



PRIMADAPTION WORKSHOP

“Training and Enrichment that is constantly evolving to meet the realistic needs of non-human primates in laboratory settings.”

I. Introduction

Who are we?

Primate Products, Inc. (PPI) is an AAALAC-accredited program that enhances worldwide biomedical research programs by providing many services including effective educational and training programs either available through workshops at Panther Tracks Learning Center (PTLC), or as customized training seminars onsite at your facility. PTLC is located on 640 acres of land in the everglades in Southwestern Florida, the only U.S. tropical savanna climate. The workshops at PTLC provide a unique hands-on learning experience in a campus-like setting for professionals involved in the study, care and regulation of non-human primates.

What is Primadaption?

Primadaption is a training and enrichment concept based on the idea that traditional or formal methods of training and enrichment for captive non-human primates are not always compatible with the resources that are available at many facilities, and therefore, it is necessary to tweak those methods so that it is possible to achieve the desired results within the set means. The ultimate goal is to create a realistic enrichment and training program that has room to change and grow, but is capable of being easily instituted at the specified facility. This is accomplished primarily through Applied Behaviorism, which integrates environmental enrichment, non-human primate training, and behavioral management.

II. Workshop Program

What will the workshop entail?

The “Enrichment” section of the workshop will cover 1) a general overview of environmental enrichment, 2) how to create an environmental enhancement program that meets regulations, 3) how to provide “purposeful enrichment”, 4) how to address behavioral issues, 5) and new and old ways that have been successful in enriching non-human primates.

The “Training” section of the workshop will provide a basic background of training including the science of training, the art of training, how to train, and what behaviors can be trained. Operant conditioning techniques will be used to demonstrate how basic training, such as targeting, cooperative feeding, laser target lixit checking, and pole and collar handling can be easily implemented, through the development of shaping plans, to create “willing workers” from non-human primates. All participants will have the opportunity to work hands-on with trained primates and naïve primates in order to gauge realistically how much can be accomplished with one animal in just a few training sessions.

The “Taking this Back to the Workplace” section will cover 1) how to get buy-in from your facility, 2) how to quantify the value of what you are doing or propose to do, 3) how to analyze and present this to your facility, 4) and how to communicate with regulators. Following the workshop, attendees will be able to go back to their facility with a practical perspective on how to integrate what they have learned into their own programs.

When is the workshop?

There will be two 4-day Primadaption Workshop for the Summer of 2011: **May 9th-12th, and July 11th-14th (with arrival on a Sunday and departure on a Friday)**

There will also be two 4-day Primadaption Workshops for the Fall of 2011 and two for Spring of 2012: **Dates TBD**

How much does it cost?

The cost for the workshop is **\$1095 for a double room and \$1395 for a single room**. This fee includes the tuition, all workshop materials, a 5-night hotel stay, all transportation including from and to the airport, and all meals except on Sunday arrival and Friday departure. We require a deposit of **\$400 due 5 weeks before the start day of each workshop**, and the **remainder is due 3 weeks before the start day of each workshop**.

Can I earn CEUs for AALAS Certification Registry?

After completion of the workshop, all participants will receive a certificate indicating that they have completed the workshop and have earned 24.0 CEUs.

How do I apply?

If you are interested in attending this workshop please fill out the 2011 Application Form, and send to Stefanie Nelsen either by Fax (239)867-2030 OR email stefanienelsen@primateproducts.com

If there are any other questions please feel free to contact:

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