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Terry Ryan's Chicken Training Camps: 2017 Penrith, NSW



Why train chickens?

To make for more accomplished animal and people trainers! Unlike a dog or a horse, it's impossible for a trainer to punish, correct, reprimand, intimidate or force a chicken to do anything – she'll just freeze or fly away! Praise and petting are equally ineffective. To keep a chicken motivated, wanting to work and to learn new behaviours, the trainer must rely on a high rate of food reinforcement as well as good eye-hand coordination, correct timing and keen criteria selection.



Who should attend?

Anyone who wants to improve his or her training skills. This workshop will considerably improve the skills of all attendees – both experienced trainers prepared to think outside the box, and new trainers without the baggage of fixed training ideas.



Trainer or observer?

Trainers work with a chicken and will capture and shape simple behaviours using targets, a clicker and food reinforcement. The observer status is perfect for people who learn best by listening, watching and taking notes rather than 'doing'.



Program:

Day 1 & 2 Poultry in Motion

Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd July 2017.

This is the foundation for all trainers.

Day 3 & 4 Criteria & Cueing –

Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th July 2017.

This advanced workshop will focus on planning training tasks and reinforcement criteria. Students will practice making quick decisions based on rapidly changing behavioural criteria. We will work on improving observation skills. Students will work on stimulus control (cueing) of simple behaviors. We'll explore a variety of effective cueing techniques, appropriate ways to install cues, and the use of cues as reinforcers.

All training days include: How chickens acquire and process information, the basics of classical & operant conditioning, observation & graphing of behaviour, mechanical skills with special attention to timing & eye-hand coordination, record keeping, systematic desensitisation, capturing & shaping behaviours, use of targets, coaching skills, team building, discrimination trials, extinction trials, decision making based on rapidly changing behavioural criteria, task analysis, latency and fluency.



Cost:

***Please note that it is a pre-requisite of the advanced workshop that you have attended a Poultry in Motion workshop.**

Poultry in Motion:

Sat/Sun 22nd & 23rd July (2 days)

Trainer \$400.00 Observer \$180.00

Advanced:

Criteria & Cueing:

Mon/Tues 24th & 25th July (2 days)

Trainer \$400.00 Observer \$180.00

*Discount of 20% if attending all 4 days.

The number of participants is strictly limited. There will be a maximum of 20 trainer participants for Poultry in Motion and Cueing & Criteria.

All days have a maximum of 12 observer participants. Registrations will be accepted in order of receipt.

Deposit required of \$75 to secure you spot. Balance payable by 1st June. Registrations are non-refundable. The training days will be held from 9.00 am until 4.00pm each day. Light refreshments will be provided. A light lunch will be provided each day.

The workshops will be conducted in Penrith (Western Sydney) just off Mulgoa Rd.

Nearest accommodation to the workshop (walking distance)

<http://www.mercure.com/gb/hotel-9877-mercure-penrith/index.shtml>

If you are travelling by car any accommodation in Penrith area will only be 5 minutes from venue. Parking is available on site.

Please contact Kathy for a registration form: petucationkathy@gmail.com

About Terry Ryan, CPDT-KA

Terry Ryan and Bill Ryan both work full time for Legacy Canine Behavior & Training, Inc., a school that specialises in reward-based dog training methods.

Terry has been training and instructing since 1968. She did undergraduate studies in psychology at Washington State University. Terry and her staff teach community classes including puppy head start, pet dog manners and behaviour problem consultations. They also conduct continuing education courses such as agility, freestyle, scent work and training games.

Numerous times a year Terry teaches the Karen Pryor Clicker Training Academy, Legacy's Chicken Training Camps I-V and the Terry Ryan instructor's course, "Coaching People to Train Their Dogs".

Many of the courses taught at Legacy's Training Center involve training chickens as a science-based exercise in classical and operant conditioning. The students are then taught how to transfer those skills to training dogs.

Terry Ryan was Program Coordinator for the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, Washington State University, from 1981 until 1994. The programs involved the study of the human-animal bond and implementation of animal-assisted therapy programs. She was one of the original members of the Delta Society, an international resource on the human- animal bond. Terry wrote some of Delta's early training literature. She was a certified Delta Pet Partners animal evaluator.

From 1997 to 2002 Terry taught ten-day behaviour courses at American Wildlife Foundation in Indiana, using imprinted wolves as the study subjects.

