



Penn Vet Working Dog Center and Finding One Another
 Present:
 “Defining, developing and documenting success in working dogs”
 September 7-9, 2011
 Pearl River, NY

	<u>Wed Sept 7</u>	
5:00 – 7:00 PM	Registration Opens	
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Opening Reception	
7:00 – 7:30 PM	Keynote Address	
	<u>Thurs Sept 8</u>	
7:00 AM– 5:00 PM	Registration	
7:00 – 8:00 AM	Breakfast	SPONSORED BY: Nutramax Laboratories, Inc.
8:00 – 8:45 AM	Scott Thomas Program Manager TSA Breeding Program	Development and Epigenetics - The New Nature-Nurture Discussion
8:45 – 9:30 AM	Deb Duffy, PhD Center for the Interaction of Animals and Society, University of Pennsylvania	Effects of the Raising Environment on Behavioral Development in Guide Dogs
9:30 – 10:15 AM	Dr. Lisa Tomkins University of Sydney	Association Between Lateralization and Guide Dog Success
10:15 – 10:30 AM	Break	
10:30 – 11:15 AM	Gloria Gilbert Stoga Founder -Puppies Behind Bars	Raising Successful Dogs In Prison
11:15 AM – 12:00 PM	Jennifer Brown, DVM, DACVS Florida Task Force-2, VMAT-2	Developing the Disaster Search Dog
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch	SPONSORED BY: Trupanion Pet Insurance
1:00 – 1:45 PM	Corporal Scott Chapman Royal Canadian Mounted Police	Correlation of Puppy Assessment and Completion of Training in RCMP Working Dogs
1:45 – 2:30 PM	Bess Pierce, DVM, MZS, DABVP, DACVIM Virginia Tech University	Get Ready for Work: Fitness and Injury Prevention for Working Dogs
2:30 – 3:00 PM	Break	
3:00 – 3:45 PM	Risë VanFleet, PhD, RPT-S Family Enhancement & Play Therapy Center	All Work and No Play Makes Dusty a Dull Dog
3:45 – 4:30 PM	M. Christine Zink, DVM, PhD, ACVP Johns Hopkins University	Form Follows Function: A New Perspective on an Old Adage
4:30 PM	Highlights From the Field	SPONSORED BY: AKC Canine Health Foundation
6:30 – 8:30 PM	Dinner	

	<u>Friday Sept 9</u>	
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration	
7:00 – 8:00 AM	Breakfast	SPONSORED BY: Synbiotics Corporation
8:00 – 8:45 AM	Sam Gosling, PhD University of Texas	Personality and Performance in Working Dogs: Reliability and Predictive Validity of Behavioral Tests
8:45 – 9:30 AM	Peggy Gibbon Director of Canine Development The Seeing Eye	Seeing Eye Dog Selection - A Balance of Science and Savvy
9:30 – 10:15 AM	Kenneth Furton, PhD Florida International University	Improving Canine Consistency By Employing Field Calibrants and International Best Practices
10:15 – 10:30 AM	Break	
10:30 – 11:15 AM	Nicola Rooney, BSc, PGCE, PhD University of Bristol	Measuring and Investigating Factors which Affect the Performance of Search Dogs, their Handlers and Dog-Handler Teams - Studies from the UK and USA
11:15 AM – 12:00 PM	Stephanie Van den Berg University of Twente	Performance Testing and Certification Using Item-Response Theory
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 – 1:45 PM	Teresa MacPherson Chair-Canine Sub-Group Federal Emergency Management Agency	Testing for Excellence - The Super Search Dog
1:45 – 2:30 PM	Bill Lewandowski, MS William Lewandowski Consulting	A Practical Guide for Creating Performance Metrics and Valid Tests
2:30 – 3:00 PM	Break	
3:00 – 3:45 PM	Robert Gillette, DVM, MSE, Director Veterinary Sports Medicine Program and Canine Detection Research Institute, Auburn University	Athletic Building Blocks of Detection Dog Performance
3:45 – 4:30 PM	Dominique Grandjean, DVM, PhD University of Alfort	Physical Training and Nutrition: Closely Linked for Performance in the Working Dog
4:30 PM	Highlights from the Field	SPONSORED BY: AKC Canine Health Foundation
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Dinner	

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