

Training animals to participate and the construction of a training set up

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A description of how we achieve our common goal: "All animals must be trained for the procedures in which they participate" in practice. More specifically, how we build specific training plans built on the theories of positive reinforcement and reward-based training. And how we adapt the training to the exact study procedures and needs, so that the animals are included as stress-free and voluntarily in the technical procedures of the studies as possible. Further I will explain how we prioritize training in our daily routines in the animal facility, as well as further education of colleagues, so that we all can contribute to the training of the animals in our facility. The presentation will describe, how specific training plans are constructed, built on the theories of positive reinforcement and reward-based training, and how the training is adapted, to the specific study procedures and needs, so that the animal's participation is stress-free and voluntarily. To reach the goal of training all animals, we need time and flexibility. This means that we need to prioritize animal training in our daily routines in the animal facility, as well as further education of colleagues, so that all animal caretakers can contribute to the training. Lastly, I will speak about the development of the role as training coordinator, including the education "Instructor in Clicker training" by Canis-Academy in Norway, by Morten Egtved.