivity or anaphylaxis, or can occur acutely (24-48 hours afterwards), or later on (10-45 days) in a delayed type immune response.

Typical signs of adverse immune reactions include fever, stiffness, sore joints and abdominal tenderness,

susceptibility to infections, central and peripheral nervous system disorders or inflammation, collapse with auto agglutinated red blood cells and jaundice, or generalized pinpoint hemorrhages or bruises. Liver enzymes may be markedly elevated, and liver or kidney failure may accompany bone marrow suppression. Furthermore, recent vaccination of genetically susceptible breeds has been associated with transient seizures in puppies and adult dogs, as well as a variety of autoimmune diseases including those affecting the blood, endocrine organs, joints, skin and mucosa, central nervous system, eyes, muscles, liver, kidneys, and bowel.

11:30 **DRAWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

12:00 – 1:00 **LUNCH AND TRADE SHOW**

WORKSHOPS **CHOOSE 1 OF 4**

1:00 – 2:30 **WORKSHOP 1**

SEAN SENECHAL

SIGN LANGUAGE – HANDS ON (1)

ANIMALSIGN for Dogs: K9SIGN Class

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10 active participants with 5 dogs only.

1:00 – 2:30 **WORKSHOP 2**

JEAN DODDS

THYROID & BEHAVIOUR

Thyroid Disease

Hypothyroidism is the most common endocrine disorder of dogs, and nearly 90% of cases result from autoimmune thyroiditis that progressively destroys the thyroid gland. Because the condition is heritable, it has significant genetic implications for breeding stock.

Accurate diagnosis of the early stages allows for prompt intervention and case management. However, it may be difficult to make a definitive diagnosis at this stage, because clinical signs are often vague. Affected dogs may exhibit personality changes such as phobias, passivity, mental dullness, aggressiveness, inattentiveness, fearfulness, whining, nervousness, hyperventilation, moodiness, irritability, seizures, and other antisocial behaviors. These changes can progress to sudden unprovoked aggression towards other animals, people and especially with children.

Afterwards, most animals behave as though they were coming out of a trance, and are unaware of their previous behavior. It is only after more than 70% of the thyroid gland is destroyed by this process, that classical clinical

signs of hypothyroidism appear (e.g. weight gain, skin and coat disorders, irritable bowel syndrome, cold intolerance, and lethargy). The challenge for all of us: seek help to diagnose and treat the condition before it reaches this end-stage.

1:00 – 2:30 **WORKSHOP 3**

ROBIN BENNETT

OFF-LEASH DOG PLAY

Thinking about having some playgroups at your grooming shop, boarding facility or shelter? Want to know if your daycare is supervising the dogs safely? Want to make sure your dog is safe at the local dog park? This seminar is for YOU! Discuss the relationships within a group of playing dogs and control measures that can be used to maintain stability. Information will include recognizing play styles among dogs, effective control of a group of dogs interacting off-leash, and warning signals which may indicate a potential fight. Great information for those involved in any type of off-leash play or owners who want to keep their dog safe at the dog park

1:00 – 2:30 **WORKSHOP 4**

HEATHER LOGAN

**TRAINING MAGIC – ADVANCED
OBEDIENCE FOR COMPETITION**

The main objective of this seminar is to enhance your dog's confidence and to create body awareness in the ring. You will be helped/involved with developing shaping plans based on operant conditioning – behaviour analysis for specific exercises in the obedience ring. For example: Hind end awareness for better body position during heelwork; Motivating your dog to quickly and happily scent out the appropriate utility articles; Applying targeting to improve your dog's ability to take direction from a distance.

2:30-2:45 **BREAK**

2:45 – 4:15 **PLENARY C**

ROBIN BENNETT & COLLEEN PELAR

**ARE WE EVEN TALKING ABOUT THE SAME
DOG?**

Meeting Owners in the Middle

It happens disconcertingly often. The shy dog's owner says her dog loves to meet new people, the fearful dog's owner tells you the dog is trying to be dominant over him, or the reactive dog's owner says her dog "just wants to say hi." Hmm, that's not what you are seeing. Not at all.

Dog behavior is relatively complex, but most owners think they "know dogs." This creates a balancing act for pet professionals. How do we bridge the gap? Trainers play an important role in improving dog-and-owner communication. We'll discuss the most important things that dog owners need to know as well as the right and wrong ways delivering that information.

This workshop on training your clients will help dogs and owners live more peacefully together, improve your success rate, improve client retention and increase your bottom line.

4:15 **BREAK/PANEL SETUP**

4:30 – 5:30 **PANEL DISCUSSION
SENECHAL AND DODDS**

EVENING **MARITIME DOWNHOME
KITCHEN PARTY (& BANQUET)**

DAY 2 - SUNDAY, MAY 17

7:30 – 8:20 **REGISTRATION/
BUFFET BREAKFAST**

8:00 – 8:15 **OPENING REMARKS**

8:15 – 9:45 **PLENARY D**

TRISH KING

DIFFERENT BREEDS: DIFFERENT NEEDS

Just as all people are different, so too are dogs. They're different as individuals and as breeds, and as breed types. Thus, it stands to reason that one would train them differently, or at least take a different slant on training.

In this presentation, we will examine different breeds as well as different breed types with an eye as to what might be the most appropriate actions to take in training as well as behaviour modification. What's the difference between the way you work with a terrier compared to a retriever, a herding dog or one of the bully breeds? Find out by attending this thought-provoking and practical presentation.

9:45 – 10:00 **BREAK**

10:00 – 11:30 **PLENARY E**

DANI WEINBERG

CELEBRATING DIFFERENCES

Is this client "difficult" – or simply different from me? How to identify and work with differences in how our clients process information and learn. Trainers often ask how do you deal with "difficult" people?"

Learn to reframe "difficult" into "different" . Learn how personality testing models like the Myers-Briggs type indicator can be useful when training the human at the end of the leash.

This hands on workshop will give you a greater appreciation of how to approach differences in learning styles . The end result – a much more positive experience for dog, owner and trainer. It is a win-win for everyone.

11:30 – 12:00 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

12:00-1:00 **LUNCH AND AGM**

WORKSHOPS CHOOSE 1 OF 4

1:00 – 2:30 **WORKSHOP 5**

TRISH KING

REAL LIFE BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION

Frustrated owners with reactive dogs will try almost anything to solve their dog's problem. As we know, most usually try punishment first. Even after learning alternate techniques, many owners return to using punitive measures, particularly if they believe that positive reinforcement methods such as desensitization and counter conditioning, take too long or work inconsistently.

In this workshop, we will discuss how to keep owners from regressing, using a variety of techniques aimed at tiding them through tricky situations, as well as how to provide timely suggestions and advice. As always, we will be using video to illustrate techniques and solutions.

This workshop is a must for animal professionals looking to keep clients motivated when working through complex behavioural issues.

1:00 – 2:30 **WORKSHOP 6**

DANI WEINBERG

CLICKER TRAINING WITHOUT THE CLICKER – INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED

Our private, behaviour clients want just one thing: resolving the behaviour issue. Does this mean that we need to abandon clicker training? Not at all! In fact, understanding the basic principles of clicker training and knowing how to use them is essential to effective problem solving. Behaviour modification will then be much more successful – with or without the little plastic box.

1:00 – 2:30 **WORKSHOP 7**

HELIX FAIRWEATHER

CLICKER CLASS: OFF TO A GREAT START!

Considering teaching a clicker class and you wonder where to begin? Set your new clicker class up for success by teaching fast, accurate mechanical skills using TAG teach to catch your learners doing it right. We all want fluent behaviors in our dogs – your students need their own behaviors to be fluent in order to get there. Timing, treat delivery, observation, shaping, capturing and being a TAG teach learner – get your students off to a great start with fast, fun foundation skills.

20 people maximum, 7 working teams. These dogs must be clicker-savvy.

1:00 – 2:30 **WORKSHOP 8**

SEAN SENECHAL

SIGN LANGUAGE – HANDS ON (2)

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2:30 – 2:45 **BREAK**

2:45 – 4:15 **PLENARY F**

SIMON GADBOIS

APPLIED SCENT DETECTION & DISCRIMINATION OF BIOLOGICAL ORGANISMS: PATHOGENS, CONTAMINANTS, PESTS & ENDANGERED WILDLIFE

This lecture will survey the general scientific issues related to scent perception and learning in dogs from a

biological (ethological, neuroscientific) perspective and a psychological perspective.

Although dogs and other canids live in a world of odours, the study of olfactory perception (detection) and learning (more specifically, discrimination) is a challenging area of research.

Training in scent detection and tracking has seen little movement in the past 40 years, despite the fact that new applications of scent detection seem to appear every year (e.g. contraband DVDs, cancer, blood sugar levels, seizures, emotional states and mood disorders, pest insects, environmental or food contaminants, lost pets, etc.).

We are going to explore the theoretical and practical issues in applied scent detection, with biological targets (organic odours). Training ideologies and methods will be discussed. Old and new perspectives on learning and motivation will be discussed as well.

Because dogs have one of the best biological detection systems for odours, and because they are starting to get much press for their abilities, it is important for both trainers and canine researchers to follow this "biological technology" and explore further applications and implementations.

4:15 **BREAK**

4:30 – 5:45 **PLENARY G**

LANA (MITCHELL) HORTON

TRAINING & HONING INSTINCTIVE BEHAVIOURS – HERDING

There are a few basic principles behind training instinctive behaviours like herding. The triangle relationship between dog, stock and handler is explained. Dogs increase and decrease pressure in the process of herding, but the handler's job is to recognize these efforts and reinforce accordingly.

Learn where/when to click and whether to click at all. See the importance of allowing the dog to work rather than trying to tell him his job. Learn about the "pressure game" and how to turn on a reluctant or frightened dog and more. Learn how to gain control of a dog's natural herding without interfering with the dog's natural prey and herding drive. Use operant conditioning to your advantage. Find out in this interesting talk that uses herding as a base to explore the how and why of working with instinctive behaviours.

All breeds of dogs have an inherent prey drive. In some breeds prey drive manifests itself as herding, rather than chasing or hunting. These are the breeds people have chosen to assist them in handling livestock.

Herding dogs have a natural drive to control other animals through use of eye and other body language, body positioning, or threats. To capitalize on a dog's natural drive, we need to hone their natural skills, enhance those they are lacking, encourage them to do so without injuring stock, and to teach the rules of herding in a meaningful and sane manner.

Through reinforcement of correct behavior, making correct behavior easy and incorrect behavior difficult, and our own body positioning, it's not difficult to teach a talented dog with minimal aversive behavior of our own.

EVENING **LOBSTER SUPPER**

DAY 3 – MONDAY, MAY 18

7:30 – 8:20 **REGISTRATION/
BUFFET BREAKFAST**

8:00 – 8:15 **OPENING REMARKS**

8:15 – 9:45 **PLENARY H**

HEATHER LOGAN

SERVICE DOG TRAINING – INSTITUTING SERVICE DOG WORK INTO CLASSES

Heather A. Logan has been involved with the Pawsitive Directions Canine Program at Nova Institution, the Federal Prison for Women since 1996. During this time, she has applied operant conditioning to train service dogs for a variety of disabilities such as stroke victims, autistic children and Polio sufferers. Many of the exercises she has adapted for these dogs can be used in your regular daily life as well as in your obedience classes.

Wouldn't it be great for your students to be able to teach their dogs to get specific objects, take messages to certain people or even turn on and off lights? How about offering classes for expectant mothers to train useful behaviours such as targeting a specific area on the stroller when walking, getting new diapers/blankets etc when requested?

9:45 – 10:00 **BREAK**

10:00 – 11:30 **PLENARY I**

HELIX FAIRWEATHER

A TRAINING REALITY CHECK: PRESENTATION & WORKSHOP

It becomes difficult to plan where to go next if we don't know where we've been. Keeping training records to assess your progress need not be a burden. It is easy to fool ourselves that we've covered all the bases when training for fluent behaviour especially if we're anxious to get into a performance ring. Tracking your training keeps your clear and consistent. Result? Your dog becomes clear as to what you want and consistent in what he gives you. Success is a specific measure. Learning to track your success can be a reinforcer – it's all about finding ways to make it easy and do-able.

11:30 – 12:00 **DRAWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

12:00 – 1:00 **LUNCH AND TRADE SHOW**

WORKSHOPS CHOOSE 1 OF 4

1:00 – 2:30 **WORKSHOP 9**

HEATHER LOGAN

FEAR AGGRESSIVE DOGS IN YOUR CLASSES – HOW TO TAKE THE STRESS AWAY FOR BOTH STUDENTS & THEIR PETS

One of the most common behaviour problems we see in training classes is fear. If not dealt with appropriately, it can progress rapidly. Picture it, the 8 month old Lab X whose hackles are up, ears back and tail down whenever you or another student team walk by. The owner responds by telling the dog that everything is all right and petting it profusely. We've all seen it.

This seminar will cover how to motivate the owner to see this is not normal behaviour and most importantly, how it can be controlled. Thinking outside the box when applying behaviour modifying exercises will be introduced to increase confidence in the team. This will make class more enjoyable for both the instructor and the team.

1:00 – 2:30 **WORKSHOP 10**

LANA (MITCHELL) HORTON

CLICKED RETRIEVE

The nature of clicker training makes it easy to shape incorrect behavior, but that's part of the fun of clicker training. Problems in the retrieve are very easy to shape, but if you recognize the problem, understand how it got there, and then how to fix it, clicker training is even more rewarding. Getting a good HOLD – the importance of holding the dumbbell until the dog will hold the dumbbell. Work a schedule – start at the beginning and don't move on to the end until the middle is solid. Watch for problems – how to stay focused on the end result and not allow the dog to take a different route. Retrieve problems – mouthing, dropping, not fronting, moving slowly on the return. What to do when things go bad. How to play with your dog so he will bring anything to you on command. Starting puppies – puppies love retrieving and can understand object definition at an early age. Both you and your dog will benefit from this workshop on perfecting the retrieve.

6 working teams required.

1:00 – 2:30 **WORKSHOP 11**

COLLEEN PELAR

SIX THINGS PARENTS NEED TO KNOW . . . THAT ONLY DOG TRAINERS CAN TEACH THEM

Come learn the six most important things that dog trainers can teach parents. You don't need to know a lot about kids; with these simple tips, you can help parents develop safe and healthy interactions between their kids and dogs. Everywhere you look, you see dangerous kid-and-dog interactions. Babies crawling on dogs, toddlers pulling ears and tails, girls hugging and hanging on dogs, and boys rough-housing and getting dogs too excited. Where are their parents? Usually right nearby, doing nothing to change the interaction. Parents have good intentions, but they don't necessarily know what to look for and when to intervene in kid-and-dog activities. That is where guidance from an animal professional can help families live in harmony with pets. The end result – both four legged and two legged creatures are safer, happier and much less stressed. That makes good business sense.

1:00 – 2:30 **WORKSHOP 12**

HELIX FAIRWEATHER

A TRAINING REALITY CHECK

See Plenary I for description. 7 working teams. Dogs must be clicker savvy.

2:30 – 2:45 **BREAK**

WORKSHOPS CHOOSE 1 OF 4

2:45 – 4:15 **WORKSHOP 13**

LANA (MITCHELL) HORTON

HERDING 101 – HERDING WITHOUT THE SHEEP

Like many dog activities – herding requires handler training as well as dog training. This workshop teaches the human part of the herding equation what to do. Learn where to be to help your dog understand where they should be. Find the magic in creating and then taking the logical path – including all three herding elements – handler, stock, and dog. Learn why it is important for your dog to have a firm foundation in basic obedience cues before introducing your dog to livestock. Hint: making the sheep run for their life is not a great way to start!

Gain a better understanding of the importance of "dry-work" – working without livestock. Discover fun dry-work games and then how to use those skills to transition to working with actual stock. Herding dry-work emphasizes control and direction – and can be fun even for non-herding breeds. Whether you want a better understanding of the mechanics of dog and handler in herding or just want better control and focus from your dog – this workshop is for you.

2:45 – 4:15 **WORKSHOP 14**

SIMON GADBOIS

UNDERSTANDING RESEARCH AND RESEARCHERS

This lecture is about penetrating the deep and fascinating world of science and scientists. Well, o.k., maybe not so fascinating. But why should you care? Why do some scientists seem to have an attitude when you tell them about canine behaviour or training techniques? Why are they so obsessed with data, statistics, procedures, methodologies and protocols? Why is the communication between dog trainers and scientists sometimes so challenging?

This lecture will investigate the reasons why the scientific culture is the way it is and why scientists often do not agree with each other (e.g., animal psychologists vs. ethologists), and, most importantly, why that tension is so important to the advancement of science and of our understanding of canine behaviour and the canine brain. The rationale behind the major scientific traditions and methods will be explained and the relevance to applied animal behaviour research, including training, will be covered. You will learn about scientific methodologies with concrete canine examples. Hopefully, through a better mutual understanding, we can foster a better relationship between our two communities: Both sides can benefit!

2:45 – 4:15 **WORKSHOP 15**

HELIX FAIRWEATHER & DAN I WEINBERG

PUT PIZZAZZ IN YOUR TRAINING – ADVANCED

Do you have a lot of clicker trained behaviours that are in progress but not finished? Let's put some pizzazz in those behaviours! With good stimulus control and fluency, we can create behaviour chains using cues in place of the click. Participants with dogs will be expected to have some behaviours in progress and some fluent behaviours on good stimulus control in order to have fun making chains.

2:45 – 4:15 **WORKSHOP 16**

TRISH KING

DOG MEETS DOG

In this era of doggie daycares, dog walkers and dog parks, many of our canine companions have lost or have never learned the fine art of meeting other dogs politely. It's a skill that should be taught when dogs are youngsters, though dogs can learn it when they're older. In this presentation, we'll use conversation and video to illustrate what good and bad body language looks like, and how to help our clients' dogs learn to communicate properly.

4:15

BREAK/PANEL SETUP

4:30 – 5:30

**PANEL DISCUSSION
ALL SPEAKERS Q&A**

5:30

CLOSING REMARKS

VENUE INFORMATION

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ROBIN BENNETT

Robin Bennett is the co-owner of All About Dogs, the largest dog training company in Virginia. Since beginning her company in 1993 she has grown from a sole proprietorship to a Corporation that boasts twelve instructors teaching private lessons as well as numerous group classes and behavior modification lessons for shy, fearful and aggressive dogs. Robin has an excellent working relationship with local veterinarians as well as the Prince William Animal Control Bureau. She is regularly recommended by both groups to evaluate potentially dangerous dogs.

Robin successfully owned and operated her own dog daycare for many years. Her book *All About Dog Daycare: A Blueprint for Success* is the number one reference on owning a daycare, and Robin is a highly sought-after speaker on numerous dog daycare and playgroup topics around the country. Her latest book, *Off-Leash Dog Play*, is the leading source for those who want to learn how to keep dogs safe in playgroups. She is an active member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) and has a B.A. degree from Roanoke College. Robin regularly attends dog training seminars, has earned Level 1 certification through the Certification Council for Pet Dog Trainers (CCPDT), the first national certification for dog trainers.

Robin's expertise is regularly tapped by the media. Recent press includes a mention in *Washingtonian Magazine* as one of the best training facilities in the DC area, the *Washington Post*, the *Potomac News*, *BARK Magazine*, *Dogs USA Magazine* and *Training Secrets for Rottweilers Magazine*.

JEAN DODDS

Dr. Dodds received the D.V.M. degree with honors in 1964 from the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Toronto. In 1965 she accepted a position with the New York State Health Department in Albany and began comparative studies of animals with inherited and acquired bleeding diseases. Her position there began as

a Research Scientist and culminated as Chief, Laboratory of Hematology, Wadsworth Center.

In 1980 she also became Executive Director, New York State Council on Human Blood and Transfusion Services. This work continued full-time until 1986 when she moved to Southern California to establish Hemopet, the first nonprofit national blood bank program for animals.

From 1965-1986, she was a member of many national and international committees on hematology, animal models of human disease, veterinary medicine, and laboratory animal science. Dr. Dodds was a grantee of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NIH) and has over 150 research publications.

She was formerly President of the Scientist's Center for Animal Welfare; and Chairman of the Committee on Veterinary Medical Sciences and Vice-Chairman of the Institute of Laboratory Animal Resources, National Academy of Sciences. In 1974 Dr. Dodds was selected as Outstanding Woman Veterinarian of the Year, AVMA Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado; in 1977 received the Region I Award for Outstanding Service to the Veterinary Profession from the American Animal Hospital Association, Cherry Hill, New Jersey; in 1978 and 1990 received the Gaines Fido Award as Dogdom's Woman of the Year; and the Award of Merit in 1978 in Recognition of Special Contributions to the Veterinary Profession from the American Animal Hospital Association, Salt Lake City, Utah.

In 1984 she was awarded the Centennial Medal from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. In 1987 she was elected a distinguished Practitioner of the National Academy of Practice in Veterinary Medicine. In 1994 she was given the Holistic Veterinarian of the Year Award from the American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association. She was the Editor of *Advances in Veterinary Science and Comparative Medicine* for Academic Press, and is an active member of numerous professional societies. She was recently a member of the National Research Council/BANR Committee on National Needs for Research in Veterinary Science, which released its report in July 2005. She is an inventor on numerous patents.

Hemopet began in 1986 and its range of nonprofit services and educational activities include:

- Providing canine blood components, blood bank supplies, and related services
- Adopting retired Greyhound blood donors as companions through Pet Life-Line
- Contributing to the social needs of the less fortunate in our society by volunteer and interactive programs with the Greyhounds
- Consulting in clinical pathology through Hemolife
- Teaching, animal health care professionals, companion animal fanciers, and pet owners on hematology and blood banking, immunology, endocrinology, nutrition and holistic medicine, nationwide and overseas

HELIX FAIRWEATHER

Helix Fairweather has been training with operant conditioning since 1996 and is truly committed to this way of communicating with dogs. She teaches Clicker Trained Dog Agility classes and Beginning Clicker Training classes at her home in Oregon and offers private consultations helping people and their dogs learn to live together and have fun. She also teaches online agility classes for clicker trainers to homeschool their clicker-trained agility dog prior to taking a local agility class. Helix is a contributing author to *Clean Run* magazine and *The Clicker Journal* and has been a ClickerExpo faculty

member for four years to date. She is a faculty member at the Karen Pryor Academy.

Helix has a BS in physics from Oregon State University and an MS in physics and astrophysics from the University of New Mexico. She says, "I went off to grad school to be an astrophysicist and came back home hooked on dog training." Helix is an active agility competitor in the Pacific Northwest and has attended seminars with many top competitors. In July, 2000 she completed the White Mountain Agility School Instructors' Certification Program.

SIMON GADBOIS

Simon Gadbois completed his doctoral studies in Animal Behaviour at Dalhousie University (Halifax). He focused on non-invasive studies of the relationship between hormones and social behaviour in wolves, as well as action sequences in wild canids (wolves, coyotes, and red foxes) in the context of food hiding behaviour. More recently, he has been involved in studying affiliative behaviours (e.g., play, greeting behaviours) in wolves, cognition in dogs and finally, scent (olfactory) detection and discrimination in dogs with various applications. He has been teaching animal behaviour and behavioural neuroscience at Dalhousie University since 1996.

LANA (MITCHELL) HORTON

I've had dogs most of my life. Our family dogs did interesting tricks including pulling me on my sled in the winter, and I never got tired of teaching new and strange behaviors. While most kids sing and dance to show off at family gatherings, I showed off my dogs' tricks.

As an adult and small-time horse rancher, my dogs performed interesting chores like getting tools for me, holding horses, and moving cattle to the cutting arena. A friend was over one day when I was rewiring a horse trailer and witnessed my dog running first to the barn for a screwdriver, and then for my boots. A long-time Aussie breeder and breed ring exhibitor, she was amazed. She spread the word, and I got pulled into service dog training.

One of my dogs, a Doberman, had a CDX when I got her and a neighbor was an obedience exhibitor, so it was natural progression for me to venture into the obedience ring in the mid-1980s. The bug immediately bit and I started training for obedience rather than just farm chores. The first puppy I trained was a Rhodesian Ridgeback, who earned her UD at 3 years old with many first places and High In Trials. She maintained her status as #1 chore dog on the farm, but was also a welcome member on camping trips where she performed chores like bringing in any horse that wore a rope, warning of strangers nearby, chasing off bears, and dragging large branches to the campfire; she was brilliant.

I started herding in 1987 with my Ridgeback due to a need to move cattle from a pasture into the cutting arena; it couldn't be done with just one horse. Figuring a dog would help, I found a trainer, learned a bit about herding, and found that one horse and one well-trained dog could easily move cattle to a place they didn't want to go. The herding bug bit me some back then, but only for moving stock, since AKC didn't yet have a herding program.

My training methods were "interesting" 20 years ago, using a lot of force methods, but my next puppy was a herding breed, a rough Collie who didn't tolerate force training too well. A friend and I were talking about it one day and she mentioned Karen Pryor, who lived about 40 miles away from me.

I contacted Karen Pryor and we began sharing training information. My understanding of intricate behaviors and hers of operant conditioning greatly expanded our combined knowledge base. We not only became friends, but also did several seminars together over the next few years. We continually experimented, solved problems, and honed our skills.

It was during this time I came up with the "Penalty Yards" method of shaping dogs not to pull. It was first demonstrated at one of our seminars and within a few days was adopted all over the world. I found this amazing, mostly because I realized I had come up with something nobody had thought of before. That's when I came to truly believe that creativity is paramount in clicker training.

TRISH KING

CPDT (Certified Pet Dog Trainer)
CDBC (Certified Dog Behavior Counselor)

Trish King is the Director of the Animal Behavior & Training Department at the Marin Humane Society in Marin County, California, and the author of two books for dog owners, [Parenting Your Dog](#) (TFH Publications) and [DogSense](#), a workbook published by the Marin Humane Society.

Besides running the B&T department, Trish teaches workshops and seminars on behavior, canine management, temperament assessment, and handling difficult dogs. She established the Canine Behavior Academy at the Marin Humane Society for new or interested trainers, which covers training theory and techniques, handling dogs and teaching people. She is a popular speaker and has presented at several well-known venues, including Association of Pet Dog Trainer Conferences, the Animal Care Conference, Humane Society of the United States and American Humane Association.

Trish shares her home with a formerly stray German Shepherd, two Australian Shepherds, and a Bull Terrier/Heeler/something mix.

HEATHER LOGAN

When she was 12, Heather Logan, trained her collie mix, Kim, to retrieve, after watching a neighbour working his Labrador Retrievers. Kim went on to become an indispensable mink retriever during the 1960s on the family's mink ranch. Heather became hooked on animal behaviour and training. She has trained thousands of dogs during her career, as well as many other species, including goats, alpacas, cats, cows, chickens, rabbits, horses, mink, as well as a grizzly bear and a giraffe. She has had the privilege to study animal behaviour and training methods under some of the best instructors in the world, including 3 levels with Marian Breland Bailey and Bob Bailey. This has given her extensive insight into Operant Conditioning Behaviour Analysis as a training method. Other trainers with whom she has had the honour to study include Karen Pryor, Gary Wilkes, Sylvia Bishop, Job Michael Evans, Jack Godsil, Bob Self and Ernie Brown.

After receiving her degree in Animal Science from the Nova Scotia Agricultural College in 1970, she opened Cloverfield Kennels in 1971. In addition to breeding Labrador Retrievers, she developed Cloverfield into a boarding facility with the capacity to house 50 dogs, along with cats and other small animals. Cloverfield made the Top Ten list for Canada and was highlighted in *Dogs in Canada* magazine in January, 1993.

In 1995, Corrections Services Canada invited her to design and implement a dog-training program for Nova Institution, the Federal Prison for Women, in Truro, Nova Scotia. Pawsitive Directions Canine Program involves much more than training assistance dogs. Heather is also teaching the women inmates to incorporate the principles of operant conditioning behaviour analysis into all areas of their lives. Many graduates of Pawsitive Directions go on to work in related businesses such as veterinary clinics, dog daycares and kennels. Some have opened their own canine related businesses. This program has been written up in *Dogs in Canada*, *Dogs with Jobs*, *Readers Digest* and a recently released book *More Great Dog Stories*. Heather's work has been profiled on television programs such as *Fifth Estate*, *Live at Five* and *Dogs with Jobs*. Pawsitive Directions Canine Program has been highlighted as a top priority program in Canada for the years 2000 to present and, in December, 2005, in Paris, France, became the only program to be highlighted at the International Corrections Program Symposium.

Cloverfield Animal Behaviour Services offered five levels of obedience training classes to the public over a 25-year period. Heather now specializes in behaviour consultations, public lectures and training seminars. Since 1997, she has given lectures yearly at the Atlantic Veterinary College, University of Prince Edward Island on Operant Conditioning Behaviour Analysis. Heather also teaches a program she developed for the Nova Scotia Agricultural College during the winter semesters.

COLLEEN PELAR

With more than 17 years of experience helping parents navigate the challenges living with kids and dogs, Colleen Pelar has honed a unique perspective filled with humor and practical, easy-to-implement tips for success. Colleen wants to ensure that kids and dogs have happy, healthy relationships.

Living with Kids and Dogs . . . Without Losing Your Mind is the only book that covers the dog-related needs of each stage of childhood from birth through the teen years. Recognizing that this book filled a pressing need, the Humane Society of the United States bestowed its prestigious Compassionate Care Award on Colleen. *Living with Kids and Dogs* is also a proud winner of the Parent-to-Parent Adding Wisdom Award and the National Association of Parenting Publications Gold Award.

As co-owner of All About Dogs, LLC, the largest dog-training facility in northern Virginia, Colleen oversees numerous group classes, private lessons, behavioral evaluations, and behavior modification programs. Named one of the best training facilities in the DC area by Washingtonian magazine, All About Dogs caters to families and looks for ways to help parents successfully integrate a dog into their busy lives.

Colleen is an active member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT), the International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants (IAABC), Toastmasters International, and the Dog Writers Association of America (DWAA); she has a B.A. from Penn State. Colleen regularly attends dog-training seminars and has earned the Certified Pet Dog Trainer (CPDT) and Certified Dog Behavior Consultant (CDBC) titles.

SEAN SENECHAL

Sean Senechal is the founder of ANIMALSIGN Center (www.animalsign.org) where she is an animal language educator. Her revolutionary approach has been endorsed by the Koko (Gorilla) Foundation, Roger Abrantes (the world dog language expert), veterinarians, and local clients. A cognitive physiologist, she examines the

capability of dogs, cats and horses to learn language. She gives workshops and seminars in person, by radio, and tele-conference, and has been featured on Animal Planet.

Sean Senechal is a college instructor in Biology, Behavior, and Cognition, focusing on animal communication. She has lectured at UC Davis, CSUMB, and Hartnell College's Animal Health Technology program, and the Assistance Dog Institute. She teaches AnimalSign Language at her center and at CSUMB (Cal. State Monterey Bay) Olli program. Ms. Senechal has attended UC Berkeley, SF State, and UC Davis, and is a member of AAAS, American Behavior Society & Assoc. of Pet Dog Trainers. Her book *ANIMALSIGN To You. Imagine! Signing Is Not Just for Primates Anymore* explains a breakthrough method enabling animals to better communicate TO you.

DANI WEINBERG

Dani Weinberg lives in New Mexico with her husband, Jerry, and their German shepherds. She has been teaching dog training and doing behavior consulting for many years, and has trained and titled her own dogs in competition obedience, tracking, and herding. Dani is the author of *Teaching People Teaching Dogs*, published in 2006, and numerous journal articles about dog training and instructing.

Dani has a PhD in anthropology and was a university professor and an organizational consultant before becoming a fulltime dog trainer. She brings her knowledge about learning and communication to her work with dogs. Dani calls her practice "Dogs & Their People," and that captures her interest in helping people enhance their relationships with their dogs. Dani is a Certified Dog Behavior Consultant through the International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants, and an Animal Evaluator for the Delta Society's Pet Partners program. She is also a Field Instructor for Paws With a Cause, a national organization that trains and places assistance dogs. She is a faculty member with the Karen Pryor Academy.