

Hilltop Dog Training is pleased to present

Seminar Title: *Kathy Sdao Unplugged; So Many Choices*

Date: February 5 & 6, 2011 in Victoria, BC (Brentwood Bay Hall)

Speaker: Kathy Sdao, MA, ACAAB

Seminar Description:

Dog training is an activity designed to elicit, modify and control the behaviors of dogs. It requires cognitive skill as well as physical skill and it obliges dog trainers to make seemingly endless choices about methods, tools and priorities. From the initial choice of how to “get” the desired dog-behavior to occur, to later decisions about how to integrate the learned behavior into the dog’s repertoire and daily life, the trainer must consider practicality, expediency and the dog’s emotional welfare.

We dog trainers aspire to make the best choices possible. And so we continue to educate ourselves, by studying the science, by watching great trainers in action, by brainstorming ideas and then trying them out with our own dogs, and by discussing concepts with our colleagues. This workshop will include all these activities. We’ll combine lecture segments about the practical application of SMART (See, Mark and Reward Training) with plenty of dog-training exercises, demonstrations, games and time for questions. Think of this workshop as a chance to participate in a two-day “trainers’ think tank.”

Saturday Workshop Schedule	Sunday Workshop Schedule
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Lecture: Ways to get behavior•Game: Exploring various ways to get behavior•Training: Make a plan for novel behavior 1•Lecture: SMART review•Training: Begin training novel behavior 1•Lecture: Reinforce•Game: What’s on the menu?•Lecture & discussion: +R options•Training: Continue training novel behavior 1•Lecture: Preserving reinforcers & punishers•Demos•Q & A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Q & A•Training: Make a plan for novel behavior 2•Lecture: Mark•Training: Begin novel behavior 2•Lecture & discussion: See•Game: What do you see?•Demo: Score yourself•Training: Continue training novel behavior 2•Lecture & discussion: The other “S” -- set-up•Training: Final training for novel behavior 2•Lecture: What about cues?•Demos

Kathy Sdao, MA, ACAAB

Dog problems are all unique, and range from simple to difficult to fix or manage. Dog behaviorists in Seattle run the gamut in terms of their skill and experience.

Kathy Sdao is a world-renowned associate Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist. While CAABs are at the top of the dog behaviorist food-chain in terms of education and knowledge, Kathy also has decades of hands-on animal training experience to add to her scientific understanding of dogs and their problems.

(Sdao is pronounced Suh Day Oh with Suh said quickly.)

Here are some of the requirements to become a Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist. CAABs must have:

- Completed post-graduate education receiving a Master's (2-year full time) or Ph.D.(4-year full time) degree in a behavioral science, or DVM or VMD degree with a behavioral residency.
- Passed rigorous oral and written examinations given by their faculty committees.
- Published articles in scientific journals.
- Supervised hands-on experience with animals.
- Met the course work and experience requirements for certification as set forth by the Animal Behavior Society.

Kathy Sdao has been a full-time animal trainer for the past two decades. Kathy graduated summa cum laude from Niagara University with a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1983. She went on to obtain her master's degree in Experimental Psychology at the University of Hawaii, where she worked with Dr. Louis Herman as part of a team that trained dolphins to solve complex cognitive puzzles.

She later worked for the U.S. Navy (Department of Defense) training dolphins with positive reinforcement for applied open-ocean tasks like land mine destruction. She also worked for the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium in Tacoma, Washington, training whales, walruses, porpoises, and seals. In 1995, Kathy started the first dog daycare in Tacoma, where she had a great chance to observe and train dogs.

Kathy's dog behavior consulting business, Bright Spot Dog Training, is based in Tacoma. Her private sessions at Ahimsa are held in Seattle. Kathy is a featured speaker at dog training conferences and workshops around the world, and presents regularly for the Association of Pet Dog Trainers, Guide Dogs for the Blind, and Clicker Expo. She lives in Tacoma with her two dogs, Effie and Nick.

Cost for both days:

Working - limited to 10 working spots: 1 dog, 1 handler, \$375

Auditing - limited 20 spots: \$275.....no dogs, please!

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