

## 2026 All Star I Chair's Update

We hope to build on the success of last year's conference incorporating the feedback we received from the evaluations about the various programs and activities that were popular and with an eye toward continuing the push to keep our younger conferees engaged and participating.

Our speaker will be [Dr. Jennifer Verdolin](#) an animal behavioralist, who is a modern day Dian Fossey, who works with gorillas in Uganda. But she can also talk about your dogs and cats. She is the author of two books "[Wild Connection: What Animal Courtship and Mating Tell Us About Human Relationships](#)" and "[Raised By Animals: The Surprising New Science of Animal Family Dynamics](#)". Dr. Jen also has a podcast called "[Wild Connection](#)"

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