

A workshop for ranchers, horse owners, wildlife enthusiasts

Why do cows eat poisonous plants, especially when there is perfectly good grass around?

Why do they 'walk' a pasture or field when there is with plenty of good feed?

Those questions and more will be answered at the "Animal Grazing Behavior Workshop" on Thursday, Dec. 10, at the Wray City Hall (Roundhouse) in Wray, Colo.

Wray City Hall is at the intersection of 4th and Blake Streets, two blocks east of the Hwy. 34 & 385 intersection, one block south on Blake St.

Dr. Fred Provenza will present this one-day workshop. Provenza is a very entertaining speaker who understands life on the ranch, and managed a ranch near Salida many years ago.

He will explain why understanding animal behavior is important. Even more essential, he knows how to change animal behavior on rangelands, in feedlot situations, and in wildlife management.

Variety is essential to keep animals happy. More is not necessarily better though.

How much is enough? What makes an animal select certain foods? Why do they hang out in specific areas?

Learn the answers to these questions and many more during this thought-provoking and fun presentation.

Did you know that there is a nearly unlimited potential to change animal behavior? We just need to understand how surroundings and experience affect behavior. Best of all, unlike fences and water development, behavior based changes cost very little to apply.

Workshop registration, coffee and rolls will begin at 7:15 a.m. The workshop will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m. Attendees can come late or leave early if needed.

To register for the workshop, send your check payable to YCCD to: 247 North Clay, Wray, Colo., 80758. Registration is \$10 if postmarked before Nov. 25 and \$20 afterwards. Lunch, refreshments and take home materials are included.

For more information about the workshop, or to receive a flier via mail or e-mail, contact Julie Elliott at 970-332-3173 ext. 3, or julie.elliott@co.usda.gov.

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