

Think! Plan! Do! – Bob Bailey & Friends Bring Training with Skinner, Pavlov & the Brelands Back to Hot Springs

Dr. Bob Bailey, Simon Prins, Susan Garret, Shelley Wood, Viviane Theby, and Margaret Simek share their perceptions of animal training's past and visions for the future and give hands-on instruction

A Four-Day Colloquium and Workshop: May 16-19, 2019 in Hot Springs, Arkansas

A wise voice from the past tells us: Good parents give their children roots and wings: roots to know where home is, and wings to fly off and practice what has been taught them.

In light of this wise advice from the past I offer: Good teachers give their students roots and wings: roots to know steadfast practices and principles, and wings to fly off and exercise those practices and principles. – Bob Bailey, Sc.D.

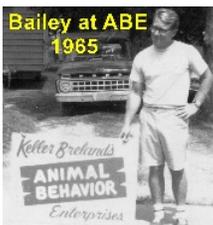
What is in it for you, the trainer: On stage will be internationally known trainers totaling more than 150 years' experience studying and changing animal behavior. Dog sports and obedience, police and military canine application, dolphin and bird training, all are represented in this group – a rare event. These trainers know how to employ behavior technology and how to teach others to do the same.

Why this workshop: Since 1950, Keller (1915-1965) and Marian Breland, and then Marian and Bob Bailey trained animals in Hot Springs. The commercial practice of operant conditioning arguably has its roots in Hot Springs, Arkansas (Ref: Bailey & Gillaspay, Operant Psychology Goes to the Fair: Marian and Keller Breland in the Popular Press, 1947–1966, The Behavior Analyst No. 2 (Fall) 2005, 28, 143–159). In 1994 the Baileys offered animal training classes (chicken training, which the Brelands had begun in 1948 in Minnesota) to the public. Before her death in 2001, Marian had taught many hundreds of students. Bob continued the workshops in Hot Springs until 2004. This event is a celebration of those years, and a revisiting of the concepts, principles, and practices taught during those years.

Who will participate on-stage: Bob Bailey, with over 63 years' experience training thousands of animals, will lead the parade of trainers. Some of the teachers are former Bailey & Bailey students from those early chicken workshop years. Simon Prins, from the Netherlands, single-handedly convinced a group of policemen to try the "new" technology. Simon has advised many European military and police in systematically applying operant training procedures. Susan Garret, already a world agility champion, came to Hot Springs to learn what she could from the Baileys' "White Ladies." Shelley Wood, of Dolphin Discovery, is a dolphin trainer, educator, entrepreneur in the Marine Mammal community, and a Past President of IMATA (International Marine Animal Trainer's Association). Viviane Theby is a German veterinarian and chicken workshops instructor who, along with Bob, has developed some objective tests for dog trainers. She should have data to report. Joining us also is Margaret Simek, from One Happy Dog, who will be helping with on-stage dog training demos.

Workshop Description: Comprehensive understanding and skillful application of the principles and practices of respondent and operant conditioning are at the heart of effective and efficient animal training. Bob and his colleagues will describe and demonstrate those principles on stage with dogs. Some training history. Some training philosophy. Some training aspirations. Some training fun. Bob will explain: "[Think! Plan! Do!](#)" "[Training is a mechanical skill ; Timing! Criteria! Rate of Reinforcement! ; Reinforcement is a process, not an event ; You get what you reinforce, not what you want! ; Pavlov is always on your shoulder!](#)" and more.

Attendance is limited to 100, details upcoming. Contact Leigh Sansone, organizer, for more information at <http://animalbehaviorconsulting.com/baileyhotsprings>



Skinner & The Baileys

