

THE PREMIER EVENT IN EQUINE-ASSISTED SERVICES 2025 CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 7-9



**GENERAL
SESSION
PRESENTER:**

Dr. Temple
Grandin



- ◆ **Community**
- ◆ **Professional Development**
- ◆ **Fun!**

Join Us for the 2025 PATH Intl. Conference – Where Passion Meets Purpose!

Dear PATH Intl. Members, Credentialed Professionals, EAS enthusiasts and Friends,

After our off-conference year in 2024, we celebrate the return of the PATH Intl. Conference this fall in Denver, Colorado, November 7–9, 2025. We're coming back stronger than ever with an unforgettable experience that blends education, inspiration and connection.

This year's conference promises something for everyone: Five dynamic presentation tracks featuring top-tier presenters and cutting-edge content; an exceptional general session presenter to fill the event with insight and energy; the awards ceremony celebrating excellence in our field; fireside chats for meaningful, informal conversations; poster sessions and exhibitors to spark new ideas; a silent auction and PATH Intl. merchandise—back by popular demand; and even a movie night to relax and connect with colleagues and friends.

Whether you're a seasoned professional or new to the industry, this is your opportunity to learn, grow, and connect in an inclusive, welcoming environment. I've attended fourteen annual conferences as a member and nine as CEO, and each one has left me energized, inspired and deeply grateful for our community.

We're proud to deliver exceptional value for members, with registration fees kept low to ensure accessibility. The networking, friendships and practical tools you'll take home are truly priceless.

This year's lineup of presenters reflects the world-class education PATH Intl. is known for. With more than double the high-quality abstracts submitted than we could accept, you can be sure the sessions represent the very best in equine-assisted services (EAS) education. For up-to-date conference information, please visit: <https://pathintl.org/path-intl-conference-2025/>

We can't wait to welcome you to Denver for three days of learning, laughter, and lasting connections.

Sincerely,

Kathy Alm, Chief Executive Officer
Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International



REGISTER AT:
WWW.PATHINTL.ORG

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, November 7

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Preconference workshops
(lunch on your own at hotel)

3:20 – 3:40 p.m.
First-time Attendee
Meet and Greet

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Session 1

5:15 – 6:15 p.m.
Session 2

6:15 – 7:15 p.m.
Opening reception with the
exhibitors and networking
Region networking dinners

Saturday, November 8

7:00 – 7:30 a.m.
Breakfast

7:30 – 8:45 a.m.
Annual Meeting

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Session 3

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.
Session 4

11:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Awards Lunch

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Session 5

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.
Session 6

4:00 – 4:45 p.m.
Break in Exhibit Hall

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
General Session

Dinner on your own

8:15 – 10:15 p.m.
Movie Screening

Sunday, November 9

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.
Breakfast and Poster
Presentations

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Session 7

9:45 – 10:45 a.m.
Session 8

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Session 9

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.
Session 10

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Sessions

Sessions start on Friday, November 7th at 4:00 p.m. MT and end on Sunday, November 9th at 1:15 p.m. MT

Members of the PATH Intl. Health and Education Committee have selected an outstanding array (50 sessions!) of topics in every aspect of the equine-assisted services industry to fulfill the learning goals of professionals, administrators, program staff and others. Tracks deliver easy access to the sessions you most want. For a full listing of sessions and presenters, visit www.pathintl.org.

Preconference Workshops

Friday, November 7th
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

PATH Intl. preconference workshops provide longer, more in-depth and topic-intensive education opportunities. Select one of three focused preconference workshops—two at the Westin Westminster hotel and one off site at the Temple Grandin Equine Center at Colorado State University Fort Collins. Spend the day at the hotel learning about offering mental health services at your center; or the foundational needs of conducting research. Or choose to go off site for a hands-on workshop sharing ground breaking research from the Temple Grandin Equine Center at CSU on topics such as mounted vs. unmounted human-equine interactions, equine-assisted social-emotional learning program impacts, and today's new research technologies to help with conducting studies! Attendees who go off-site will be provided a boxed lunch along with transportation, while attendees at the hotel will enjoy their own lunch. Preconference workshops are an attendee favorite for the one-on-one interaction and the deep dive into relevant topics. Whichever topic appeals to you, we promise the experience and learning will be exceptional.

Celebrate

Saturday, November 8th

11:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. • Awards Celebration Lunch

Always a conference highlight, don't miss the inspirational PATH Intl. Awards luncheon, dedicated to the people and equines making a world of difference in EAS. We'll also announce the James Brady Professional Achievement Award Recipient!

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. • General Session Presentation

Dr. Temple Grandin

Insights into Animal Behavior and Autism

Step into the world of equine perception and emotional intelligence in this thought-provoking session that bridges the experiences of horses and individuals with autism. Dr. Grandin will explore how horses perceive novel objects—and why allowing them to view all sides can transform fear into curiosity. Discover how sudden exposure to new experiences can be overwhelming, and how voluntary exploration can foster confidence and calmness in both animals and neurodivergent individuals. This presentation will also explore how animals may form lasting associations between sensory cues and traumatic events, offering insights into behavioral responses and training approaches. Finally, Dr. Grandin will review the latest neurological research on animal emotions, shedding light on the science behind what our animals feel—and how we can better support them. Whether you're a certified professional, therapist, educator or simply passionate about animal behavior, this session will offer valuable perspectives on empathy, learning and connection.

Dr. Grandin is a distinguished professor of animal science at Colorado State University. Facilities she designed for handling livestock are used by many companies around the world. She has been instrumental in implementing animal welfare auditing programs used by McDonald's, Wendy's, Whole Foods and other corporations. She has appeared on numerous TV shows such as "20/20" and "Prime Time." Her books include "Thinking in Pictures," "Livestock Handling and Transport" and "The Autistic Brain." Her books "Animals in Translation" and "Visual Thinking" have appeared on The New York Times Bestseller List. Dr. Grandin was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in September 2017, was named a Colorado State University distinguished professor in 2022 and was inducted into the Colorado Authors' Hall of Fame in 2023.



Network and Engage

Affinity Space

The Affinity Space is a place for those who are seeking community while at the conference to come together and build meaningful collaborations and relationships. A space for downtime, decompression and connection. We encourage those looking to connect with others about diversity, equity & inclusion and those looking to share in our diverse community, to stop by the affinity space during open hours.

Fireside Chats in the Exhibit Hall

A fun option to the standard session format, these informal conversations will be curated with the EAS professional or administrator in mind. Attendees take the driver seat with a subject matter expert for these chats, shaping the conversation with opportunities to share challenges, triumphs and the questions most important to their work. Explore themes important to a global audience of EAS professionals while supporting fellow attendees in this unique, out-of-the-classroom, collaborative format.

Friday, November 7th

3:20 – 3:40 p.m. • First-time Attendee Meet & Greet

This meet and greet is provided to introduce first-time conference attendees to the overall structure of the event, affording them the opportunity to make the most of the experience. Attendees will be introduced to the variety of education opportunities and events on offer while connecting with other attendees right from the start!

6:15 – 7:15 p.m. • Opening Networking Reception

Come celebrate in the exhibit hall after the initial round of concurrent sessions to network with friends and colleagues in a fun party atmosphere. Meet the PATH Intl. Board of Trustees and PATH Intl. CEO. Network with exhibiting solution providers including sponsors who are eager to discuss the challenges and opportunities in therapeutic horsemanship. Be the first to peruse the silent auction items and PATH Intl. merchandise while enjoying light snacks and a cash bar!

Region Networking Opportunity

The PATH Intl. Region Representatives will host an evening out on the town to eat and connect with members in your region. Each dining adventure will be a unique experience, so join up, meet others in your region over dinner and enjoy Westminster/Denver together! (The cost of dinner is not included with your conference registration.)

Saturday, November 8th

7:30 – 8:45 a.m. • Annual Meeting

Breakfast starts at 7:00 a.m.

Learn about the progress of initiatives and plans for the future of your organization.

8:15 – 10:15 p.m. • Movie Night

Join us in the general session space for some inspiring downtime as we screen the documentary, Rescued Hearts. Through deeply moving personal stories, expert insights, and research, Rescued Hearts explores how horses serve as catalysts for health and wellbeing. The film producers will be in attendance for questions afterward.

Silent Auction and PATH Intl. Merchandise

Looking for holiday gifts? Perhaps something for that wonderful volunteer back at your center or a treat for yourself is in order? You'll find it all at the silent auction! There's always such an eclectic group of items, from the practical to the splurge. The tables will be set and the bidding will start as soon as the exhibit hall doors open. Take advantage of the opportunity to bid on some unique items.

Hotel info

Hotel reservations can be made online or by phone.
<https://pathintl.org/path-intl-conference-2025/>

You may call the hotel directly at 1-303-410-5000. Please identify yourself as attending the 2025 Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International Conference to secure the conference contracted hotel rate.

2025 PATH INTL. CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

When completing this registration form, please put a check mark in the bullet next to your choices. It is helpful to have the online conference registration information in front of you during this process.

PATH Intl. Center Affiliation (if applicable)		College/University Student Affiliation (if applicable)		
Individual Name		Preferred Pronouns		PATH Intl. Membership Number
Address		City	State	Zip Code
Day Phone		Email (required for confirmation)		
Check all that apply: <input type="radio"/> This is my first time attending the PATH Intl. Conference. <input type="radio"/> Please check only if you are attending a preconference workshop and NOT the full conference		How did you learn about this event? <input type="radio"/> PATH Intl. website <input type="radio"/> Social media <input type="radio"/> PATH Intl. eNews <input type="radio"/> Word of mouth <input type="radio"/> PATH Intl. Strides <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ <input type="radio"/> Email _____		
<input type="radio"/> Special Meal Requests: <input type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Diabetic <input type="radio"/> Gluten free <input type="radio"/> Vegan <input type="radio"/> Vegetarian <input type="radio"/> Other: _____				

(PATH Intl. will make every attempt with the hotel and caterers to accommodate requests; however, accommodations cannot be guaranteed.)

PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Centers are eligible to receive one complimentary full registration when three or more individuals are registered and paid for (one per center, per year). PATH Intl. member centers can register up to five individual non-members at the member rate.
 To take advantage of the center member discounts, please mail your registration forms to the PATH Intl. office or email them to internationalconference@pathintl.org. This discount is not available online and cannot be combined with any other offers.

CONFERENCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – A FUN WAY TO MEET COLLEAGUES!

- Registration Silent Auction
- Merchandise booth Conference concierge

SECTION 1: CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Registration Type	Price
<input type="radio"/> PATH Intl./AHA, Inc. Member Fee by Sept. 25	\$575
<input type="radio"/> Non-member Fee by Sept. 25	\$675
<input type="radio"/> Faculty/Students of PATH Intl. Higher Ed Member Institutions Through Onsite	\$525
<input type="radio"/> Standard Student Fee Through Onsite (with valid full-time, accredited college/university ID)	\$545
<input type="radio"/> PATH Intl./AHA, Inc. Member Fee Sept. 26 - Oct. 23	\$650
<input type="radio"/> Non-member Fee Sept. 26 - Oct. 23	\$750
<input type="radio"/> PATH Intl./AHA, Inc. Member Fee Onsite	\$710
<input type="radio"/> Non-member Fee Onsite	\$810

Section 1 Subtotal: \$

SECTION 2: PRECONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Friday, November 7 Price

Transportation WILL be provided to the arena for this event. There will not be parking on-site for individual vehicles.

- PATH Intl. Preconference Day at Temple Grandin Equine Center at Colorado State University Fort Collins**
 8 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., buses will leave at 6:45 a.m., lunch will be provided at the arena
 - PATH Intl. Members \$148
 - PATH Intl. Non-members \$178

- PATH Intl. Preconference Day at the Westin Westminster**
 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., lunch 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on your own
 - Option 1**
 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Let's Learn Together:
 A Research Conversation to Support You in Reading and Doing EAS studies
 - PATH Intl. Members \$120
 - PATH Intl. Non-members \$150

- OR
- Option 2**
 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
 Mental Health Services at PATH Intl. Centers:
 The Ins, Outs, and the Complicated Stuff
 - PATH Intl. Members \$60
 - PATH Intl. Non-members \$75

Section 2 Subtotal: \$

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SECTION 3: MEALS & EVENTS

Please check all meals and events you will be attending. Included with full conference registration only. See Section 4 to purchase additional tickets for guests.

Friday, November 7

- Exhibitor Networking & Meet the Board Reception

Saturday, November 8

- Breakfast
- Annual Meeting
- Awards Lunch
- General Session with Temple Grandin
- Rescued Hearts Movie Screening

Sunday, November 9

- Breakfast

SECTION 4: GUEST TICKETS (PRICE PER PERSON)

Ticket Type & Day	Price	# Tickets	Total \$
<input type="radio"/> Continental Breakfast, Saturday, November 8	\$50	_____	= _____
List all guests here: _____			
<input type="radio"/> Awards Lunch, Saturday, November 8	\$60	_____	= _____
List all guests here: _____			
<input type="radio"/> General Session with Temple Grandin	\$45	_____	= _____
List all guests here: _____			
<input type="radio"/> Rescued Hearts Film Screening	\$25	_____	= _____
<input type="radio"/> Combination General Session and Film Screening	\$60	_____	= _____

Section 4 Subtotal: \$ _____

Individual Name _____

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SECTION 5: TOTAL REGISTRATION AMOUNT & PAYMENT

Registration Totals (Please add the totals from the following sections to get the grand total.)

Section 1	Section 2	Section 4	Total \$
\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	
Round up and donate now to the PATH Intl. Disaster Relief Fund			
Discount Code (write if applicable):			
Grand Total: \$			

Payment (Please make a copy of your registration forms to keep prior to sending them to PATH Intl.)

I wish to pay by (check one): Check Number: _____ Money Order Visa MC AmEx Discover

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

CCV# _____

Name on Card _____

Signature _____