



## **Gary Wilkes'**

Behavior and Training Services

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### **Professional Achievements:**

Between 1987 and 1992, Gary Wilkes developed the first practical application of operant and respondent conditioning for companion animals. Now called, "Clicker Training," Wilkes and his former colleague, Karen Pryor introduced this methodology to the world of domestic animals in 1992. Far more than an improved version of "operant conditioning" Wilkes' application fully integrates respondent conditioning and species specific behavior to address all influences that can affect a behavioral solution. He has the unique skill sets necessary to safely inhibit serious behaviors immediately – a necessary factor in dealing with pica, aggression, escape behavior and separation anxiety. Wilkes is a certified speaker with RACE – the veterinary continuing education certification board. His 38 years experience solving companion animal problems by veterinary referral gives him a broad and firm foundation solving the problems that are unique to veterinary practice.

### **Teaching Position:**

Associate Professor of Animal Behavior

Morrison School of Agribusiness, Arizona State University. 2007/2008

### **Professional Affiliations:**

Full Member: *Association for Behavior Analysis International* since 1992

*Canadian Assoc. of Professional Pet Dog Trainers*: Honorary Life Member for Achievement:

*International Association of Canine Professionals*: Honorary Life Member for Achievement:

### **Board of Directors and training advisor:**

Board Member Emeritus: *Arizona Humane Society*

*Paws With a Cause, Grand Rapids Michigan.*

### **Plenary Speaker, Keynote Speaker, Invited Addresses, Symposium Chair, Panel Discussion presentations and discussant.**

Central Veterinary Conferences: San Diego, Baltimore, Washington, DC (30 session presentations)

Ontario (Canada) Association For Behavior Analysis Keynote Speaker

Massachusetts Institute of Technology – Artificial Intelligence consulting and invited symposium speaker.

Association for Behavior Analysis International - 1992 to present.

California Association for Behavior Analysis – 1992 to 2008 Multiple invited addresses

University of Tennessee Veterinary School

Arizona State University Morrison School of Agri-Business Pre-Vet program

Arizona Veterinary Medical Association

American Humane Association Annual International Conference – Plenary speaker

Las Vegas Metro Police International Canine Trials

Western States Law Enforcement Canine Assoc.

Association of Pet Dog Trainers: US and UK

Canadian Association of Professional Pet Dog Trainers: Canada

International Association of Canine Professionals

The Assistance Dog Institute (Now the Bergin Institute)

## **Professional Consultations:**

US Army Special Operations Dog Training Command (Delta Force)

The Seeing Eye

Paws With a Cause

San Diego Zoo and Wild Animal Park

Phoenix Zoo

Dogs East Search and Rescue

Texas Hearing and Service Dogs

The Phoenix Zoo

San Diego Zoo and Wild Animal Park

New Jersey Aquarium

**Seminars:** Gary Wilkes has presented over 100 seminars nationally and internationally since introducing his training methods. Foremost was the introduction of “clicker training” a method he developed in response to the desperate need for effective and practical methods of behavioral control for pet owners. Clicker training is now a respected and firmly established method of training, world-wide. Additionally, Wilkes has created training programs for search and rescue, therapy and assistance dogs, puppy training for veterinary clinics and has worked with virtually every type of working dogs.

## **University Speaking engagements:**

University of Tennessee Veterinary School

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Arizona State University Dept. of Psychology

Arizona State University Morrison School – Prevet Program

University of North Texas

University of Texas at Arlington

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

Ethology Institute, Copenhagen, Denmark – Guest Lecturer and Seminar Presenter

## **Scientific Collaborations:**

Massachusetts Institute of Technology - Artificial Intelligence Project Consultant.

(Chronicled on Scientific American Frontiers - Hosted by Alan Alda) Wilkes shares two patents with MIT researchers from this collaboration. He also holds a separate, individually developed patent for a training tool that was integral to the MIT collaboration and facilitates another of Wilkes’ contributions to modern dog training – practical targeting for directed movements.

## **Scientific Awards:**

Association for Behavior Analysis International- Excellence in the Presentation of Behavior Analysis in the Mass Media 1995 (This award is now annual, but at the time was given when it was deemed earned. This was an unsolicited award.)

**Writing Awards:** Note: Gary Wilkes wrote a syndicated column for Cox Publishing for more than 12 years. His work was routinely featured on the NY Times wire services. Additionally, Wilkes wrote the behavior column for Dog Fancy, Front & Finish, The Clicker Journal and currently writes regular columns for Off-Lead & Animal Behavior, Groomer to Groomer and Boarding and Kennels magazines. With more than a half-million words in print, he is well established as a presence within the world of dogs. His writing awards include...

A. Dog Writer's Assoc. of America Maxwell Award for Excellence

1) Best Newspaper Column (Twice)

2) Best Magazine Column (Twice)

3) Best Series in a Feature Magazine

4) Best Op-Ed

5) Best Short Booklet

B. Special Awards: Gaines Pet Food Newspaper Column of the Year (Twice)