And how, you wonder, did he train those butterflies to perform for British botanical enthusiasts? With a little research, he discovered some cues that grab butterfly attention, then paired them with reinforcers like fruit and nectar. The result is what he calls his London Butterfly Project.

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The Conservation Connection

Presented by Ken Ramirez, executive vice president and chief training officer for Karen Pryor Clicker Training

Gain insights on using applied behavioral analysis to save animals in the wild!

Training butterflies to flutter aloft on cue with symphonic accompaniment to the amazement of an audience sounds wild, doesn't it?
So does teaching dogs to mimic other dogs, or coaxing captive dolphins to cooperate when they need blood tests.

But remarkable things happen when innovative trainers harness learning theory, be it in a suburban backyard or a British botanic garden, according to legendary biologist and animal behaviorist Ken Ramirez.

In this special two hour program, Ken will talk about his experiences and those of other trainers using applied behavioral analysis in animal-conservation work to manage and study a diverse range of creatures ranging from condors to polar bears, wolves to sea turtles and otters to elephants.

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The Conservation Connection: Training to Save Wildlife

Ken Ramirez Executive VP and Chief Training Officer Karen Pryor Clicker Training

The science and application of learning theory is growing in use and popularity. From training the household pet to caring for the largest exotic animal in the zoo, applied behavior analysis has led to better behaved pets and improved animal care for animals all over the world.

Creative trainers are always finding new ways to apply behavioral science; in the last several decades trainers have used advanced training skills to give back to nature and contribute to a wide range of conservation initiatives.
Ken will share his training experiences with several unique conservation projects as well as those initiated by other skilled trainers.

Conservation training is an exciting and expanding direction for experienced trainers to put their skills to use. Key applications include the expanded use of husbandry behaviors for conservation research, remote training projects, introduction of species to the wild, and other uses of behavior knowledge to aid in managing and studying animals to contribute to conservation. These applications have been used in assisting with conservation efforts with condors, wolves, sea otters, dolphins, sea lions, polar bears, sea turtles, chimpanzees, elephants and many others.

About Ken Ramirez

Ramirez was executive vice president of animal care and training at Chicago's Shedd Aquarium before joining Karen Pryor Clicker Training.

He has worked extensively with service and bomb-detection dogs, marine mammals and as a consultant to zoos and aquariums worldwide. Over the last 13 years, he has turned his attention to the cognitive abilities of dogs, particularly in relation to mimicry and the concept of counting.