



## AGENDA

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### ***Friday – April 20, 2018***

- 2:00p - 5:00p Registration Open  
4:00p – 6:00p Exhibitor Hall Open  
6:00p – 7:30p Dinner & Keynote Speaker  
**Patricia McConnell, PhD, CAAB, McConnell Publishing** - Creating and maintaining resilience in working dogs  
Sponsor: Dogwise  
7:30p – 8:30p Welcome Reception & Exhibitor Hall Open (cash bar)

### ***Saturday – April 21, 2018***

- 7:00a – 8:00p Registration Open  
7:00a – 8:00a Breakfast & Exhibitor Hall Open  
8:00a – 12:40 Breeding & Weaning – Getting Off to a Good Start  
Sponsor: American Kennel Club  
**Panel: Carmen Battaglia, PhD, American Kennel Club; Liz Hare, PhD, Dog Genetics, LLC & Penn Vet Working Dog Center; Eldin Leighton, PhD, Canine Genetic Services, LLC; Cindy Otto, DVM, PhD, DACVECC, DACVSMR, CCRT, Penn Vet Working Dog Center; Scott Thomas** - A national breeding cooperative for detection dogs: What will it take?  
**Marina Hall Phillips, Assistance Dogs International Breeding Cooperative** - A breeding cooperative: Systematically working together to deliver purpose-bred stock  
**Russell Kelley, Royal Canin** - Nutrition and practical management tools to maximize the puppy to working dog transition  
**Matthew Breen, PhD, C. Biol, FRSB, NC State University** - New tools for high resolution canine GWAS  
**Eldin Leighton, PhD, Canine Genetic Services, LLC** - Using the International Working Dog Registry to manage breeder selection and mating decisions  
12:40p – 1:30p Lunch & Exhibitor Hall Open



- 1:30p – 5:20p      Job Specific Training (8 weeks-18 months): Preparing for Success  
 Sponsor: Nutramax  
**Bridget Stewart, Trainer, Penn Vet Working Dog Center** - Fitness for puppies  
 Sponsor: FitPAWS  
**Laura Monaco Torelli, KPA Faculty, CPDT-KA, TAGteach Level 3, Animal Behavior Training Concepts** - Ready...Set ...for Groomer and Vet!  
 Everyday training tips for animals and caregivers to improve routine care  
 Sponsor: Karen Pryor Academy  
**Cindy Otto, DVM, PhD, DACVECC, DACVSMR, CCRT, Penn Vet Working Dog Center** - Can we impact the risk of hip dysplasia through exercise?  
 Sponsor: Canine Rehabilitation Institute  
**Leslie McDevitt, CDBC, CDPT-KA, International Association of Dog Behavior Consultants** - Creating a focused and confident working partner
- 5:20p – 6:30p      Highlights from the Field  
 Sponsor: AKC Canine Health Foundation
- 6:30p – 9:00p      Exhibitor Party (heavy appetizers and cash bar)  
 Sponsor: American Kennel Club

***Sunday – April 22, 2018***

- 7:00a – 12:00p      Registration Open
- 7:00a – 8:00a      Breakfast & Exhibitor Hall Open
- 8:00a – 12:40a      Foundation Skills Training (8 weeks-18 months): Building a Well-Rounded Dog  
 Sponsor: HQ Inc  
**Panel: Vicki Berkowitz, Penn Vet Working Dog Center; Paul Mundell; Carl Rothe, Senior Instructor, Puppies Behind Bars** - Crossing the great divide: From 8 weeks to career ready  
**Annemarie DeAngelo, Training Director, Penn Vet Working Dog Center & Jenny Essler, PhD, Penn Vet Working Dog Center** - Using an artificial



odor, Universal Detector Calibrant (UDC), to imprint and train working dogs for scent detection

**Mark Ruefenacht, Dogs4Diabetics** - Canine olfaction: Performance reliability and statistical confidence for the working and service dog

**Erin Perry, PhD, Southern Illinois University** - An evaluation of the relationship between phase of work and core body temperature in working dogs

**Pat Kaynaroglu, Training Manager, Penn Vet Working Dog Center** - Evaluating the tools used to predict and assess the career paths of working dogs

12:40p – 3:30p

Lunch & Exhibitor Hall Open

1:30p – 3:30p

Wet Lab Breakout Sessions

Sponsor: Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health

**Eldin Leighton, PhD, Canine Genetic Services, LLC; Jane Russenberger, BS, Guiding Eye for the Blind** - Hands-on with the International Working Dog Registry (IWDR) database

Limited registration: 30 spots (no dogs, computer-based)

**Scott Thomas** - Assessing puppy aptitude across ontogeny and breed

Limited registration: 30 spots (dogs provided)

**Laura Monaco Torelli, KPA Faculty, CPDT-KA, TAGteach Level 3, Animal Behavior Training Concepts** - Ready ... Set ... for Groomer and Vet! Everyday training tips for animals and caregivers to improve routine care.

Limited registration: 12 working spots, 24 audit spots

3:00p & 3:45p

Shuttles depart for offsite event

3:30p – 8:00p

Penn Vet Working Dog Center Open House

3:30p – 5:30p

Working Dog Demonstrations & Tour

3:30p – 6:00p

Poster Session (presenters available at posters between 5:30p-6:00p)

Sponsor: Purina

6:00p – 7:30p

Dinner & Working Dog Practitioner Launch

Sponsor: Royal Canin

**Monday - April 23, 2018**

7:00a – 12:00p

Registration Open



- 7:00a – 8:00a Breakfast & Exhibitor Hall Open
- 8:00p – 9:10p Highlights from the Field  
Sponsor: AKC Canine Health Foundation
- 9:10a – 1:00p Candidate Screening & Career Selection: Picking the Right Dog for the Job  
**Fred Helfers, Pacific Northwest Police Detection Dog Association** -The utilization of double blind testing in drug dog certifications  
**Brad Gillespie, Canadian Police Canine Association** - Improving communication and struggle in learning to meet standards  
**Refael Franco, MPH, Hebrew University** - Puppy character tests  
Sponsor: PetPace  
**Jane Russenberger, BS, Guiding Eyes for the Blind** -Use of the Behavior Checklist to screen candidates for breeding and working dogs at Guiding Eyes for the Blind
- 1:00p – 1:30p Closing Remarks & Raffle Drawing
- 1:30p – 2:00p Grab & Go Box Lunches provided
- 2:00p Conference concludes