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# A VETERINARY BEHAVIORIST'S APPROACH TO REACTIVITY, FEAR & ANXIETY IN PETS

with

**Board Certified Veterinary Behaviorist** 

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and

**Veterinary Technician Specialist (Behavior)** 

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24-25 June 2017

for VETERINARIANS\*, VETERINARY TECHNICIANS\*, BEHAVIOUR CONSULTANTS\*, TRAINERS\* and PET OWNERS

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# **CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS**

Veterinarians	6.5 CE hours per day (CVBC)
Veterinary Technicians	5 CEUs per day (BCVTA)
	CCPDT: Pending.
Trainers and Behaviour Consultants	IAABC: Pending.
	KPA: Pending.

If you belong to a different organization, we will be happy to provide the necessary documentation for your organization's approval.

#### **PROGRAMME**

# Saturday 24 June

# A Systematic Team Approach to Reducing Reactivity in Dogs

Aggression and reactivity directed towards unfamiliar dogs and people is a common cause for relinquishment and ultimately euthanasia. This day will focus on leash reactivity in dogs including probable developmental causes, contextual variability, motivations and possible treatment recommendations.

**MORNING SESSIONS:** (9:00 - 12:30)

#### Reactivity: The Nuts and Bolts

This presentation will compartmentalize the many facets of reactivity in dogs. Utilizing an applied behaviour analysis approach we will hypothesize possible ABC's and also discuss potential causes and motivations.

#### Tools of the Trade

Useful behaviour modification tools to use when addressing reactivity issues as well as which tools to avoid and why.

#### Starting the Conversation

Learn how to effectively communicate with your dog on an emotional level. This session will explore efficient training methods for successfully addressing reactivity.

#### AFTERNOON SESSIONS: (1:30 - 5:00)

#### **ACES**

Specific training to reduce reactivity. This portion will be a combination of short lectures, demonstrations, and practice sessions.

Associations- Changing the dog's emotional response to stimuli.

Cues- Operant behaviour for addressing reactivity.

Exposure- Providing exposure and working at the dog's success level.

**S**ystematic training exercises- How to set up close encounters with specific stimuli.

A brief discussion on possible pharmacological intervention will also be held.

## Sunday 25 June

# Fear Free<sup>SM</sup> and Clinical Animal Behaviour

This day will introduce attendees to the Fear Free<sup>sm</sup> initiative in the morning sessions and some common clinical animal behaviour disorders in the afternoon sessions. Whether you are a pet owner, trainer, behaviour consultant, or veterinary professional, we all play an important role in alleviating fear, anxiety, and stress in pets. It takes a team approach to make this a reality.

#### MORNING SESSIONS: (9:00 - 12:30)

#### Fear Free: Learning to Listen to our Pets

How do cats and dogs perceive the veterinary hospital? What are they learning during their experiences at the hospital? If the dog or cat could talk, what would he/she be saying right now? This presentation will help to answer these questions. Identifying how cats' and dogs' sensory perceptions vary from our own and how pleasant and unpleasant associations can be made, allows us to infer what it may be like to walk in their paws. Being able to recognize signs of fear, anxiety, and stress in pets will open your eyes to hearing what they are trying to communicate.

# Fear Free: The Fear Free Veterinary Experience: From home to hospital and home again

The veterinary visit begins at home. Decreasing fear and stress associated with a veterinary visit, requires a team approach. This session will explore tips for at home preparation by the pet owner, as well as cost-effective strategies veterinary hospitals can implement to cultivate a relaxing and inviting environment from the front door to the back door.

#### Fear Free: Making the Unpleasant More Pleasant

Many of the procedures we need to perform on cats and dogs in the hospital and at home with routine care are uncomfortable and unpleasant. There is no one technique or method that will work with every pet. Discover how to adapt and implement Fear Free<sup>SM</sup> techniques for the individual pet.

#### AFTERNOON SESSIONS: (1:30 - 5:00)

#### Pre-Visit Pharmaceuticals for Fear Free Veterinary Visits

Some pets will need more than just a gentle and considerate approach. This session will explore a variety of options for treating and preventing acute fear, anxiety, and stress in dogs and cats. Determining the FAS (fear, anxiety, and stress) score for the patient, will help you decide what type of intervention is needed. The main focus will be on veterinary visits but many of the medications may be used in a variety of anxiety-inducing contexts.

#### Home Alone: Canine Separation Anxiety

Anxiety when left home alone is a common behavioural complaint. This session will explore potential causes and treatment recommendations, including pharmacological treatment.

#### Intruder Alert: Territorial Aggression

Dogs that see all unfamiliar visitors to the home as a potential threat, can put a strain on the human-dog relationship. This session will discuss potential causes and treatment options for aggression towards unfamiliar people visiting the home, including pharmacological treatment.

### Kenneth M Martin DVM DACVB

Dr. Martin is a Diplomate of the American Dr. Martin is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists and a licensed practicing veterinarian in Texas. He completed a clinical behavioral medicine residency at Purdue University's Animal Behavior Clinic under the mentorship of Dr. Andrew Luescher PhD, DVM, DACVB in 2004 and graduated from Louisiana State University - School of Veterinary Medicine in 1999.



Dr. Martin is the owner of Veterinary Behavior Consultations, LLC

(<u>www.veterinarybehavior.com</u>) in Spicewood, TX and regularly consults with veterinarians and pet owners on behavior and training. Dr. Martin is an international lecturer on animal behavior disorders and training. He teaches a small animal behavior course for veterinary students at Louisiana State University-School of Veterinary Medicine.

# Debbie Martin CPDT-KA KPACTP LVT VTS(Behavior)



Debbie is a licensed veterinary technician and Veterinary Technician Specialist in Behavior (VTS-Behavior). She has been a fulltime registered/licensed veterinary technician since 1996 and worked in private practice for over 14 years. Since 2005 Debbie has been the animal behavior technician for Veterinary Behavior Consultations, LLC.

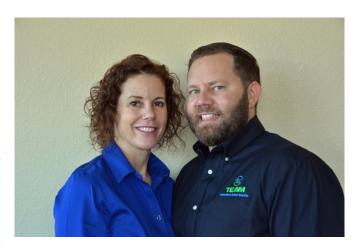
Debbie is a faculty emeritus for the Karen Pryor Academy Dog Trainer Professional program. She is an international lecturer regarding animal behavior and training.



Debbie and Dr. Martin are the coowners of TEAM Education in Animal Behavior

(www.TEAManimalbehavior.com).

They are both Fear Free Certified Professionals (<a href="www.fearfreepets.com">www.fearfreepets.com</a>). Dr. Martin is on the Fear Free Advisory panel and Debbie is honored to represent veterinary technicians on the Fear Free Executive Council. They are both consultants for Fear Free as subject matter experts.



Dr. Martin and Debbie are published authors in magazines and books. Some of their contributions include articles for the Journal of Veterinary Behavior: Clinical Applications and Research, Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association (JAVMA), American Veterinarian, and Today's Veterinary Technician. They have contributions to the texts Manual of Parrot Behavior, Veterinary Clinics of North America: Small Animal Practice – Behavior, Blackwell's Five-Minute Veterinary Consult: Canine and Feline / Edition 6, Blackwell's Five-Minute Veterinary Consult Clinical Companion – Canine and Feline Behavior, and Canine and Feline Behavior for Veterinary Technicians and Nurses. They co-authored Puppy Start Right: Foundation Training for the Companion Dog book and the acclaimed Karen Pryor Academy Puppy Start Right for Instructors Course and they both also coauthored the course Fear Free Foundations for Kittens and Puppies (with Mikkel Becker).

Debbie and Dr. Martin live in a small town 30 miles west of Austin, TX called Spicewood. On their 5 acres, affectionately known as the 'Malamo' (Alamo and Malinois combined), they share their home with 3 Belgian Malinois and a one-eyed Beagle-Jack Russell mix along with a couple dozen of chickens. In their free time, they enjoy hiking with the dogs, visiting local craft breweries and vineyards, and exploring the beautiful hill country of Texas on their motorcycles and dirt bikes.

# Registration

	Deadline <sup>1</sup> (Reg & Pay)	Fee <sup>2</sup>
Two days Early-Bird	15 March	\$295
Two days Slow-Bird	15 April	\$335
Two days	31 May	\$365
SATURDAY only	31 May	\$195
SUNDAY only	31 May	\$195

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# Via telephone (Visa, MC, AmEx)

Call **778-455-1985**Mon-Thu 3pm-7:30pm
Sat-Sun 10am-4pm

# In person

Visit us at the Cowichan Canine training centre, at

#### #106 - 5301 Chaster Road, Duncan

(just south of the Silver Bridge, down the road from the Super8 Motel and Shar-Kare)

Mon-Thu 3pm-7:30pm Sat-Sun 10am-4pm

# Cancellation/Refund Policy - IMPORTANT

If you cancel your registration, you need notify us in writing (e-mail, fax, letter), please. Cancellations received no later than 30 March will receive a refund of 50% of the paid registration fee less a \$25 processing charge. Cancellations received no later than 30 April will receive a refund of 25% of the paid registration fee less a \$25 processing charge. NO refunds will be issued for cancellations received after 31 May. This necessary policy is without exception.

#### Registration deadline

Wednesday 31 May 2017

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>PLEASE NOTE that SPACE IS LIMITED. Registrations will close when the event is filled. <sup>2</sup>GST applies



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