



**Animal  
Behavior  
Institute™**

*Enriching their lives & ours*

## **Animal Training & Enrichment Certificate Program**

Are you trying to advance your career in animal behavior or perhaps embark on a new one? The Animal Training & Enrichment program at ABI provides you with the specialized training you need to succeed and make a difference in the lives of animals. Our convenient and flexible **online** program provides an outstanding education in the management, training and enrichment of animals.

### **What is Animal Training & Enrichment all about?**

Animal training involves the shaping of behaviors through positive reinforcement. Animal enrichment refers to the structuring of an animal's environment to provide choices and to improve their psychological welfare. Taken together, these processes allow us to train animals in the behaviors we need and to maximize their quality of life. Unlike most behavioral programs, our Animal Training Enrichment certificate emphasizes an applied approach. Our certification goes well beyond theory and teaches you to design and create full behavioral programs.

Our certificate program requires the completion of five courses:

- 1) Animal Training
- 2) Animal Enrichment
- 3) Animal Behavior
- 4) Animal Minds & Emotions
- 5) The Human-Animal Bond



### **Employment & Career Opportunities**

Animal trainers & behaviorists work in many fields, ranging from zoos & aquariums to laboratories, pet stores, kennels & catteries, or laboratories. Sample positions include:

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| *dog trainer           | *animal trainer - movies | *research biologist    |
| *enrichment specialist | *lab animal technician   | *zookeeper             |
| *bird trainer          | *veterinarian            | *aquarist              |
| *marine mammal trainer | *veterinary technician   | *lab animal technician |

The outlook for professionals in animal training and animal care are excellent, positions in are expected to grow faster than average for the next decade. Salaries are variable based on the specific field (2004, source: US Department of Labor). For example, an independent dog trainer or behavioral consultant may be working for \$50-\$100 per hour. An animal behaviorist working in the biomedical field may well start at \$40,000-50,000.

### **Let's Get Started!**

Only five courses are required to complete the program! Class sizes are kept small (max. 8) to ensure quality interaction between students and faculty. Consequently, space is limited and we recommend registering early to avoid being shut out of a course. Detailed information on tuition, financing and course offerings is available online at [animaledu.com](http://animaledu.com). You may also contact our program staff at [support@animaledu.com](mailto:support@animaledu.com) or toll free at (866) 755-0448, ext. 1.