

# THE APDT CONFERENCE PROGRAM

## SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER

## DAY 1

08.30am – 08.45am	Conference Opening - APDT President Karin Bridge
08.45am - 10.15am	<b>Dr Pam Reid - The Stages of an Excel-erated Training Program</b> A top-notch reward-based training program proceeds through stages: (1) get the behaviour to happen, (2) reward the behaviour, (3) achieve reliability, (4) add the cue, (5) generalize and proof the behaviour, and (6) maintain the training. We'll delve into each of these stages to ensure maximally effective and efficient learning for your dog.
10.15am - 10.45am	Morning Tea
10.45am – 12.15pm	<b>Dr Pam Reid - The Stages of Excel-erated Learning Training Program (continued)</b>
12.15pm – 01.15pm	Lunch
01.15pm – 02.00pm	Guest Speaker: Dr Paul McGreevy
02.00pm – 03.30pm	<b>Sarah Kalnajs - Serious Aggression in Puppies</b> Puppies under 16 weeks of age have the capacity to exhibit worrisome issues including severe fear, resource guarding, offensive aggression and overconfidence. It is critical for trainers that offer puppy classes or in-home services to learn how to recognize early signs of aggression seen at this age and the importance of early behavioral intervention, before the behavior was worsened through rehearsal and practice. All too often aggression in puppies is perceived as harmless and dismissed with the belief that they'll "grow out of it."
03.30pm - 04.00pm	Afternoon Tea
04.90pm – 05.30pm	<b>Sarah Kalnajs - Serious Aggression in Puppies (continued)</b>
06.00pm	<b>APDT AGM</b>

## SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER

## DAY 2

08.45am – 09.00am	Welcome - APDT President Karin Bridge
09.00am - 10.30am	<b>Sarah Kalnajs - Life in the Doghouse: Living and working in a multi-dog household</b> Recent pet ownership data reveals that almost half of dog owners in the United States live in homes with more than one dog. Multiple dog households present distinct challenges from both a training and behavior management perspective. This presentation examines the unique challenges of living in a multi-dog household (and solutions to those challenges) as well as focusing on the importance of proper introductions of new canine household members.
10.30am - 11.00am	Morning Tea
11.00am – 12.30pm	<b>Sarah Kalnajs - Life in the Doghouse: Living and working in a multi-dog household (continued)</b>
12.30pm - 01.30pm	Lunch

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01.30pm – 03.00pm	<b>Pam Reid - ADVANCED</b> - This topic caters for trainers with a thorough and extensive knowledge of learning theory and it's practical application who are looking for in-depth technique analysis <b>Train on the Cutting Edge: Advanced training theory for top achievers</b> Are you a closet training geek? Do you lie awake at night thinking of the best way to teach your dog a new trick? Do you obsess about whether your cues are overshadowed and your secondary reinforcers conditioned optimally? Do you use a random number generator to plan your reinforcement schedule? Have you read Ken Ramirez's Animal Training from cover to cover and longed for a second volume? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, this workshop is for you! Put away your clicker and come spend the day immersed in CRs, RRs, and NRMs at the advanced training theory presentation.	<b>Sarah Kalnajs - BEGINNERS</b> <b>S.1: Back to Basics - The five cues every good dog should know</b> In this presentation Sarah will present five key foundation behaviors using positive reinforcement training methods and demonstration dogs (or video) that are the building blocks of the "perfect" family dog. Whether you are a group trainer or private trainer, this presentation will give you the tools and know-how to successfully train your clients and their dogs.
03.00pm - 03.30pm	Afternoon Tea	
03.30pm – 05.00pm	<b>Pam Reid - ADVANCED</b> <b>Train on the Cutting Edge: Advanced training theory for top achievers (continued)</b>	<b>Sarah Kalnajs - INTERMEDIATE</b> <b>S 2: Puppy Head Start</b> This presentation will explore the Puppy Head Start program designed by Sarah Kalnajs. It is designed to supplement group puppy classes and fill in the gaps that typically aren't covered in class.
07.30pm	<b>Conference Dinner</b>	

# THE APDT CONFERENCE PROGRAM

**MONDAY 5 OCTOBER**

**DAY 3**

08.45am – 09.00am	Welcome - APDT President Karin Bridge Introduction of Committee for 09/10 Announcements of Awards
09.00am - 10.30am	<b>Dr Pam Reid - Canine Cognition: A glimpse into the Dog's mind</b>  Dogs' mental capabilities have been featured in Science and a host of popular media. Dogs were rarely subjects for psychological research, thanks to their extensive domestication. Now, dogs are the focus of work on cognition precisely because of their history of co-existence with humans and they are out-performing primates!
10.30am - 11.00am	Morning Tea
11.00am – 12.30pm	<b>Dr Pam Reid - Desensitising and Counter Conditioning</b>  If you work with dogs, you will need to use desensitization and counter conditioning (DSCC). DSCC is the foundation technique used to treat most dog behaviour problems, from minor to severe. DSCC changes an animal's response to a stimulus by repeatedly presenting it at such a low level that the animal's arousal is kept to a minimum, thereby setting the animal up to habituate. Concurrently, the stimulus is paired with an outcome that elicits responses motivationally or physically incompatible with the maladaptive response. The problem response originally exhibited by the animal is "countered" by a new and different association. In this presentation, I describe how the procedure works, demonstrate applying the procedure to a variety of behaviour problems including fear and aggression, and outline the benefits and limitations of the procedure.
12.30pm - 01.30pm	Lunch
01.30pm – 03.00pm	<b>Sarah Kalnajs - Guarding: Food, bones, toys and beyond</b>  Say "resource guarding" and most people think of dogs that aggress over food, bones and toys when, in fact, guarding is the basis of many other behavior problems as well. This presentation looks at a wide range of guarding behaviors and helps participants recognize the subtle commonalties that underlie all of them.
03.00pm - 03.30pm	Afternoon Tea
03.30pm – 05.00pm	<b>Dr Pam Reid - Dominance Theory: Are we throwing the baby out with the bathwater?</b>  The notion that dogs necessarily invoke dominance during interactions is pervasive amongst trainers and laypeople alike. However, a backlash of protest from some trainers rejects the concept of dominance in its entirety. I argue that this is rash – we should acknowledge that something akin to dominance exists in the dog but that this mustn't prompt us into antagonistic relationships with dogs.
05.00pm	Conference Close - APDT President Karin Bridge



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