

PODCAST OUTLINE

00:00 Introductions

3:33 Anaka takes us back to some of the first animals she ever trained using positive reinforcement animal training and talks about her experience attending Moorpark College.

7:15 Anaka shares a story about the importance of relationships - a lesson she learned whilst working pinnipeds at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom.

10:15 Here Anaka talks about her experience working for the ATC (Animal Training Centre) in Austria, including running chicken training camps

13:35 Anaka talks about her current position as Manager of Animal Training at Maymont.

17:10 Anaka shares the importance of sharing animal training with our Zoo visitors.

19:05 Here we discuss Anaka's thesis research she conducted with the guidance of Dr Susan Friedman and Dr Diana Reiss. Her Thesis was titled; A Chicken's Choice: Positive Reinforcement Training Versus Free Food

28:28 Anaka talks about the ABMA (Animal Behavior Management Alliance) and her role in the organisation.

34:03: Anaka shares a story about working with Monty the bobcat and the importance of flexibility when writing out your training plans.

37.55: Anaka talks about the successful training of a black bear to voluntarily accept injections and how they could then generalize that behavior to further assist in the bears welfare and medical care.

39:47 Anaka shares her vision looking forward and what she would like to see happen with animal training in the next 5 – 10 years.

41:28 Conclusions