Clinical Animal Behavior Conference 2026

1-hour presentation
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"You Want Me to Do What Procedure?" Show what we want them to know

Have you had a client comment that you make teaching their cat or dog look easy? It's a compliment, for sure! We couldn't do their job well, and our role is to showcase what's possible in the brief time we have together. The pressure to perform and show all we know within a one-hour session, can limit us as learners. Couple that with raising criteria quickly, decreasing the rate of reinforcement, lumping shaping approximations, expectations set too high for the animal and handler, and we create the perfect storm toward an overwhelmed team. Join the speaker to learn how they outline care protocols with in-person plus virtual clients. Fun steps that supplement varied approaches and assessments focused on individual procedures they seek additional support for.

Demo dog or 2- on the floor. Good eater. PAWS chicago for KPA . plain cheerios, boiled chicken.
2 x-pens brought in into x-pen into off-leash 4 feet tall. (in x-pen dog beds, enrichment toys, water). Tables at least 5 feet back. Tables go around x-pen.
Invite someone observing. Good eater.
Young puppy, older dog.
Stephanie- dogs off-leash, can we bring a macbook, non-slip flooring,

13th-
Hoofstock scale.- voluntary weigh-in (LMT)
Husbandry props (LMT). Person to hand over prop.
Decide about space on Thursday.
Carpet? Or non-slip flooring.