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NAIA 2010 National Conference

Enhancing the Bond: Preserving our working, performing and companion dogs

Conference Schedule

Friday, October 1

6:00 Reception – Light fare, casual – will probably go on until 9:30 or so.

Saturday, October 2

7:30 Continental Breakfast

8:30 **Patti Strand**, NAIA founder and chairman: welcome message and introductions.

8:45 **Stephen Budiansky**, an author, historian, and journalist, speaks on the evolution of the human-animal bond.

9:15 **Bob Wayne, PhD.**, UCLA professor of biological evolution discusses the domestication of wild canids.

10:15 Break

10:30 **Meg Olmert**, documentary producer and author discusses the social attraction and biology of the human-animal bond

11:30 **Lanny Leach**, professional horseman and trainer addresses issues involved with integrating the Mustang into today's equine community

12:30 Lunch

1:30 **Doug Ljungren**, AKC AVP Performance Events provides a fascinating tour of early working dogs, as well as a look at their modern counterparts.

2:30 **Scott Thomas**, Manager, TSA Canine Breeding and Development Center's Program discusses the importance of maintaining the genes and heritage of working dogs in today's world.

3:30 Break

3:45 **Paul Mundell**, National Director of Canine Programs for Canine Companions for Independence speaks on the hard work, love, and science that goes into selecting, breeding, training, and conditioning service dogs.



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Sunday, October 3rd

7:30 Continental Breakfast

8:30 **Ken Ramirez**, trainer and Senior VP of animal collections and animal training at Chicago's Shedd Aquarium discusses the importance of animal training, its evolution, and its modern practical applications.

10:30 Break

10:45 **Jan Aria**, Director of Animal Stewardship, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Center for Elephant Conservation, speaks on the issues of animal conditioning, training, and current best practices in caring for animals used in entertainment and education.

11:40 **Margaret Poindexter, Attorney**, AKC General Counsel and Director of AKC inspections addresses the development of higher standards for keeping and breeding dogs.

12:30 Lunch

1:30 **Thomas Famula, PhD.**, UC Davis, professor of animal science discusses how to maintain genetic diversity without losing breed identity in small populations.

2:20 **Patti Strand** speaks on challenges to preserving the widespread dog ownership for future generations.

3:00 Break

3:15 Panel on breed specific legislation entitled "Where do we go from here?"

4:00 Discussion