



# PRIMADAPTION WORKSHOP

*“Training and Enrichment that is constantly evolving to meet the realistic needs of non-human primates in laboratory settings.”*

## I. Introduction

### Who are we?

Primate Products, Inc. (PPI) is an AAALAC-accredited program that enhances worldwide biomedical research programs by providing many services including effective educational and training programs either available through workshops at Panther Tracks Learning Center (PTLC), or as customized training seminars onsite at your facility. PTLC is located on 640 acres of land in the everglades in Southwestern Florida, the only U.S. tropical savanna climate. The workshops at PTLC provide a unique hands-on learning experience in a campus-like setting for professionals involved in the study, care and regulation of non-human primates.

### What is Primadaption?

Primadaption is a training and enrichment concept based on the idea that traditional or formal methods of training and enrichment for captive non-human primates are not always compatible with the resources that are available at many facilities, and therefore, it is necessary to tweak those methods so that it is possible to achieve the desired results within the set means. The ultimate goal is to create a realistic enrichment and training program that has room to change and grow, but is capable of being easily instituted at the specified facility. This is accomplished primarily through Applied Behaviorism, which integrates environmental enrichment, non-human primate training, and behavioral management.

## II. Workshop Program

### What will the workshop entail?

The “Enrichment” section of the workshop will cover 1) a general overview of environmental enrichment, 2) how to create an environmental enhancement program that meets regulations, 3) how to provide “purposeful enrichment”, 4) how to address behavioral issues, 5) and new and old ways that have been successful in enriching non-human primates.

The “Training” section of the workshop will provide a basic background of training including the science of training, the art of training, how to train, and what behaviors can be trained. Operant conditioning techniques will be used to demonstrate how basic training, such as targeting, cooperative feeding, and pole and collar handling can be easily implemented, through the development of shaping plans, to create “willing workers” from non-human primates. All participants will have the opportunity to work hands-on with a trained primate and a naïve primate in order to gauge realistically how much can be accomplished with one animal in just a few training sessions.

The “Taking this Back to the Workplace” section will cover 1) how to get buy-in from your facility, 2) how to quantify the value of what you are doing or propose to do, 3) how to analyze and present this to your facility, 4) and how to communicate with regulators. Following the workshop, attendees will be able to go back to their facility with a practical perspective on how to integrate what they have learned into their own programs.

### **When is the workshop?**

There will be two 4-day Primadaption Workshops for the remainder of 2010:

#### **1) Remaining Workshop in 2010:**

- a. Begins on **Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 8:00am**, and ends on **Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010** after the “Hail and Farewell Dinner”, which begins at 7:30pm. Attendees should plan on arriving any time on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010, and departing on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

#### **2) Workshops in 2011:**

- a. **January 24-27** (arrival Sunday, January 23rd, and departure Friday, January 28th)
- b. **March 7-10** (arrival Sunday, March 6th, and departure Friday, March 11th)
- c. **May 9-12** (arrival Sunday, May 8th, and departure Friday, May 13th)

### **How much does it cost?**

The cost for the workshop is **\$1000 for a double room and \$1250 for a single room for the October 2010 workshop**, and **\$1095 for a double room and \$1395 for a single room for the January 2011 and May 2011 workshops**. This fee includes the tuition, all workshop materials, a 5-night hotel stay, all transportation including from and to the airport, and all meals except on Sunday arrival and Friday departure. We require a deposit of **\$400 due 4 weeks before the start day of each workshop**, and the **remainder is due 2 weeks before the start day of each workshop**.

### **Can I earn CEUs for AALAS Certification Registry?**

After completion of the workshop, all participants will receive a certificate indicating that they have completed the workshop and have earned 24.0 CEUs.

### **How do I apply?**

If you are interested in attending this workshop please fill out the 2010 Application Form, and send to Stefanie Nelsen either by Fax (239)867-2030 OR email [stefanienelsen@primateproducts.com](mailto:stefanienelsen@primateproducts.com) . All applications for the October 2010 workshop are due by **Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010**.

If there are any other questions please feel free to contact:

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