

ANIMAL TRAINING ACADEMY

How To Train Animals Like A Pro



TRAIN ANIMALS LIKE A PRO

Using Only The Most Positive And Less Intrusive Training Methods Known.

**Learn the RECIPE to get the behaviors you want,
that you can implement immediately and no
previous experience is required**

Why trainers that know this basic information are going to have more success and freedom with their animals.



I Ryan Cartlidge Promise to share with you the exact knowledge that allows me to take steps towards **success with every animal I work with.**

I Promise, by the end of this Webinar to allow you to be able to employ the EXACT same RECIPE yourself **effective immediately.**

I promise to demonstrate to you, how these strategies will allow you to influence your animals behavior and take large strides towards those more desirable behaviors

I promise that if you employ the strategies as I suggest you can achieve success similar to myself.

And I promise you more fun with your Animal Training endeavours, a better understanding of behavior and improved behavior management skills

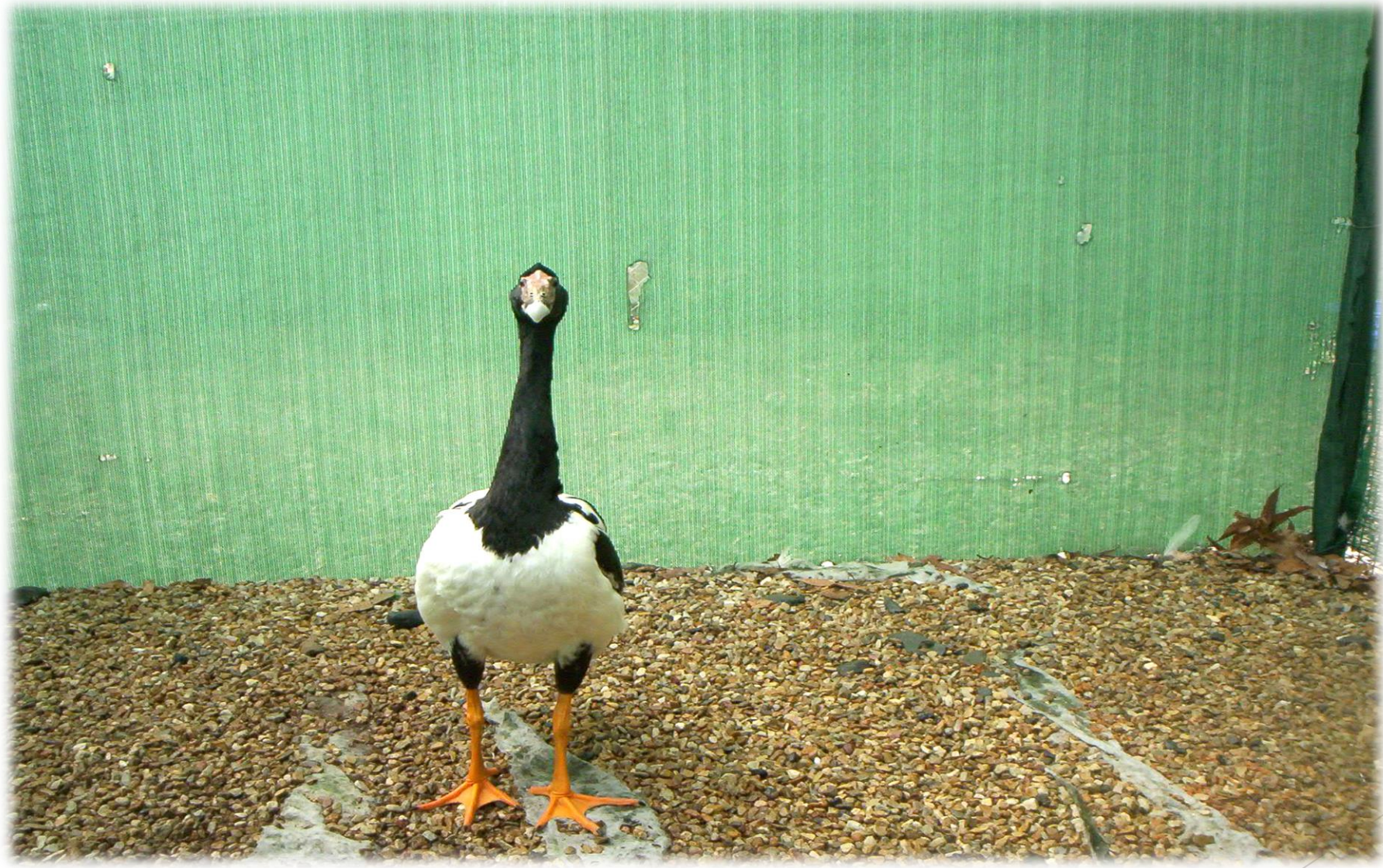














Behavioural solutions

- ▶ Remove labels. I.e. “aggressive”
- ▶ Ask the correct questions
 - ▶ Rather than talk about what we wanted to stop, ask what do we want Security doing instead?
- ▶ Use positive reinforcement to teach new more desirable behaviours.
- ▶ Examine the environment and modify so desirable behaviors become the easiest and most reinforcing choice.

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CANADIAN BIRD SAFARI

THE ADVENTURE BEGINS

It was with some sadness that in December 2010 I said goodbye to Cairns Tropical Zoo. I'd worked in the Free Flight bird show there since September 2008, but I was off on an adventure to North and South America, where I wanted to learn more about the awesome world of birds.

Fate was on my side when I crossed paths with the manager of the bird department at the African Lion Safari (ALS) while I was on an excursion to San Diego Zoo in January 2011. To my delight, this chance meeting resulted in a job offer.

INSIDE THE AFRICAN LION SAFARI

ALS is a family-run open-range wildlife park, located between Toronto and Niagara Falls, in the city of Cambridge, Ontario, Canada. The park began business in 1969 and has developed its operations with a major focus on conservation. It is now home to more than 1000 birds and animals from across the planet and is recognised worldwide for its conservation and breeding programs. ALS is an accredited member of CAZA (Canadian Association of Zoos and Aquariums). It is also a member of WAZA (World Association of Zoos and Aquariums), IEF (International Elephant Association) and IAATE (International Association of Avian Trainers and Educators).

As an ALS employee, I worked with more than 170 raptors. This is arguably the largest ensemble of raptors in North America and encompasses over 30 species. I worked as part of a team of 16 bird staff dedicated to caring for and managing these magnificent birds.

The park presents three daily bird and animal shows during its open season (May–October). The Birds of Prey Flying Demonstration features eagles, hawks and falcons among others. The second show, Parrot Paradise, showcases a variety of birds including an emu and a kookaburra. A third bird show has been created this season featuring birds' extreme adaptations, and demonstrating ultimate avian frontiers of size, speed and evolution. The park's other major show, Elephant Round-Up, exhibits the strength and intelligence of the Asian elephant.

BREEDING AND RECOVERY

The park has succeeded in breeding more than 31 species of birds, and has re-established Barn Owls, Burrowing Owls, Trumpeter Swans and a Bald Eagle into the wild. The park is currently supporting the Eastern Loggerhead Shrike recovery program. This shrike is an intriguing creature, being essentially a predatory passerine with a quirky approach to finishing off a kill—it impales prey onto thorns or barbed wire fences. ALS has supported the recovery program by housing shrikes in the winter and then relocating them to release sites in the summer to breed. The offspring are then 'soft-released' into the wild.

ALS is also home to a remote and alluring species which can

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Bald Eagle



Tacoma, a three-year-old juvenile Bald Eagle



Dugg, a Burrowing Owl, about to enter his burrow during a free flight demonstration

only be encountered in one other location in North America. The South American Chaco Owl is the subject of a breeding program at the park, and it is hoped we will soon have one free-flying in the Bird of Prey show.

Some of the bird staff immersed themselves in a project to handraise a flock of Caribbean Flamingos, while simultaneously conducting research for a flamingo handrearing formula. All incubation and handrearing was undertaken by park staff. Young birds were housed together with the general aim of joining a larger flock. Some, however, participated in a 'flamingo walk,' enabling visitors to get close to this beautiful bird, while other flamingos were trained to one day take part in the free-flight show.

BIRDS OF PREY SHOW

With so many opportunities, I am grateful to have been assigned a position in the bird of prey (BOP) team. In 2011 BOP staff won the Behaviour of the Year Award at the IAATE Conference for a show in which a falcon swoops some 300 metres from a balloon over the flying field. Several falcons have been trained to perform



Edna, a Red-tailed Hawk during a flight demonstration



The Count, a Chaco Owl from South America during a handling session



Dugg, a Burrowing Owl

this display and it's a great way to showcase these champions of pace.

The BOP show also features a number of other crowd-pulling displays such as Red-tailed Hawks chasing mechanical dog lures and Burrowing Owls which run, duck and dash into burrows around the show field. The show has conventional zoo time-limits, with each show designed to capture the audience's attention with approximately 20 minutes of action-packed, exhilarating flying. The time-limit allows audiences to move from one show to the next of three consecutive shows and enjoy 90 minutes of non-stop entertainment, with shows repeated up to four times daily during peak season.

It is an absolute blast performing a show, engaging in a team show wrap-up, having a breather, and then preparing for the next show—especially when the shows bring down the house. An average BOP demonstration features nine birds. The crowd is left guessing what will happen next as a range of release locations are used. I think the 'wow moment' of the show comes when either Muriel or Albert, our Marabou Storks, make their grand entry. Their enclosure allows them to manoeuvre to the rear of the stands and fly out, with their extraordinary two-metre wingspan, just over the heads of the crowd.

The BOP show allows staff to demonstrate the natural hunting abilities and styles of specific birds of prey. The Red-tailed Hawks, for example, pursue and hunt a mechanical lure which skims along over the ground. The mechanical lure, traditionally used for training dogs, works well with the hawks, who pull off agile feats of low flying which awe visitors. These flights, coupled with the Harris Hawk snatching food mid-air and the Ferruginous Hawk pulling a mock prairie dog out of a hole in the field, provide a good display of the hawks' capabilities. The falcon species—Lanner, Lugger or Peregrine—pull off stoops¹ with finesse as one would expect from these eminent kings of speed. Other birds in the show line-up include European Eagle Owls, Great-horned Owls, European Kestrels, Bald Eagles, a European White Stork, American Lesser Yellow-headed Vultures. The birds play different roles in the BOP collection depending on the conservation centre's requirements—we had Red-tailed Hawks, formerly show birds, on exhibit and successfully raising chicks.

CHANGING SEASONS

One of the things that sets the ALS apart from most other zoos is having to deal with the constraints of the harsh local climate.

Winter sees the temperature plummet to as low as -20°C. Certain species, such as the Chinese Vultures, which live naturally in these biting temperatures, can endure Southern Ontario's climate year-round. However, South American species like the Spectacled Owl require spacious heated barns during the winter.

It was really enjoyable to assist in the preparation for ALS's opening day on 7 May 2011. The park has a narrow window to get everything organised between the colder weather of late March–early April and the start of May, when daily temperatures begin to climb to the early 20s. Amid plenty of commotion and excitement, the number of staff required to operate the park grows from approximately 100 to 350 in summer. Enclosures require maintenance and modification to accommodate their summer tenants. The work is aesthetic as well as practical—this year we've improved the ambience of the Parrot Paradise stage by basking a new set featuring a pond and some mock animal shopping crates. Training or, in most cases, re-training the birds so that they are ready to participate in shows is a constant task. Many birds have performed shows in previous years, so they just need to become familiar with their summer holdings, build their strength and refresh their routines.

Another unique feature of the ALS is the way some display birds take part in the shows. The facilities are marvellous and continually improved to meet the needs of the birds. For example, Quasi the Andean Condor resides in an expansive aviary next to the BOP show field. This allows him to be visible to park visitors throughout the day while also enabling him to move easily to the flying field and back to his enclosure once he's finished his show routine.

CONCLUSION

I am extremely grateful to have had the good fortune to work and learn in the exhilarating environment of the Birds of Prey Conservation Centre at the African Lion Safari. This park is undoubtedly a hidden gem and I hope that if you venture over to Canada you put it at the top of your list of places to visit and explore. You can find out more about the safari at www.lionsafari.com.

Footnotes

¹ A 'soft release' allows the bird to come and go at will from its cage, providing it access to food, water and shelter while it gains independence and confidence to live in the wild.

² A 'stoop' involves the bird folding back its wings while at height and plummeting in a steep, near-vertical dive towards its prey.

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REINFORCEMENT

- ▶ Occurs immediately after behavior
- ▶ It is something that maintains or increases the frequency/strength of behavior in the future.
- ▶ There's two types of reinforcement, Positive and negative
- ▶ Positive means something is added to the environment
- ▶ Negative means something is removed.

PUNISHMENT

- ▶ Occurs immediately after behavior
- ▶ It is something that decreases the frequency/strength of behavior in the future.
- ▶ There's two types of Punishment, Positive and negative
- ▶ Positive means something is added to the environment
- ▶ Negative means something is removed.

Behavior Quadrant

| | Behavior is maintained or increases in frequency/strength. | Behavior decreases in frequency/strength. |
|---|---|--|
| Something is added to the environment. | Positive Reinforcement | Positive Punishment |
| Something is removed from the environment. | Negative Reinforcement | Negative Punishment |

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3 Highly Undesirable Behaviors

- ▶ Fibi soiling on the carpet. (couldn't predict when)
- ▶ Undesirable interactions between dogs and cats. Chasing, teeth barring and swiping (Around about same time every day).
- ▶ T-lo scratching at doors in the morning.







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A

B

C

A

• **Antecedent**

B

• **Behavior**

C

• **Consequence**

A

- What is happening immediately before the behavior occurs

B

- Behavior

C

- What is happening immediately after the behavior occurs.

A

- I offer my hand.

B

- Bird steps up.

C

- I offer favourite food item.

A

- Bird lifts foot.

B

- I offer my hand.

C

- Bird steps up.

A

- Lacey gives me instruction.

B

- I follow instruction.

C

- Lacey says good.

A

- Environment 1 / 3

B

- Behavior 1 / 3

C

- Environment 1 / 3

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RYAN'S THREE STEP PROCESS FOR SUCCESS

1. Try something
2. Record it (Video) and watch it back
3. If your not getting results see what you can change (ABC'S) and then....

REPEAT

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 **Jen Atherton**
Updated 9 months ago


★★★★★

As an owner of pet parrots, this course really helped me finally understand some of the questions I have been asking myself for a long time about their behaviour. The course was professionally presented and the information was clear and easy to understand with fantastic use of examples. I feel inspired after having completed the course and my understanding of what is possible in regards to training my animals has increased significantly. I already have so many ideas about what I'm going to do and can't stop talking about it to all my friends.

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 **Ben Silcock**
Updated 9 months ago

★★★★★

This course was perfect for me as a new puppy owner. I've read a lot of training books and taken advise from many people but this course explains the 'why' behind most of the training techniques. Having this core understanding is great, it gives me a lot more confidence dealing with my dog. Ryan presents the course in a clear and easy to understand fashion. The video quality is really professional and interesting. Great course I would recommend it to anyone who wants a better understanding of animal behaviour and it's perfect for new puppy parents. Thanks Ryan.

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 - ▶ Quiz

LIFE TIME FORUMS ACCESS

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following details:

- Browser Tabs:** ShortStack, Dog Behaviour Forum - A..., Inbox - ryan@animaltraini...
- Address Bar:** www.animaltrainingacademy.com/forums/forum/dog-behaviour-forum/
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- Summary:** This forum contains 2 topics and 5 replies, and was last updated by ryan cartlidge 2 weeks, 2 days ago.
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| Welcome. please introduce your self. Started by: ryan cartlidge | 1 | 1 | 2 months, 2 weeks ago ryan cartlidge |

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