# 2011 Penn Vet Working Dog Center International Conference

Defining, developing and documenting success in working dogs



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# SEPTEMBER 7-9, 2011

#### **EDUCATION & INSPIRATION**

As the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup> approaches, it serves as a stark reminder of the importance of the working dog. We welcome you to join us for this unique opportunity to step out of your comfort zone, expand your education, and be inspired by the working dog.

Through a comprehensive series of nationally and internationally recognized speakers, you will learn and participate in discussions about several aspects of defining, developing and documenting success in working dogs. The conference will feature the latest in puppy selection and development from Puppies Behind Bars, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Maranatha Kennels, Transportation Security Administration, and the University of Pennsylvania Center for the Interaction of Animals and Society. The practical and theoretical aspects of performance testing and certification will be presented by experts from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Search and Rescue Canine Component, The Seeing Eye, University of Texas, University of Bristol (UK), University of Twente (Belgium), and Florida International University. National and international experts in nutrition, physical conditioning, and unique aspects of fitness from Auburn University, Johns Hopkins University, Virginia Tech/ Department of Defense Military Working Dog Veterinary Service Hospital, University of Alfort (France), University of Sydney (Australia), and the Family Enhancement & Play Therapy Center will also be presenting.

This conference offers more than just the opportunity to hear from experts. The open format is designed to initiate stimulating discussions among participants and presenters, to foster the exchange of ideas between trainers, scientists and veterinarians, and to inspire the overall advancement of the working dog.

#### FINDING ONE ANOTHER: 10TH ANNIVERSARY TRIBUTE TO THE SEARCH AND RESCUE COMMUNITY OF 9/11

This year's conference is held in conjunction with Finding One Another: 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tribute to the Search and Rescue Community of 9/11. These efforts are spearheaded by Tails of Hope Foundation, a New York based non-profit dedicated to advancing the fields of veterinary and human medicine. Through a yearlong mission of adult and child education and awareness, this organization strives to increase the public's knowledge of the work and risk of the Canine Search and Rescue community and enhance the human/animal bond.

#### SCHEDULE

Find detailed schedule at <u>www.PennVetWDC.org</u> and <u>www.findingoneanother.org</u>

<u>Wednesday</u>, September 7<sup>th</sup> Preconference special events (registration separate):

- PennHIP Certification: see www.pennhip.org
- VMAT decontamination Workshop

15 CE for full conference attendance

7:00 pm Keynote Address and Welcome Reception

<u>Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup></u> 8:00 am - 5:30 pm Presentations 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Dinner

<u>Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup></u> 8:00 am – 5:30 pm Presentations 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Dinner and closing

Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> Make plans to attend the recognition ceremony Details at: www.findingoneanother.org

### **REGISTER NOW! SPACE IS LIMITED!**

www.findingoneanother.org/upenn-registration

\$350 before July 1st, \$400 after July 1st

(registration fee includes keynote address, welcome reception, lectures, and all meals on Sept. 8 & 9) Service/Working dogs <u>only</u> are welcome. Sorry, non-working dogs may not attend.

LOCATION: Pearl River Hilton, Pearl River, New York CONTACT: <u>MJimenez@MJEventProductions.com</u>