



Exploring the Power of Human–Animal Relationships

Academy for Lifelong Learning

Classes held at 6500 E. Girard Ave, Denver (inside Calvary Baptist Church)

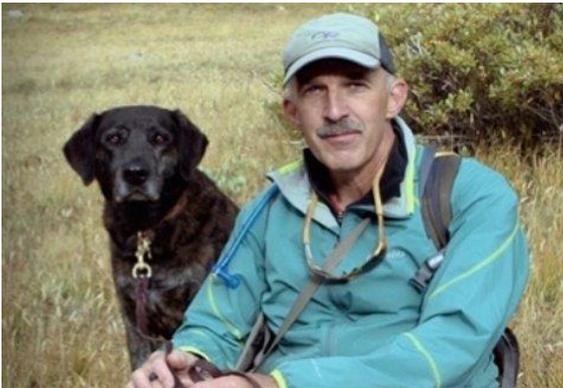
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**1:30-3:00 p.m.
\$60.00**

Animals provide some of our most reliable, uncomplicated and valued relationships. ~

Philip Tedeschi, executive director, Institute for Human-Animal Connection

Course Description: The University of Denver is home to the internationally recognized Institute for Human-Animal Connection, a center for the study of the interrelationship and health of people, animals and the environment through the lens of the social sciences. Guided by the Institute’s Executive Director and Clinical Professor Philip Tedeschi, along with special guest Samara (Philip’s black lab), explore how respecting and taking care of other animals offers unique and fulfilling opportunities for caring for ourselves. Research shows that humans’ connections with animals shape lives across the life span, offering relational experiences that inform our social, emotional, cognitive, physical, spiritual and psychological well being. How can we, human animals, deepen



our relationship with non-human animals, including your own companion animals? How can that extend to a more meaningful relationship with our communities? Why is it important for society to respect and understand the impact of these relationships? Come away with fresh understanding on how to rethink, improve and deepen relationships, and a new sense of being part of a larger community for all of your life.

Instructor: Clinical Professor Philip Tedeschi is co-founder and executive director of the Institute for Human-Animal Connection in DU’s Graduate School of Social Work. As a student in the University of Wisconsin’s veterinary program, Tedeschi moonlighted teaching horseback riding to adults with schizophrenia, the positive changes of which led him to leave vet school and design his own major focusing on human-animal interactions.

Some of Philip Tedeschi’s best friends are animals. He has studied and teaches about the intricate relationship between people, domestic and wild animals and the natural world. Philip Tedeschi is a Clinical Professor at the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Denver and is Director of The Institute for Human-Animal Connection. He also coordinates the school’s Animal-Assisted Social Work Certificate program for Master of Social Work (MSW) students, as well as the global Animals and Human Health professional development certificate program.

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