

5 STAR DOG TRAINING

WELCOMES

DR. SOPHIA YIN

To
Kamloops, B.C.



MARCH 31 and APRIL 1, 2012

Thompson Rivers University

Meet Veterinarian and Animal Behaviorist Dr. Sophia Yin

Dr. Sophia Yin knows what it's like to have a problem pet and nowhere to turn for professional help. And she has witnessed countless fractured relationships between misunderstood pets and their frustrated human companions.

As a result, her mission in life is to improve our understanding of animals and their behavior so that we can care for, appreciate and enjoy our time with them better.

Ever since she was a child, Sophia wanted to be a veterinarian, and in 1993, her dream came true. But once out in private practice, she quickly realized that more pets were euthanized due to behavior problems than medical ones. She went back to school to study animal behavior, and earned her Master's in Animal Science in 2001 from UC Davis where she studied vocal communication in dogs and worked on behavior modification in horses, giraffes, ostriches, and chickens.

During this time she was also the award-winning pet columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle. Upon receiving her degree focused on animal behavior, Dr. Yin served for five years as a lecturer in the UC Davis Animal Science Department. Through these and an eclectic collection of other animal behavior experiences, she came to realize the true secret to successful behavior modification.

Sophia learned that every pet needs a human who can lead. Not like a boss, but like a partner in a dance—someone who gives clear signals, rewards desirable behavior as it occurs, removes rewards for inappropriate behavior immediately, and sticks to the plan consistently until the new, good behavior is a habit.

She found that because pets don't understand spoken language, they rely on body language plus desired or undesired consequences in order to learn. This means that humans must be aware of their movement and actions because every move they make while interacting with the pet influences the animal's behavior and perception of them.

Sophia's dedication to helping people communicate with pets in a positive, scientifically sound way has led her to create a variety of exceptional books and products for pet owners and pet-care professionals who also aspire to bond with their pets on a whole new level.

Dr. Sophia Yin currently sees behavior house calls, works at San Francisco Veterinary Specialists (www.SFVS.net), writes for several veterinary and popular magazines and has consulted for several zoos.

She also lectures and teaches workshops internationally on animal behavior and low stress handling and has served as a behavior expert for shows such as Dogs 101 on Animal Planet. She is also on the executive board for the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior, the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) Handling Guidelines Committee, and the American Humane Association (AHA) Animal Behavior and Training Advisory Committee.

Seminar Information

Saturday March 31 and Sunday April 1, 2012

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. with breaks for coffee and lunch . Lunch is included with your entry.

Location:Thompson Rivers University (directions will be sent with confirmation). http://www.tru.ca/contact_us.html

Tentative topics are:

Saturday

- The Body language of fear and imminent aggression
- Fear aggression: Understanding and modifying fear and aggression in dogs
- Dominance vs Leadership: Myths and Facts About Dominance in Dogs and Other Species
- Teaching Dogs to Learn to Earn: a Fun, Quick and Safe Alternative to the Alpha Role
- Q & A

Sunday

- Perfect Puppy in a Week: How to Start a Puppy Off Right
- From Perfect Pup to Devil Dog and Back in a Month
- Doggie Playskills: Is All Play Safe?
- The Many Faces of Fear and Aggression: Challenging Cases
- Learn to Lead Like a Leader in a Dance: Factoring Speed, Direction, Movement into Your Training

This seminar has been approved for 12 CEUs for CPDTs. Forms will be available at the seminar.

This is a person only seminar – no dogs, sorry

ENTRY FORM
DR. SOPHIA YIN
 MARCH 31, APRIL 1, 2012
 Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, B.C.

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HOME PHONE:	CELL:	
EMAIL:		
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	SATURDAY ONLY \$150.00 + HST	\$168.00
	SUNDAY ONLY \$150.00 + HST	\$168.00
	SATURDAY AND SUNDAY \$275.00 + HST	\$308.00

Cancellation policy...

More than one month prior to the seminar date: 50% of the fee will be refunded if we can fill your spot. Less than one month before the seminar date: No Refunds without a note from a physician.

I agree to the above terms _____
SIGNATURE

Date: _____

Include cheque or money order payable to: 5 Star Dog Training,

Mail to 5 Star Dog Training, c/o Mary Zacharatos, 229 Chetwynd Drive,
Kamloops, B.C. V2H 1L7

Dr. Yin is also presenting at the Animal Health Technologists Association
annual conference in Kamloops on Friday March 30th. For more information
about this, email ahtabc@gmail.com.

ACCOMODATIONS

Stay on site at the TRU CONFERENCE CENTRE - but book early
(<http://www.tru.ca/cac/accommodations.html>, toll free: 877.225-
8664

There are many hotels near TRU, as well as shopping and dining. Visit
Tourism Kamloops, <http://www.tourismkamloops.com/>, for more
information.

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