

The 12th Annual  
Art and Science of Animal Training Conference  
February 22–23, 2020  
Hurst, Texas

Schedule of Events

Friday, February 21, 2020

**5:00 p.m. Registration opens**

The registration table will be in the front lobby of the Hurst conference center.

**5:00–6:30 p.m. Opening reception**

Join us in the lobby of the Hurst Conference Center as we kick off the weekend. You can meet our speakers, talk with other attendees, and see research posters created by ORCA students from the University of North Texas. A cash bar and light refreshments will be available.

**Saturday, February 22, 2020**

**8:15 a.m. Registration opens**

The registration table will be in the front lobby of the Hurst conference center.

**Schedule of talks for Saturday**

All of Saturday's talks will be in the main ballroom.

9:00–9:10 a.m.	Welcome and announcements
9:10–10:20 a.m.	Dr. Philip Hiline (keynote speaker) What the textbooks don't tell you about negative reinforcement
10:20–10:40 a.m.	Morning break
10:40–12:15 p.m.	Part 1: Dr. Joe Layng Coercion without aversive stimuli  Part 2: Alexandra Kurland Shaping on a point of contact  Part 3: Q&A with our morning speakers
12:15–1:45 p.m.	Lunch Join us for good food and good conversation.
1:45–2:40 p.m.	Steve White Epic fails! How I learned to stop worrying & love to bomb
2:40–3:00 p.m.	Afternoon break
3:00–5:00 p.m.	Part 1: Dr. Jesús Rosales-Ruiz C.A.T. rules  Part 2: Barbara Heidenreich Exotic animal training: The constructional approach to addressing extreme fear and aggressive behavior  Part 3: Q&A with our afternoon speakers

**6:30–8:00 p.m. Banquet dinner and award presentation**

Join us Saturday night for dinner, conversation, and a very special award.

**8:00 p.m. After-dinner conversation**

Join us at the Hilton Garden Inn to discuss the day's talks with our speakers. Catch up with old friends and make some new ones!

Sunday, February 23, 2020

**8:30 a.m. Registration opens**

The registration table will be in the front lobby of the Hurst conference center.

Schedule of talks for Sunday

All of Sunday's talks will be in the main ballroom.

9:00–10:15 a.m.	Ken Ramirez Adduction: Combining cues conceptually
10:15–10:35 a.m.	Morning break
10:35–12:15 p.m.	Part 1: Mary Hunter Planning your shaping from a non-linear perspective  Part 2: Hannah Branigan From the ground up: Building a skills hierarchy for competition  Part 3: Q&A with our morning speakers
12:15–1:45 p.m.	Lunch Join us for good food and good conversation.
1:45–2:55 p.m.	Al Kordowski and Dr. April Becker What cooperative hunting with Harris's Hawks can reveal about principles of social interaction, patterns of coordination, and group behavior training
2:55–3:15 p.m.	Afternoon break
3:15–4:15 p.m.	Emily Larlham Combining the behavior of two or more dogs
4:15–4:30 p.m.	Break
4:30–5:00 p.m.	Panel discussion: With all of our speakers