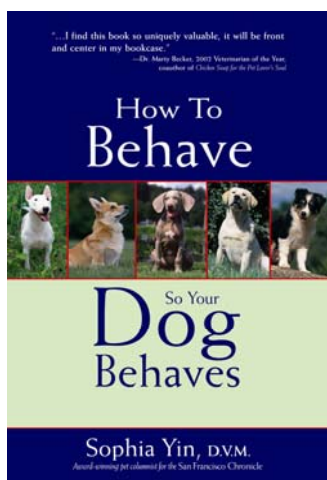


# *Is Fido a handful at the dog park?*

**ANIMAL BEHAVIOR EXPERT & VET SOPHIA YIN**

**Gives FREE “Doggie Park Etiquette” Advice Saturday, June 21, at The Anti-Cruelty Society**



**Author of *How to Behave So Your Dog Behaves* and animal behavior consultant to Santa Barbara, California’s Zoo offers advice to Chicago dog parents**

- WHO?** Dr. Sophia Yin, a nationally recognized animal behavior expert, zoo consultant and best-selling author
- WHERE?:** The Anti-Cruelty Society of Chicago, Education and Training Center, 169 W. Grand Ave. (between Wells and LaSalle streets). Free parking in The Anti-Cruelty Society parking garage; enter from Wells Street, just south of Grand Avenue.
- WHEN?** Saturday, June 21, 2008, 1:30 PM CDT
- WHY?** To show Chicago dog parents how they can easily train their dogs to behave during outings with other dogs. Dr. Yin will offer handy tips, including things you can do with your dog that can begin improving his behavior in literally minutes.
- HOW?** Dr. Yin stresses positive reinforcement instead of old, coercive methods, including choke chains, rolled-up newspapers or spray bottles, which can lead to confused, resentful and even aggressive dogs. She regularly trains dogs to behave in all kinds of situations, kittens to sit quietly to have their nails clipped and even has trained chickens to ring bells and giraffes to stand docilely while their hoofs are filed!

## **ABOUT DR. SOPHIA YIN**

Veterinarian Sophia Yin is a recognized expert in the fields of animal behavior and pet behavior modification. She consults with the Santa Barbara Zoo, helping trainers use positive reinforcement to train zoo animals, with the goal of avoiding the need for anesthesia for routine health care. She also sees pet behavior cases in San Francisco and offers house call consultations in the Sacramento area. She serves on the executive board of the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior and the professional advisory board for Kids-n-Pets, a non-profit organization that teaches life skills to children through their relationships with animals. Dr. Yin is the author of two books: *How to Behave So Your Dog Behaves* and *The Small Animal Veterinary Nerdbook®*, a best-selling textbook for veterinarians. Dr. Yin earned her DVM and Master’s degree in Animal Science – with a focus on animal behavior – from the University of California at Davis. Learn more about Dr. Yin at <http://www.AskDrYin.com>.