

SPEAKERS' PROGRAM at The Petnership Project

Sponsored by The Healing Place Veterinary Team



Saturday, April 30, 2011

DAY 1 – AN INTRODUCTION TO HOLISTIC HEALTH FOR ANIMALS

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Times:	Topics & Locations:	Presenters:	Description:
10:30am-12:00noon	A Holistic Approach to Cancer Prevention and Long Life	Dr. Peter Dobias, DVM <i>Healing Solutions & Green Min</i>	Are you hoping that your beloved companion animal will live a long cancer-free life? Don't sit back and worry! Learn why most cancer can be prevented and how you can reduce the chance of cancer even in the most predisposed breeds.
12:00-12:45pm	The 10 Most Commonly Used Herbal Medicines for Animals	Loridawn Gordon, DMV <i>Homeovetbc</i>	Using herbs is what nature intended! Using the whole leaf, root, flower, or seed ensures that a variety of compounds occurring naturally in the plant are available, as the body needs them. In addition to treating the ailment , that same herb will often improve the immune system, digestion, and vitality of the whole patient . Herbs are particularly great for older dogs that can't handle stronger medications. This informative workshop will provide a summary of the more common herbal treatments used for cats, dogs, and horses —why they work, when to use them, and how to use them most effectively—and which ones you can grow yourself!
12:00-1:30pm	Moving from a fear-based, dominance model to a positive (free-shaping or choice-based) training model	Kathy Gibson <i>Custom Canine</i> Bob Eden <i>K9 Academy for Law Enforcement</i> Gary Gibson <i>Custom Canine</i>	What exactly is positive dog training? More and more trainers are realizing that a fear-based, dominance model doesn't work, including K9 police handlers who are also moving to a positive training model. This exciting panel discussion will discuss free-shaping and choice approaches from the pet guardians' perspective (Kathy Gibson), the working dog/K9 handler perspective (Bob Eden), and from a behavioural/aggression perspective (Gary Gibson), to provide an overview of how/why positive training can work in all circumstances.
1:30-2:15pm	An Introduction to Prevention and Holistic Approaches to Animal Health	Julie Anne Lee, DCH RCShom; Dr. David Ruish, DVM <i>Healing Place Vet Clinic</i>	While there are many ways to keep your companion animal healthy, it may surprise you that there are TWO that top the list from a holistic perspective: 1) Research continues to confirm that over vaccination of dogs and cats can have catastrophic effects on their health , and 2) Choosing a species appropriate diet will assist in building a healthy immune system which in turn helps to prevents illnesses and allergies . This session will talk in detail about both of these, as well as other healthy approaches to animal health.

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1:30-2:15pm	Personality Profiling...for Your Dog?	Kathy Gibson <i>Custom Canine</i>	Is your dog a 'doer', a 'thinker', or a 'feeler'? Do they meet life head on, or does life meet them? You've heard of people fitting into different personality profiles—but did you know your dog ALSO has a personality profile? Come and learn how and why understanding their (and your) profile is so important from a training perspective—and a living perspective! Then get your dog a 10-minute assessment at the show! This is an informative and fun way of profiling your dog (using a 9 point Enneagram).
2:30-3:15pm	Integrating Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine into Animal Health Care	Dr. Sue Pollen, DVM <i>Private Vet Practice</i>	When your dog or cat starts to suffer from pain related to arthritis or hip dysplasia, it can be a long process to find a way to help ease the suffering. More veterinarians and owners are turning to acupuncture to treat cats, dogs, and horses . This session will review Traditional Chinese Medicine principles and how they apply to animals. There will also be a live demonstration.
3:00-4:25pm	How to Make Your Own Raw Food	Dakota Bawden Tutte <i>True Carnivores</i> Inna Shekhtman <i>Red Dog Deli</i>	Are you interested in feeding raw food to your dog or cat, but think it might be too expensive or difficult to do? Come to this fun, hands-on discussion and demonstration about how to make raw food for your cat or dog safely and effectively .
3:30-5:00pm	Is Your Dog's Food a Silent Killer?	Franco Cavaleiri <i>Biologic Vet</i>	Feeding and nourishing your pet is not the same thing. We can raise the level of natural resilience to disease through proper nutrition and by understanding the biology and chemical components that cause foods' reactions in our pets' bodies . This seminar will explain how!

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DAY 2 – HOLISTIC CARE – THE NEXT LEVEL

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10:30-11:15am	Deed not Breed— Building Better Animal Welfare Laws	Shelagh Begg <i>HugABull</i>	Responsible owners create good canine neighbours , however many people aren't aware that dog legislation throughout BC misses this fundamental point. This session will speak about current trends in dog legislation—what is working, where it fails, and what we can do to ensure safe and humane communities for dogs and humans alike.
11:30am-1:30pm	The Empowered Pet Guardian	Julie Anne Lee, DCH RCShom Dr. David Ruish, DVM <i>Healing Place Vet Clinic</i>	How do you, as your animals' loving guardian, educate yourself to make INFORMED decisions about their health? Learn the details behind blood work, titer results, radiology, and ultrasounds. Learn what questions to ask your vet , when to do surgery or not, and how to make the best choices on a limited budget . This session will provide a checklist of information and questions designed to help you make sound choices for your pet.
11:00-11:45am	The Importance of Play!	Alice Fisher <i>DOGSmart Training</i>	This multi-faceted session covers the important topic of play for companion animals . What is play to an animal? What does play look like, what does it teach us, and how does it build the bond? What are the physical and psychological needs that are met and the changes that are made during play. This and more will be discussed, including fun and innovative games to play with your companion animal .
12:30-1:15pm	Advanced Training— Destroying the Myth of the Dominance Model	Kathy Gibson <i>Custom Canine</i>	TV programs have promoted the idea that 'dominating' our dogs is the only way to 'train' and create 'obedience'. But what happens when dominance models (or coercion or punishment models) don't work? Where do we go from there?
1:30-2:15pm	Not Fit for a Dog (or Cat)	Dr. Meg Smart, DVM <i>Dept. of Small Animal Clinical Studies, Western College of Veterinary Medicine, Saskatchewan</i>	Dr. Meg Smart, Professor, Dept. of Small Animal Clinical Studies, Western College of Veterinary Medicine, Saskatchewan , has dedicated a large part of her career to researching the truth about manufactured dog and cat food, including vet therapeutic diets . In this lecture she will explain what AAFCO standards mean, what happens to food when it's processed, and provide a critical evaluation of the science behind vet prescribed/recommended diets .

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1:30-2:15pm	Animal Massage for You and Your Pet	Kathy Garland <i>Harmony Animal Massage</i>	The benefit of massage for humans and animals is well known. This is a hands-on demonstration and discussion of animal massage techniques you can use to reduce stress and enhance the health and well-being of your pet. Learn a combination of basic massage strokes and TTouches you can incorporate into your daily interactions with your companion animal.
2:30-3:15pm	Alternatives to Drugs and Surgery—Stem Cell, Laser and Prolotherapy	Speakers to be announced.	Medicine is advancing by leaps and bounds and veterinary medicine is no exception. Come and hear the latest about some of the new, leading edge, non-invasive ways to manage your dog and/or cat's pain , and learn about new alternatives to expensive and painful surgery .
2:30-3:15	Dental Hygiene	Roz Rickards <i>Sparkle Bark</i>	Did you know that many serious illnesses can start from the plaque and bacteria in your dog's or cat's mouth ? This important session will cover the benefits of regular oral hygiene for your four-legged family member, including when and how to brush your dog's teeth, diet, when to see a vet for dental concerns and much more.
3:30-4:15pm	Pets as Soulmates	Shiri Joshua, MA <i>S.O.U.L. Academy</i>	Many animal lovers would attest that a life shared with companion animals is richer , and that they feel a greater sense of purpose and joy in their connection with their pets . Through sharing stories about our relationships and the lessons learned, we will discuss what our animals teach us when they are here—and what they still teach us when they are gone.
3:30-4:15pm	Disaster Preparedness for Your Animals	Heather Ferguson <i>Canadian Disaster Animal Response Team (CDART)</i>	In light of recent events in Japan, preparing for a natural disaster becomes even more important. This presentation will cover how to prepare a 'grab and go' bag for each pet (and yourself) , and cover the information and supplies that must be included. What kind of support is available in your local community and what can you do to prepare your family, mentally and physically, to respond to emergency situations will also be addressed.