

# **HAI Webinar Topics 2021 Draft**

## **Exploring Behavior & Enrichment with Emily**

*First Thursday every month 1 MT*

### **January 7th**

#### Animal Behavior Professionals: The Who, What, When, Where & Why

This webinar will:

- Discuss how to know when you need to hire an animal behavior professional
- Define the different types of animal behavior professionals
- Describe what credentials and experience to look for
- Discuss how to find someone reputable
- Identify what questions to ask before hiring someone

### **February 4th**

#### Promoting Positive Animal Welfare

This webinar will:

- Define animal welfare and “positive” animal welfare
- Describe how to prevent negative animal welfare and promote positive animal welfare in different contexts and why doing so is important
- *Mention that I'll be providing a few specific ways to promote positive welfare the following month in the enrichment webinar!*

### **March 4th**

#### Everyday Enrichment

This webinar will:

- Define what enrichment is and why it's important
- Describe specific ways to provide enrichment to other animals

*Idea: We could ask in the newsletter leading up to the webinar if people want to submit pictures and videos of their animals enjoying their favorite enrichment activities that I can share with everyone during the webinar. This would be a fun one!*

### **April 1st**

#### Dog & Cat Body Language 101

This webinar will:

- Describe why it's important to learn dog and cat body language
- Discuss the importance of making objective observations
- Demonstrate what body language is commonly correlated with various emotional states

## **May 6th**

### Influences on Animal Behavior

This webinar will:

- Discuss what factors influence animal behavior
- Describe in further detail how the environment influences animal behavior
- Demonstrate how this awareness can allow us to prevent negative animal welfare and promote positive welfare

## **June 3rd**

### Petting Consent

This webinar will:

- Define what “consent” means in the context of other animals
- Discuss why consent matters to other animals and how it influences their behavior and welfare
- Describe how to get “petting consent” from other animals
- Identify what to do if an animal does not consent to petting

## **July 1st**

### Training Methods & Tools

This webinar will:

- Provide a brief overview of operant conditioning in the context of animal training
- Describe different common training methods and tools
- Discuss recent research on the risks and benefits of various animal training methods and tools

## **August 5th**

### Motivation in Animal Training

This webinar will:

- Define the role of motivation in animal training
- Discuss common motivation problems in reward-based training and how to solve them

## **September 2nd**

### What’s the Deal with Fear?

This webinar will:

- Describe why fear and anxiety are common behavior issues in dogs and cats

- Define the difference between fear and anxiety
- Discuss fear and anxiety prevention and treatment

### **October 7th**

#### Improving Human-Animal Interactions with [Fear Free®](#)

This webinar will:

- Describe what [Fear Free®](#) is and why it's important
- Discuss fear, anxiety, and stress and how to decrease them while caring for other animals
- Review dog and cat body language
- Describe Fear Free's continuing education programs for vets, trainers, groomers, and shelter workers/volunteers

### **November 4th**

#### Setting Your Pet Up for Success: Holiday Edition

This webinar will:

- Identify the common behavior issues that occur during the holidays
- Discuss strategies for preventing and addressing these behavior issues

### **December 2nd**

#### Helping Your Pet Decompress

This webinar will:

- Define what decompression means for other animals and why it's important
- Describe how to know when your pet needs to decompress/recover
- Demonstrate specific strategies to help your pets decompress/recover (such as creating distance from triggers, "decompression" walks, scent games, etc.)

Other ideas:

- Training tips
  - Luring (how to do it correctly)
  - Timing
  - Training Plans
  - Why & how to train specific behaviors for AAI:
    - LLW
    - Calm greetings
    - Recall
    - Hand targeting
- Decompression & Recovery
- OC & CC
- The human-animal bond/relationship
- Puppy & Kitten Socialization