

2026



Clinical Animal Behavior Conference

Evolving Together: Advancing our Understanding of Behavior

Friday, October 16th, 2026 — Foundation

8:00-8:15 am	Welcome Committee intro, sponsors, housekeeping & schedule
8:15-9:05 am	KEYNOTE: Training Revolution Leading the Dog Training and Behavior Industry Into a New Age - Victoria Stilwell, VSPDT, CDT, CDBC
9:05-9:20 am	<i>Break</i>
9:20-10:10 am	The Zones Approach A New Way of Working with Dogs - Victoria Stilwell, VSPDT, CDT, CDBC
10:10-10:30 am	<i>Break</i>
10:30-11:20 am	"You Want Me to Do What Procedure?" Show What We Want Them to Know - Laura Monaco Torelli, KPA Faculty, FFCT, LSH-Silver, CPDT-KA
11:20-1:00 pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00-2:15 pm	The Smallest Success Point (Interactive) Team Support from Baseline to Beyond - Laura Monaco Torelli, KPA Faculty, FFCT, LSH-Silver, CPDT-KA
2:15-2:25 pm	<i>Additional time for questions with Laura Monaco Torelli</i>
2:25-2:40 pm	<i>Break</i>
2:40-3:30 pm	A New Hope Rethinking Behavior Through the Constructional Approach - Dr. Sean Will
3:30-3:45 pm	<i>Break</i>
3:45-4:35 pm	The Behavioral Health Team In Action - Jennie Fiendish, CVT, VTS (Behavior), CPDT-KA, CTDI
4:35-4:50 pm	<i>Break</i>
4:50-5:40 pm	Using Enrichment to Reduce Fear, Anxiety & Stress - Wailani Sung, DVM, DACVB

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Saturday, October 17th, 2026— In Clinic

8:00-8:05am	Welcome Committee intro, sponsors, housekeeping & schedule
8:05-8:55am	The Constructional Approach Awakens: Building Behavior for Veterinary Care with Constructional Affection - Dr. Sean Will
8:55 - 9:05am	<i>Break</i>
9:05-10:20am	Constructional Affection in Action: An Easy, Practical, and Effective New Skill for the Veterinarian's Toolkit - Dr. Sean Will
10:20-10:30 am	<i>Additional time for questions with Sean Will</i>
10:30 - 10:45am	<i>Break</i>
10:45-11:35am	Human directed Feline Aggression - Wailani Sung, DVM, DACVB
11:35 - 11:50am	<i>Break</i>
11:50 - 12:40pm	Feline Intercat Tension Treatment and Training Strategies - Jennie Fiendish, CVT, VTS (Behavior), CPDT-KA, CTDI
12:40 - 2:10pm	<i>Lunch</i>
2:10-3:25 pm	The Changing Landscape of Training Plans (Interactive Lab) - Jennie Fiendish, CVT, VTS (Behavior), CPDT-KA, CTDI
3:25-3:35 pm	<i>Additional time for questions with Jennie Fiendish</i>
3:35-3:50 pm	<i>Break</i>
3:50-4:40 pm	Working with Clients/Clinics with Limited Resources - Wailani Sung, DVM, DACVB
4:40-4:50 pm	<i>Additional time for questions with Wailani Sung</i>
4:50-5:05 pm	<i>Break</i>
5:05-5:55 pm	Behavior Change Starts With Us: Addressing Judgment in Non- R+ Spaces - Valerie Bogie, MSSW, Veterinary Social Worker

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Sunday, October 18th, 2026 — At Home

8:00-8:15 am	Welcome Committee intro, sponsors, housekeeping & schedule
8:15-9:05 am	Inclusive Language in Clinical Practice: Building Trust to Improve Patient Care - Sam Griffin CBCC-KA, KPA-CTP
9:05-9:20 am	<i>Break</i>
9:20-10:35 am	Less Fixing, More Listening: Using Emotional CPR to Build Trust, Empathy, and Collaboration - Valerie Bogie, MSSW, Veterinary Social Worker
10:35-10:50 am	<i>Break</i>
10:50-11:40 am	You Don't Have to Wear All the Hats: Grief, Collaboration, and the Evolution of Behavior Care - Valerie Bogie, MSSW, Veterinary Social Worker
11:40-11:50 pm	<i>Additional time for questions with Valerie Bogie</i>
11:50-12:00 pm	<i>Closing Statements, Goodbyes, and a Group Photo!</i>

Non-CE Events!

Friday

During Lunch Break: VTS Informational Discussion. Drinks and Appetizers provided!

- Speaker: Kristen Klebba LVT, KPA CTP, VTS (Behavior)

After Sessions: Cocktail Hour on the roof! Drinks and Snacks provided!

Saturday

6:00 - 7:00pm: AVSAB General Membership Meeting

- All AVSAB Members are welcome to attend. Virtual Attendees will receive a zoom link upon request.

Sunday

After Sessions End: Tour of Anti-Cruelty Society

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