

## Animal workshop set Dec. 10 at Wray City Hall

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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 plenty of good feed?

Get a glimpse into what makes animals choose what to eat and where to 'hang out'. Come to the 'Animal Grazing Behavior Workshop' on Thursday, Dec. 10 in Wray.

The workshop will be at the Wray City Hall (Roundhouse). Wray City Hall is at the intersection of 4th and Blake Streets.

Dr. Fred Provenza will present this one-day workshop. Provenza is a very entertaining speaker who understands life on the ranch. In fact, he 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 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 will thoroughly enjoy this presentation from start to finish. Come late or leave early if you have to. Your only regret will be not staying for the whole day.

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