

Who is Kayce Cover?

For over 30 years, Kayce (Kay-Cee Coe-ver) has been professionally involved in animal training and public education. In 1990, she founded Syn Alia Animal Training Systems which includes “Bridge and Target”.

Education

Bachelor of Animal Science, Masters of Science in Education

Professional Background

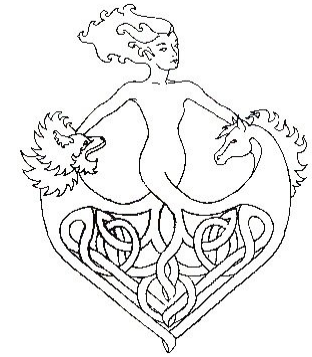
Trained animals at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Mystic Marinelife Aquarium, the US National Zoological Park–Smithsonian Institution. In addition to training many animal professionals and handlers/owners, she is a consultant to numerous zoos and private institutions, providing a range of services that include:

- Implementing state-of-the-art training programs and husbandry/animal management systems for domestic and exotic animals;
- Training and managing animal models and actors;
- Research and behavioral engineering to develop animal-based solutions to human and animal needs (see website for additional articles and info regarding research past and present)

Other

Kayce travels internationally providing seminars, classes, and public demonstrations. Among her numerous published articles are: *Protected Contact: A New Era in Elephant Management* (American Trainer Magazine, July 2002); *Introducing the Intermediate Bridge* (American Trainer Magazine, Oct 2002); *Who's Training Who* (Primate Care Journal 2001). She has also produced a manual for students of Bridge and Target, *The Syn Alia Series on Animal Training, Vol. 1: An Introduction to Bridge and Target Technique* and a new book, *SATS and the Family Dog*, available soon.

Kayce Cover,
Syn Alia Training Systems
1719 D Kingston Avenue,
Norfolk, VA 23503



Syn Alia Training Systems™

SATS Certification Series
Seminars 1/2 and 3/4
by

KAYCE COVER

Within 5 minutes,
An animal can begin
to successfully communicate
with YOU.

Seminars 1/2, Aug 23-24, 2008
Seminars 3/4, Aug 30-31, 2008
9:30 am registration
10 am to 4 pm seminar
4-5 pm questions

Cailleach Australian Shepherds
Cuyler, NY
susan@cailleachaussies.com
Susan Beals
607-423-3752



Aug 23-24: Certification 1/2
Aug 30-31: Certification 3/4
Dogs and Horses!!

**An Animal Training System of
“Operant Communication”**

Syn Alia Training System (SATS) is an integrated training system, with Bridge and Target, Vocabulary, Perception Modification, Cycles, and more. People can communicate with animals with startling ease and without physical force or constraint. Best of all, SATS continues to evolve, empowering people with better and faster techniques for realizing their animal goals.

August 23/24 topics:

- ◆ **Bridges**
 - **Intermediate**
 - **Terminal**
- ◆ **Targets and Simple Behaviors**

Bridges - This training is unique because of its use of an **intermediate bridge** which signals the subject that s/he is on the right track but has not completed the trial yet (like the clue “getting warmer”). This has profound results! We can support the animal in every learning exercise - convert failed trials to successes - and expand correct behavior in the face of challenges. The intermediate bridge is followed by the **terminal bridge**, signaling successful completion of the behavior.

Target - Teaching an animal to focus on a target helps it learn in a distraction-rich environment. In Bridge and Target training, the targeting is **not related directly to food**, but to being bridged. An animal that is focused on food is not necessarily open to

learning. Animals learn to focus on targets as “markers” for their correct actions, rather than as places where food will appear. Targeting shows an animal exactly how to be successful. Trial and error is eliminated. Using a series of targets, we can define **any** motion or behavior. Targets can be used to describe even very specific, very complex behaviors, for virtually errorless learning.

August 30/31 topics:

- ◆ **Target Hierarchies**
- ◆ **Body Parts**

Target Hierarchies - teaching animals to know go to the correct target when using more than one. We will also work on send-aways - useful for obedience work, SAR, hunting, and just about anything you will do with your dog.

Body Parts - Knowing the names of body parts will help your animal cooperate during veterinary procedures, grooming, care at home, and more. Knowing body parts is also outstanding for freestyle work, obedience, agility and more. You will be amazed at how quickly most animals learn the names of their body parts, and even their left and right sides.

Read more about Bridge & Target:

- <http://www.synalia.com>
- <http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/bridgeandtarget>
- <http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/bntpics2>
- <http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/trainest>

Kayce will be available for private or semi-private lessons August 25-29. Contact her directly for information and registration at kc@synalia.com (757-588-5967)

Who Should Attend

If you are an

- Animal caretaker
- Owner
- Researcher
- Trainer
- Animal Lover

Or...ANYONE who seeks the most humane and efficient training methods ... this workshop is for you!

What to Expect:

Professional Intensive **Informative Hands-On**

This workshop involves a mixture of lecture and exercises. Participants may work with their own animals (on approval) or team up to practice with other students. (Approx 1 dog/3 humans).

Cost -- \$250 for one weekend (\$230 with early bird registration) or \$500 for both weekends (\$450 with early bird registration)

Included each weekend:

- Two-day seminar - 9 (breakfast) 10 (seminar starts) to 4, questions till 5 each day
- Written training syllabus
- Meals: continental breakfast, light lunch, snacks
- Animals welcome on approval, first come, first selected.

Registration Form Enclosed

For hotels and other details,

**Contact Susan Beals 607-423-3752
susan@caillechaussies.com**