Join us as we explore what goes in to the making of our nation’s great working dogs.
Welcome to the 6th Penn Vet Working Dog Conference. Creating the Working Dog: Puppy to Professional explores each of the steps necessary to develop the professional canine that serves as our partner in security, detection work, service or assistance roles. We are excited to return to Philadelphia and offer another unique educational opportunity at the intersection of the art and science of the working dog. This year, the conference focuses on the village that it takes to create a healthy and successful working dog. This topic is particularly timely with the introduction of legislation to promote the domestic production of working dogs. Consistent with our philosophy of inclusion, we are excited to highlight views from across the spectrum of canine careers and across the many disciplines that support the canines and their handlers.

The program is packed with great information, internationally recognized speakers, and a mix of theory and application. We have designed the program to enhance multidisciplinary learning and discussion so you do not have to choose between two compelling presentations. You will be surprised at how much you can learn from speakers outside your direct area of expertise, and how much you can contribute from your own experience, so be ready to share! Plan to learn from, and engage with, experts that bring an unparalleled breadth and depth of experience and knowledge. We kick off the conference with our renowned keynote speaker, Patricia McConnell, who will address how we create and maintain resilience in working dogs. The first plenary session will start with a discussion of how we can create a national program to provide the dogs necessary to serve the needs of this country. We will address each of the key steps that create the resilient, healthy and successful working dog, from nature to nurture. You will have the opportunity to learn about advances in working dog health and training. The Highlights from the Field will bring you up to date on the latest areas of research and will include an opportunity for discussion that will help shape the direction of future studies.

We look forward to also bringing you several additional opportunities to network and exchange ideas. We recognize that the value of attending conferences extends beyond the expert speakers and hope that you will take advantage of all of the meal opportunities and events to explore new products and practices for our working canines. One of our big social events this year will be the dinner, demos and tour at the Penn Vet Working Dog Center. We are pleased to have you come to our site, see our facilities, and experience the fitness and rehabilitation techniques that can help your dog prevent or recover from injury. Thanks to the support of Royal Canin, we also will be officially launching the Certified Working Dog Practitioner Program. The Working Dog Practitioner certification will provide veterinarians the opportunity to expand their knowledge of the unique requirements and occupational hazards of working dogs, while providing handlers with the confidence of finding a practitioner that understands their working partner.

Please note out of respect for the data and speakers there is no personal recording of presentations permitted.
We would like to extend a special thank you to our conference sponsors who allow us to bring you this level of education and still keep it affordable.

Thank you for joining us and enjoy the conference!

Cynthia M. Otto, DVM, PhD, DACVECC, DACVSM, CCRT
WDC Milestones

1965
Working dogs join civilian forces

1989
FEMA creates National Urban Search & Rescue system

1996
PA-Task Force 1 launches with Dr. Otto as a member

2001
9/11 attacks

2002
Medical surveillance of dogs deployed to the World Trade Center and Pentagon study begins

2010
1st Penn Vet Working Dog Conference

2012
WDC opens with 7 donated puppies and 3,550 sq. ft. of space

2013
1st K9 Graduate: Explosives
1st Canine Handler Academy
1st Cancer Detection K9
1st Research collaboration with the Department of Defense
1st Veterinary Student Extern

2014
Transportation Security Administration/Cooperative Research and Development Agreement established
1st Post-Doctoral Research Coordinator
1st Law Enforcement Rehab Patient
1st in-house litter

2015
1st mobile apps designed by Penn Computer and Information Sciences and Drexel Students
Dr. Otto begins full-time Rubenstein Directorship
1st Law Enforcement Patrol School Class
1st Human Remains Detection Workshop

2016
1st Scent Detector School
1st Congressional Testimony
Dedicated space for Performance Medicine
Last 9/11 dog dies

2017
Full-time Law Enforcement Training Coordinator
Full-time Foster Coordinator
First WDC-bred litter of Dutch Shepherds
58th Veterinary Student Extern

The Future
National Detection Dog Center of Excellence
National Breeding Cooperative
WDC Law Enforcement Trainers Course to the United States Police Canine Association Standard

SUCCESS RATE OF DOGS TO CAREERS
33%

RESEARCH PROJECTS
35+

VOLUNTEER HOURS
150K

FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS AS FOSTERS AND/OR BACKUP FOSTERS
130+

CIRCULATION OF WDC MEDIA COVERAGE
1.3B
AGENDA: Friday, April 20

Welcome

3:00 – 8:00 pm  REGISTRATION OPEN – Ballroom Foyer

4:00 – 6:00 pm  EXHIBITOR HALL OPEN – Ballroom I & II

5:00 – 6:00 pm  WELCOME RECEPTION (CASH BAR) – Ballroom Foyer

6:00 – 7:30 pm  DINNER – Ballroom III & IV

6:30 – 6:40 pm  Cindy Otto, DVM, PhD, DACVECC, DACVSMR, CCRT, Director, Penn Vet Working Dog Center: Welcome Remarks

6:40 – 7:30 pm  Patricia McConnell, PhD, CAAB, McConnell Publishing (Sponsored by Dogwise): Creating & Maintaining Resilience in Working Dogs

7:30 – 9:00 pm  WELCOME RECEPTION (CASH BAR) – Ballroom Foyer

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AGENDA: Saturday, April 21

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7:00 – 8:00 am  EXHIBITOR HALL OPEN – Ballroom I & II
Breakfast – Ballroom I & II

8:00 – 8:10 am  American Kennel Club (Session Sponsor) – Ballroom III & IV

8:10 – 9:00 am  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? – Ballroom III & IV

9:00 – 9:50 am  Marina Hall Phillips, Assistance Dogs International Breeding Cooperative: A Breeding Cooperative: Systematically Working Together to Deliver Purpose-Bred Stock – Ballroom III & IV


10:40 – 11:00 am  BREAK – Ballroom I & II

11:00 – 11:50 am  Matthew Breen, PhD, C. Biol, FRSB, NC State University: New Tools for High Resolution Canin GWAS – Ballroom III & IV

11:50 am – 12:40 pm  Eldin Leighton, PhD, Canine Genetic Services, LLC: Using the International Working Dog Registry to Manage Breeder Selection and Mating Decisions – Ballroom III & IV

12:40 – 1:30 pm  LUNCH & EXHIBITOR HALL OPEN – Ballroom I & II

1:30 – 1:40 pm  Nutramax (Session Sponsor) – Ballroom III & IV

1:40 – 2:30 pm  Refael Franco, MPH, Hebrew University (Sponsored by PetPace): Puppy Character Tests: A New Predictive Model – Ballroom III & IV

2:30 – 3:20 pm  Bridget Stewart, Trainer, Penn Vet Working Dog Center (Sponsored by FitPAWS): Fitness for Puppies – Ballroom III & IV


4:10 – 4:30 pm  BREAK – Ballroom I & II


5:20 – 5:30 pm  AKC Canine Health Foundation (Sponsor): Highlights from the Field – Ballroom III & IV

5:30 – 6:30 pm  HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FIELD – Ballroom III & IV

5:30 – 5:45 pm  Olivia Rockaway, University Scholars Program at Penn: A Pilot Study To Discover Correlations Between Training Method And Canine Behavior
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Saturday – April 21
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Sunday – April 22
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Sunday – April 22
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CERTIFIED WORKING DOG PRACTITIONER PROGRAM LAUNCH BANQUET
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