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June 26, 2019 Animal Assisted Intervention (AAI)



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Optimizing the value of AAI
Highlighting Research and Practice for
Engaged Professionals



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### June 26, 2019

8:30 AM - Registration

9:00 - 9:30 AM - Opening Remarks

9:30 - 11:00 AM - Our Faithful

Companions, Conceptualizing the

Value and Health Benefits of the

Human-Animal Bond

11:00 - 12:00 PM - Animal-Assisted

Interventions at the Crossroads:

Clarifying How AAI Can Be Applied As

a Complimentary Therapy - Part 1

12:00 - 1:00 PM - Lunch

1:00 - 4:00 PM - Animal-Assisted

Interventions at the Crossroads:

Clarifying How AAI Can Be Applied As

a Complimentary Therapy - Part 2



#### **Learning Objectives**

- 1. Awareness of the human animal bond
- 2. Recognize the psycho-social and health benefits of human animal interactions
- 3. Identify and understand theories explaining why humans enjoy interacting with animals
- 4. Awareness of the spectrum of animal assisted interventions (AAI)
- 5. Understand AAI as a complementary form of therapy that can be integrated seamlessly within traditional forms of psychotherapy
- 6. Awareness of the research highlighting the efficacy of AAI
  - 7. Awareness of how animal assisted interventions are applied with various special populations
- 8. Awareness of the behavioral characteristics of an ideal therapy animal
- 9. Understand animal welfare and training concerns in AAI work