

PDTE Annual Conference and AGM 2025

27. – 30. September
Slovenia



Movement Matters: The Connection between Canine Movement and Behaviour

Friday, 26th September

18:00 – 22:00	Welcome evening: WELCOME DRINKS
	Join us for a warm welcome the evening before the first conference day at Hotel Špica Laško, where we'll greet all early arrivals with a free complimentary drink.
	Dinner at the Hotel Špica will be available à la carte (at your own expense) until 10 PM.

Saturday, 27th September


7:00 – 8:00	Breakfast
	Buffet breakfast is included for hotel guests, but will also be available to non-guests, provided you register for it in advance through the registration form by September 15th.
7:00 – 8:30	Registrations
	We'll welcome everyone at the registration desk, where you'll receive everything you need: your conference materials, a gift bag and key information.
8:30 – 9:00	Conference Opening Ceremony & Technical Briefing
	We'll start with the official conference opening, welcome by the organizers, and an overview of key technical and logistical details to ensure a seamless conference experience.
9:00 – 10:30	Julia Robertson: Myofascial Development and Maintenance: from puppies to seniors, pt I.
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
	A selection of sweet and savory snacks, along with freshly brewed coffee, tea, water, and refreshing juices, will be freely available to all participants during the conference.
10:45 – 12:00	Julia Robertson: Myofascial Development and Maintenance: from puppies to seniors, pt II.
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch break
	Buffet lunch, including soup and a salad, will be available on-site, provided you register for it in advance through the registration form by September 15th.
	For others, there are several quick meal options at nearby restaurants, snack bars, and bakeries, or at the supermarket across the street, but keep in mind that the lunch break is of limited duration, so please plan your meals accordingly.



13:30 – 14:45	Sharon Ferrer: Fascia in Motion: from connective tissue to the emotional well-being of the dog
14.45 – 15:00	Coffee break
	A selection of sweet and savory snacks, along with freshly brewed coffee, tea, water, and refreshing juices, will be freely available to all participants during the conference.
15:00 – 16:45	Katja Söhnel: From Puppy to Adult Dog—New Insights from a Long-term Study
16.45 – 18:00	End of Day One
	Following the first day's presentations, this is your short break to refresh and prepare for the evening's event.
18:00–22:00	Taste of Laško: A Beer-Fueled City Tour, Local Beer Tasting, and a Festive Dinner with Live Music
	After a day full of learning and inspiration, it's time to unwind and connect with fellow participants at our main social evening event. Experience the spirit of Laško , starting with a short, guided city tour including a beer tasting with a brewer that will showcase some of the finest local brews.
	The event will culminate back at the venue hotel in a special "beer-inspired" served multi-course dinner, providing a unique culinary evening designed to bring us all together.
	Live music and a lively atmosphere will make for a memorable and enjoyable evening.
	Participation in the event is optional and requires an additional fee of €60 per person (includes the guided Laško city tour, tasting of local beers, festive multi-course dinner and live music).
	To join, please register in advance through the registration form by September 15th.

Sunday, 28th September	
7:00 – 8:00	Breakfast
	Buffet breakfast is included for hotel guests, but will also be available to non-guests, provided you register for it in advance through the registration form by September 15th.
8:00–10:00	PDTE Annual General Meeting
	A formal gathering of all PDTE members (but anyone interested is also welcome to attend) to review the past year, share updates, and shape future directions of PDTE organisation.
8:30–10:00	Something different: A Healing Forest Therapy Session
	For those, not attending the PDTE AGM, we invite you to try something different in the meantime ...
	Join a certified therapist for a short, yet deeply relaxing forest therapy session in the tranquil Slovenian woods, designed to prepare you for another full day ahead. Discover the benefits of forest therapy as you immerse yourself in nature's healing atmosphere.
	Participation in the event is optional and requires an additional fee of €15 per person. To join, please register in advance through the registration form by September 15th.
	Maximum number of participants is limited to 15. To ensure your spot, we recommend early booking.
10:00–11:00	Ute Bühner: Forest Agility



11:00–11:15	Coffee break
	A selection of sweet and savory snacks, along with freshly brewed coffee, tea, water, and refreshing juices, will be freely available to all participants during the conference.
11:15 – 13:00	Katja Söhnel: Biomechanics of jumping dogs
13:00–14:30	Lunch break
	<p>Time to relax and recharge for the afternoon part of the program.</p> <p>Buffet lunch, including soup and a salad, will be available on-site, provided you register for it in advance through the registration form by September 15th.</p> <p>For others, there are several quick meal options* at nearby restaurants, snack bars, and bakeries, or at the supermarket across the street, but keep in mind that the lunch break is of limited duration, so please plan your meals accordingly.</p> <p>* Please note, that these options may be somewhat limited, as many local venues and shops in Slovenia are closed on Sundays.</p>
14:30–15:30	Beate Bjornhom: Pain and Behaviour
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee break
	A selection of sweet and savory snacks, along with freshly brewed coffee, tea, water, and refreshing juices, will be freely available to all participants during the conference.
15:45–16:45	Eva Tasič: When four legs are not enough
16:45 – 17:15	PDTE Conference closing ceremony
	We'll conclude the formal part of the day with the official closing of the Conference, final remarks from the organizers, and a moment to reflect on the connections and insights shared during the event.
17:15 – 18:00	End of Day Two
	Following the second day's presentations, this is your short break to refresh and prepare for the evening's event.
18:30	A Taste of Tradition: Rustic Dinner & Evening with Friends
	<p>After the official conclusion of the two-day PDTE Conference, we invite all participants to gather for another social event ...</p> <p>Join us for a delightful culinary experience at the nearby elegant ethno space, Martin's Room. With a rich history and handmade decor, the venue offers a homely atmosphere to make the most of our last evening together. The gathering will also be enriched with an entertaining program – and perhaps even a chance to win a small prize!</p> <p>Their restaurant is renowned for its excellent homemade rustic dishes, traditionally prepared in a bread oven. Slowly baked at high temperatures for several hours, the food develops a crispy exterior while remaining soft and tender on the inside — it simply melts in your mouth!</p> <p>Martin's room is just a 20-minute walk from Hotel Špica. However, free car rides will be available in both directions for those who prefer not to walk.</p> <p>Participation in the event is optional and requires an additional fee of €50 per person. To join, please register in advance through the registration form by September 15th.</p> 

19:00 – 21:00	Dinner at the Hotel Špica will be available provided you register for it in advance through the registration form by September 15th.
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Monday, 29th September

7:30 – 8:30	Breakfast
	Buffet breakfast is included for hotel guests, but will also be available to non-guests, provided you register for it in advance through the registration form by September 15th.
9:00 – 17:00	Els Vidts: Sensory integration for dogs
9:00 – 17:00	Coffee breaks and Lunch Break
	<p>As in previous days, snacks, coffee and refreshing beverages will be freely available to all participants during the workshop. We will also take a break for lunch sometime between 12:00 and 14:00, with the exact timing adjusted according to the flow of the day.</p> <p>Please note: as in previous days, buffet lunch at the hotel will only be available provided you register for it in advance through the registration form by September 15th.</p>
18:00 – 19:30	Canine Challenges: Dog-Inspired evening Escape Room Game
	<p>We're sure you've never experienced anything like this before! Get ready for a fun-filled evening where you'll need to team up and connect with fellow dog trainers.</p> <p>Starting in the hotel lobby, you'll be divided into small groups and introduced to a short story, which will set the stage for your mission. From there, you'll need to collaborate and navigate through a series of fun dog-themed puzzles and challenges, all focused on a mission to ensure the well-being of dogs – something we are all so passionate about!</p> <p>Anyone can participate – the more, the merrier! It's all about having fun together, nothing too challenging, no special skills needed – just show up and have fun! Participation comes with rewards!</p> <p>After the adventure, feel free to keep the conversation going over dinner – at the hotel or wherever you prefer.</p> <p>Participation in the event is optional and requires an additional fee of €15 per person (dinner is NOT included). To join, please register in advance through the registration form by September 15th.</p>
19:00 – 21:00	Dinner at the Hotel Špica will be available provided you register for it in advance through the registration form by September 15th.

Tuesday, 30th September

7:00–8:30	Breakfast
	Buffet breakfast is included for hotel guests, but will also be available to non-guests, provided you register for it in advance through the registration form by September 15th.
9:00–17:00	Anne Lill Kvam: Nosewise workshop for dogs of all ages and all stages
9:00 – 17:00	Coffee breaks and Lunch Break
	<p>As in previous days, snacks, coffee and refreshing beverages will be freely available to all participants during the workshop. We will also take a break for lunch sometime between 12:00 and 14:00, with the exact timing adjusted according to the flow of the day.</p>

	Please note: as in previous days, buffet lunch at the hotel will only be available provided you register for it in advance through the registration form by September 15th.
18:00	<div>Event Ending</div> <div>With the end of the final workshop day, the full four-day event draws to a close, hopefully leaving everyone with new insights and great memories from the past days.</div>
19:00 – 21:00	Dinner at the Hotel Špica will be available provided you register for it in advance through the registration form by September 15th.