



2020 Shelter Behavior & Enrichment Conference Agenda

Overview: At this educational event, participants will be exposed to the scientific, theoretical, and ethical foundations that inform the Shelter Playgroup Alliance guidelines, as well as practical applications of those foundations to animal sheltering.

Learning objectives:

- Describe the evidence supporting the claim that “choice is a primary reinforcer”.
- Articulate how emotion impacts behavior
- List species-typical behaviors for canids and describe enrichment strategies that facilitate those behaviors
- Describe the process of introducing dogs that adheres to the LIMA and promotes choice to opt-into inter-dog interactions
- List the tools used to manage inter-dog play that adhere to the LIMA framework
- Articulate the process for, and identify behaviors that, prompt breaks in SPA-based play

Friday, May 15th - Science Friday

Time	Topic	Presenter
9:15 am	Welcome and Technology Overview	
9:30 am	The Learning Planet	Dr. Susan Friedman
10:30 am	Break + Optional Discussion Groups	
11:00 am	The Learning Planet	Dr. Susan Friedman
12:30 pm	Lunch + Optional Discussion Groups	
1:30 pm	Emotions Inside-Out	Dr. Susan Friedman
2:30 pm	Break + Optional Discussion Groups	
3:00 pm	Enhancing Welfare by Increasing Control	Dr. Susan Friedman

Saturday, May 16th - Enrichment Saturday

Time	Topic	Presenter
9:15 am	Welcome	
9:30 am	Enrichment and play	Jean Lessard
10:30 am	Break + Optional Discussion Groups	
11:00 am	Enrichment and play	Jean Lessard
12:00 pm	Lunch + Optional Discussion Groups	
1:30 pm	Enrichment in shelters	Mik Moeller
2:30 pm	Break + Optional Discussion Groups	
3:00 pm	Enrichment in shelters	Mik Moeller

Sunday, May 17th - Playgroup Sunday

Time	Topic	Presenter
9:15 am	Welcome	
9:00 am	Playgroup research data	Dr. Lindsay Mehrkam
10:30 am	Break + Optional Discussion Groups	
11:00 am	Playgroup research data	Dr. Lindsay Mehrkam
12:00 pm	Lunch + Optional Discussion Groups	
1:30 pm	SPA Guidelines	Mara Velez
2:30 pm	Break + Optional Discussion Groups	
3:00 pm	SPA Guidelines	Mara Velez



2020 Shelter Behavior & Enrichment Pre-Conference Agenda

Overview: The pre-conference activities will enhance attendees understanding of either canine behavior or concepts related to captive and companion animal enrichment strategies that enhance animal welfare.

Learning objectives:

- Describe how enrichment strategies can facilitate species-typical behaviors
- Articulate the functions of behavior
- List and describe common behaviors in canines

Thursday, May 14th - Behavior Basics

Time	Topic	Presenter
9:00 am	Welcome and Technology Overview	
9:30 am	Foundations of canine behavior	Lisa Mullinax
10:30 am	Break + Optional Discussion Groups	
11:00 am	Foundations of canine behavior	Lisa Mullinax
12:00 pm	Lunch + Optional Discussion Groups	
1:30 pm	Principles of behavior modification	Lisa Mullinax
3:30 pm	Close + Discussion Groups	