

1999 International Working Dog Breeding Conference Conference Assessment

Average Attendee Ratings for the Conference

<u>Item</u>	<u>Avg</u>
A. I feel that this conference was a good investment of my time.	1.3
B. The conference attempted to provide too much information.	4.0
C. The conference did not provide enough depth of information.	3.6
D. The conference did not provide enough variety of information.	3.6
E. The discussion sessions added to the value of this conference.	1.6
F. San Antonio was a good location for this conference.	2.0
G. The meeting room was not adequate for my needs.	3.4
H. This conference caused me to reevaluate my program or methods.	2.6
I. I would like a published Proceedings developed for this conference.	1.4
J. This conference should be repeated annually.	1.7

Rating Scale

1	I strongly agree with the statement
2	I agree with the statement
3	I neither agree nor disagree with the statement
4	I disagree with the statement
5	I strongly disagree with the statement

Conference Feedback

What was the single best aspect of this conference?

- Hearing what other agencies and countries are doing with breeding and research.
- Networking - global perspective
- Allowed for discussion of several groups doing similar work
- It brought together the people who are doing the breeding based on performance and not registry.
- Seeing how things were done years ago and how they are done now (lessons learned)
- Focus on Breeding issues
- Presentations by John Vandelloo and Alfred Maciejewski

What one thing could make this conference better?

- A shorter formal day with more time for informal exchange of information.
- More time built in for informal dialogue with all participants. Not all experience/expertise can or is related in a formal presentation.
- Start conference earlier in week. End conference by noon of last day.
Preplanning for presentation material
- Better presentation room-more visibility

What topics and/or speakers would you like to see in a future breeding conference?

- Heat exhaustion in Malinois.
Early neurological stimulation
- Shorter more specialized sessions
- Presentation on aggression and tracking
Round table discussion sessions

Any additional comments ...

- Everyone has the same basic problems and everyone is attempting to breed a better dog. We need to concentrate on shared problems.
- London metropolitan police
New Zealand Police
- Video documentation is nice but the cameras obstruct peoples view.
- Video taping was distracting at times, most presentations had slides or power point view graphs that were difficult to read, especially with the glare of the lights for video.
- Very well done