



2021 SHELTER MEDICINE CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, JULY 9, 2021

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

MAIN STAGE

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE UNKNOWN: INFECTION CONTROL LESSONS FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

J. Scott Weese, DVM, DACVIM, University of Guelph

This presentation will address infection control in shelters, using shelter medicine and the COVID-19 pandemic to lead discussion of infection control challenges and successes. It will also discuss how to develop a culture of infection control and what we can (or should) learn from the approach to the COVID-19 pandemic.

SATURDAY JULY 10, 2021

9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (ET)

MAIN STAGE

WELCOME ADDRESS

Stephanie Janeczko, DVM, MS, DABVP, CAWA, ASPCA

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (ET)

MAIN STAGE

BREAKING BARRIERS TO VETERINARY CARE & VETERINARY SOCIAL WORK

*Michael J. Blackwell, DVM, MPH, University of Tennessee
Pamela Linden, PhD, MSW, VSW, Stony Brook University*

This session will explore barriers to veterinary care and provide an introduction to AlignCare. It will also explore the four practice areas of Veterinary Social Work.

11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. (ET)

DVM STAGE

HIGH QUALITY CARE ON A BUDGET—PEARLS FROM THE TUFTS AT TECH COMMUNITY VETERINARY CLINIC

Jenny Grady, DVM, DABVP, BA, Tufts University

This session will explore the approach to chronic disease management in the community medicine setting where finances and other client barriers often make providing high-quality medical care challenging. It will include an introduction to Tufts at Tech Community Clinic, a unique teaching clinic located within a vocational high school that provides accessible care to a historically underserved community. We will take a case-based look at creative and evidence-based strategies to deliver high-quality care on a budget for patients with problems that traditionally come with a high price tag.

11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. (ET)

LVT STAGE

EVIDENCE-BASED CPR: THE RECOVER GUIDELINES

*Kenichiro Yagi, BS, RVT, VTS(ECC), VTS (SAIM),
Veterinary Emergency Group*

Cardiopulmonary arrest is a potential complication during anesthesia and is the ultimate emergency our patients may face. Patients arresting during an anesthetic event with no other health complications have a significantly higher chance of survival, but do you know how to perform CPR to today's standards? This workshop will discuss the *2012 Recover Guideline* and the effect of implementation of this guide into practice.

STAFF/VOL STAGE

THE EVOLVING ROLE OF ANIMAL SERVICES

*Chris Fitzgerald, M.S., CAWA,
City of Rochester Animal Services*

The field of animal care and control has been an evolving one for the past two decades. Throughout the pandemic, collaboration, change, and innovation have intensified and there is more focus on providing supportive services in lieu of punitive enforcement. In this session, you will hear about the incremental changes made by one municipal animal services organization and similar changes being made throughout the industry. Attendees will hear about specific adjustments that might be applied to their own organizations, how to get started, what challenges you may encounter, and how to build community support for new approaches.

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LUNCHTIME DISCUSSIONS

ROUNDTABLES

Breaking Barriers to Veterinary Care & Veterinary Social Work Q&A

Michael J. Blackwell, DVM, MPH, University of Tennessee
Pamela Linden, PhD, MSW, VSW, Stony Brook University

Spay Neuter in the World of Access to Care

Emily McCobb, DVM, MS, DACVAA, Tufts University
Phil Bushby, DVM, MS, DACVS, Mississippi State University

Adoptions Moving Forward

Becky Tegeze, Pets Alive Inc
Lynda Pruski, SPCA Serving Allegany County

The Association of Shelter Medicine Veterinary Technicians

Vicki Weber, LVT, Cornell University
Mandi Idle, LVT, British Columbia SPCA
Anne Marie McPartlin, LVT, ASMVT

Association of Shelter Veterinarians Meet-up

Chumkee Aziz, DVM, DABVP, ASPCA

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2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. (ET)

DVM STAGE

SMALL ANIMAL NECROPSY AND SAMPLE COLLECTION

Teresa Southard, DVM, PhD, DACVP, Cornell University
Elizabeth Berliner, DVM, DAPVP, Cornell University

A necropsy is an essential tool in the management of population/outbreak issues in a shelter setting. This session will demonstrate the necropsy technique on a small animal (cat or dog) with emphasis on collecting appropriate samples for the diagnosis of infectious diseases and options for submitting samples to a diagnostic laboratory.

LVT STAGE

FINDING THE RIGHT PATH: POPULATION MANAGEMENT FOR HIGH NEEDS SHELTER POPULATIONS

Erin Doyle, DVM, DABVP, ASPCA

Experiencing a shelter population that is increasingly made up of animals with significant medical and behavior needs? Struggling to apply some of our traditional population management tools to meet the needs of this population? Join us to review the basics of shelter population management and then build on those basics to discuss tips and tricks to meet the needs of our current shelter populations.

STAFF/VOL STAGE

ENGAGING VOLUNTEERS

Jaime Allen, Humane Society of Silicon Valley
Sue McNeill-Bindon, PhD, Humane Society of Silicon Valley

COVID-19 has made all of us look again at how we engage with volunteers and how we connect them to our mission work and what we saw is that our tried and truth pathways don't work the same anymore! In this session, what you'll learn are ways to change how and what you communicate with volunteers and some of the opportunities for revising expectations and being more intentional about both our recruitment process and relationships with staff that are at the heart of a successful volunteer program.

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3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (ET)

DVM STAGE

SMALL ANIMAL NECROPSY & SAMPLE COLLECTION—CONTINUED—

LVT STAGE

TRIAGE/INTAKE FOR UNDERAGE KITTENS

Allison Bliss, DVM, MPH, ASPCA

Neonatal kittens are not just tiny adult cats. Understanding and addressing the physiologic differences is vital in improving the outcome of the ill neonate. Upon completion of this session, the participant should be able to:

- Complete a physical exam on a neonatal kitten
- Understand the physiologic differences between neonates and adult cats
- Recognize clinical signs of the ill neonate
- Understand what diagnostic steps can be taken on a neonate
- Understand critical problems of the ill neonate and how to triage them

STAFF/VOL STAGE

BASIC PRINCIPLES OF VISUAL MEDIA: HOW TO PROMOTE YOUR SHELTER ADOPTABLES

Dustin Brown, ASPCA; Andre Lewis, ASPCA

In this workshop, we will explore basic fundamentals of both photography and videography. You will learn to maximize the use of basic composition, storytelling, and how to leverage both to promote your adoptable animals.

4:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. (ET)

MAIN STAGE

NO MUD, NO LOTUS: THRIVING IN CHALLENGING WORK

Jessica Dolce, MS, Certified Compassion Fatigue Educator

We love what we do, but it comes with a cost. Caring for animals who are stressed, sick, and suffering impacts our wellbeing and can change the way we perceive ourselves, other people, and the work we do. Join us for a discussion about the unique joys and challenges of working with animals. We'll explore why and how to intentionally cultivate a perspective that embraces "the mud," so we can lessen our stress, enjoy our work more, and build our overall resilience.

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SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2021

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (ET)

MAIN STAGE

—AUDIO PODCAST—
**SUPERHERO MAINTENANCE:
STAFFING & SUPPORT FOR SHELTER BASED
MEDICAL PROGRAMS**

*Nicole Dickerson, RVT, VTS, ECC;
Stephen Kochis, DVM, Oregon Humane Society*

This audio-only recording will discuss ideas and policies to help recruit and retain staff, particularly in veterinary medicine.

—AUDIO PODCAST—
**THE URBAN FELINE ECOSYSTEM:
DECISION MAKING FOR COMMUNITY CATS**

*Nicole Dickerson, RVT, VTS, ECC;
Lena DeTar, DVM, DABVP, DACVPM, Cornell University*

This audio-only recording will discuss the role humans play in the lives and welfare of community cats in urban environments.

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (ET)

MAIN STAGE

**HOW TO OPTIMIZE CARE & MAKE THE MOST OF
VETERINARY STAFFING**

*Lisa Rodriguez, DVM, MPH, Palm Valley Animal Society;
Aimee St. Arnaud, Open Door Veterinary Care;
Chumkee Aziz, DVM, DABVP, ASPCA*

This panel discussion will discuss how to optimize care and staffing in a variety of settings including:

- Clinics in remote locations (MASH style)
- High-volume shelters with one veterinarian
- Full service high-volume low-cost clinic
- Foster programs in a large metropolitan city

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DVM STAGE

**COMMON SURGERIES OF EXOTIC PETS FOR THE
SHELTER VET**

*Jamie Morrissey, DVM, Dipl. ABVP (Avian), Cornell University
Lena DeTar, DVM, DABVP, DACVPM, Cornell University*

The goal of this lecture is to provide information about the common surgeries of ferret, rabbits, rodents, birds and reptiles that may be required in a shelter setting. Similarities and differences between these surgeries and those in more commonly presented species will be discussed.

LVT STAGE

LEADING & MANAGING A BUSY SHELTER CLINIC

Jordana Moerbe, American Pets Alive

As an attendee you will learn to systematize medical treatment and implement lifesaving protocols in your shelter's medical clinic, balancing quality care with the capacity to care for a large volume of animals. You will also learn tips and tricks for being an effective leader and building a strong team.

STAFF/VOL STAGE

TOP TIPS FOR HAPPY SHELTER CATS

*Rebecca Lohnes, MS, CDBC, CCBC,
Young Lion Training and Behavior, LLC*

Join us to learn the top tips to ensure that the cats in your care have their behavioral needs addressed. We will discuss strategies that will help you look at the world from a feline perspective and gain some insight on why they behave the way they do. You'll learn concrete actions you can take to brighten their day and help them have a less stressful stay. We'll address housing, enrichment, training, and more!

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PARVOVIRUS INFECTIONS IN DOGS AND CATS: KEY STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT IN ANIMAL SHELTERS

Stephanie Janeczko, DVM, MS, DABVP, CAWA, ASPCA

Parvovirus infections are an important health concern for dogs and cats. Although parvoviruses are easily spread, environmentally resilient, and capable of causing severe, sometimes fatal disease infection is not inevitable. This session will share the latest information on proven strategies to prevent these infections, manage illness in individual animals, and effectively intervene to address outbreaks in shelter populations.

STAFF/VOL STAGE

ENGAGING IN ADVOCACY

Kathryn Kopanke, ASPCA

This session will dive into how you can take action on animal welfare policy and how as a professional and animal advocate, you can make the biggest impact with your constituent voice.

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—CONTINUED—

Stephanie Janeczko, DVM, MS, DABVP, CAWA, ASPCA

STAFF/VOL STAGE

ENACTING LAWS THAT KEEP PETS AND PEOPLE TOGETHER: HOUSING AND ACCESS TO CARE

Kevin O'Neill, ASPCA

This session will be an overview of legislative efforts by the ASPCA to improve opportunities to keep pets with their families, with a focus on housing and access to care policies.

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MAIN STAGE

CHALLENGING BEHAVIOR CASES IN THE SHELTER SETTING

Karen Van Haaften, DVM, DACVB, British Columbia SPCA

Animals with problematic behavior are a common challenge animal shelters face. This case-based presentation will dive into real-world strategies to assess, manage, treat, and find appropriate adoptive homes for dogs and cats with common behavior challenges.

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