

IN-PERSON PRESENTERS



Chirag Patel



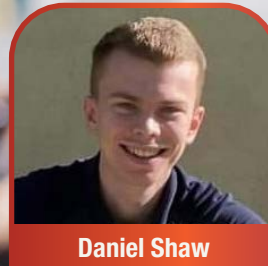
Dr Amber Batson



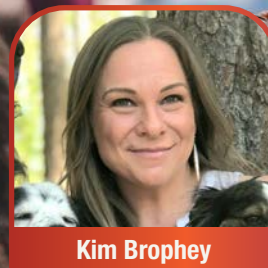
Peta Clarke



Laura Ryder



Daniel Shaw



Kim Brophey



Dr Simon Gadbois

LIVE VIRTUAL PRESENTERS

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**Glenelg, Sth Australia**  
**Stamford Grand Adelaide Hotel**  
**2-5 October 2025**

**Australia's #1 professional  
dog training conference**

- Presentations from International and Australian dog training experts
- Workshops and networking activities
- Sponsorship and trade show opportunities



The Association of Pet Dog Trainers Australia  
**Conference 2025 Presentation Schedule**  
2–5 October 2025 at Stamford Grand Adelaide Hotel, Glenelg SA

**THURSDAY**  
2 OCTOBER

8:30 am – 12:00 pm

**A: Optional workshop: Game changer: Training games and behaviour change** – Laura Ryder

**B: Optional workshop: Do you see what I see? Challenging our observation skills and interpretations of animal behaviour** – Peta Clarke

1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

**A: Optional workshop: In sickness and in health: How disease affects the behaviour of the dog** – Dr Amber Batson

**B: Optional workshop: Foundations for life: Rethinking puppy socialisation/Lost in translation: Speaking client and trainer** – Chirag Patel

4:30 pm – 7:00 pm

**Early Bird Registration & Trade Show Opening**

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

**Ice Breaker Function** – drinks and canapés at the venue

**FRIDAY**  
3 OCTOBER

7:30 am – 8:15 am

**Conference Registration**

7:40 am – 8:15 am

**APDT Shorts x 3** – three talks scheduled for 7:40 am, 7:55 am and 8:00 am

8:20 am – 8:30 am

**Conference Opening and Welcome to Day One** – MC Louise Ginman (APDT Australia President)

8:30 am – 9:30 am

**Stress inoculation: Can early life stress support healthy behavioural development?** – Daniel Shaw (via Zoom)

9:30 am – 10:00 am

**The least inhibitive, functionally effective (LIFE) model: A new framework for ethical animal training practices** – Dr Eduardo J Fernandez

10:00 am – 10:30 am

**Morning Break**

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

**A multimodal approach to behaviour problems** – Dr Amber Batson

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

**Lunch Break**

12:40 pm – 12:55 pm

**APDT Shorts x 1** – one talk scheduled for 12:40 pm

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm

**Body language beyond the lip lick: Is it time to throw away the bath water and change the baby?** – Chirag Patel

1:45 pm – 2:30 pm

**From crazy to calm: A case study with an ‘impulsive’ Samoyed** – Chirag Patel

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

**Afternoon Break**

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

**The perfect puppy program: Best practices for industry professionals** – Laura Ryder

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

**Shut up, I'm thinking: Cognitive processes in dogs** – Peta Clarke

4:30 pm – 4:40 pm

**APDT Awards Presentation**

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

**APDT Annual General Meeting**

6:30 pm

**APDT Committee and Speaker Dinner**

**SATURDAY**  
4 OCTOBER

7:40 am – 8:15 am

**APDT Shorts x 3** – three talks scheduled for 7:40 am, 7:55 am and 8:00 am

8:20 am – 8:30 am

**Welcome to Day Two & New APDT Committee Announcement** – MC Louise Ginman

8:30 am – 9:30 am

**The “good life” of a “good dog”: A total welfare model for the future of the pet dog industry** – Kim Brophay (via Zoom)

9:30 am – 10:00 am

**Activating agency** – Stephanie Bryson

10:00 am – 10:30 am

**Morning Break**

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

**Reactive: The label that needs a time out** – Chirag Patel

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

**Lunch Break**

12:40 pm – 12:55 pm

**APDT Shorts x 1** – one talk scheduled for 12:40 pm

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm

**You know what you are teaching but do you know what they are learning?** – Peta Clarke

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm

**Getting to the guts of it all: How digestive health influences dog behaviour** – Dr Amber Batson

2:45 pm – 3:15 pm

**Afternoon Break**

3:15 pm – 4:00 pm

**Paws, patterns and progress: Understanding behaviour through observation and data** – Chirag Patel

4:00 pm – 4:45 pm

**Playful reinforcement utilising toy play to shape positive dog behaviour** – Laura Ryder

4:45 pm – 5:00 pm

**APDT Shorts x 1** – one talk scheduled for 4:45 pm

6:30 pm

**Free evening or join a group dinner at a local restaurant**

**SUNDAY**  
5 OCTOBER

7:40 am – 8:15 am

**APDT Shorts x 3** – three talks scheduled for 7:40 am, 7:55 am and 8:00 am

8:20 am – 8:30 am

**Welcome to Day Three** – MC Louise Ginman

8:30 am – 9:30 am

**Motivation: How it can be trained, and how you may have some basic principles wrong; including a strong component on the fundamental Pavlovian underpinnings of operant conditioning** – Dr Simon Gadbois (via Zoom)

9:30 am – 10:00 am

**Stimulated: Recognising, embracing and working with a highly stimulated dog** – Jess McNamara-Rice

10:00 am – 10:25 am

**Morning Break**

**Morning Workshop 1**

10:25 am – 11:10 am

**Tough talks: Navigating difficult conversations in the animal care industry** – Laura Ryder

**The shape of eating: Training the behaviour of eating** – Peta Clarke

**Fear not: Practical training skills for veterinary and husbandry procedures** – Laura Ryder

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

**Lunch Break**

12:40 pm – 12:55 pm

**APDT Shorts x 1** – one talk scheduled for 12:40 pm

**Afternoon Workshop 1**

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm

**Hiss-teria to harmony: Helping dog trainers purr with confidence** – Chirag Patel

**Let sleeping dogs lie: Links between sleep and behaviour in our pet dogs** – Dr Amber Batson

1:35 pm – 2:35 pm

**The dog's game: Exploring our beliefs about canine scent work** – Peta Clarke

**Frustrated Fido: A look at practical ways we can help dogs cope more effectively in frustrating situations** – Dr Amber Batson

2:35 pm – 3:00 pm

**Afternoon Break & Trade Show Closes at 3:00 pm**

3:00 pm – 3:45 pm

**Boost the brain before you train: Understanding executive functions and cognitive capacity in dogs** – Dr Amber Batson

3:45 pm – 4:30 pm

**Just one more! The closing surprises you don't want to miss!** – Chirag Patel

4:30 pm

**Conference Close**