Join Us at the 2016 Prairie States Animal Welfare Conference

Attend our 16th annual Prairie States Animal Welfare Conference in Bloomington, Illinois, and see why we are the premiere conference designed just for animal welfare professionals from the Midwest!

- Half-day session covering Stress Management for the Animal Welfare Employee. CE credit for Euthansia Techs offered for this session!
- Special extended Forensic and Prosecution sessions featuring Dr. Melinda Merck and Gillian Deegan, JD.
- Breakout sessions featuring experts on everything from animal care to adoptions to field services.

Prairie States also offers opportunities to meet and mingle with national and Midwest vendors along with lots of fantastic networking opportunities!

Don’t wait - register now!
Over a dozen sessions designed for Executives, Animal Control Officers, and Shelter Staff!

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Conference Workshops - Monday

Keynote: Looking Forward by Looking Back: 31 Years in Animal Welfare
Jim Tedford, CAWA, President and CEO, Society of Animal Welfare Administrators (SAWA)

Learn from an animal welfare veteran how far we have come and how much we have left to accomplish. Celebrate even small victories and support each other. Animal welfare is a marathon, not a sprint, so learn to pace yourself.

Volunteer Management: Tips and Trends
Alicia Schatteman, Assistant Professor, Northern Illinois University

Discusses the strategic management cycle including goals of the program, volunteer recruitment, volunteer training and orientation, volunteer management, volunteer recognition and feedback. Will also discuss use of technology to assist in volunteer management efforts and generational challenges of volunteer management.

Friends, Followers and Funders: Using the Internet to Raise Money, Recruit Volunteers and Save More Lives
Emily Garman, Founder, The Social Animal

Does your nonprofit need funding for projects or operations? Are you maximizing the use of social media and the internet to recruit volunteers and save the most lives? In this workshop you’ll get case studies, examples of real-world fundraising examples and techniques, and you’ll learn 7 fool-proof tips that every campaign must have to be successful. You’ll also learn about some little-known resources and tools on the web available just for nonprofits!

Adopting the Unadoptable? Managing Behavior Problems in Shelters and Rescues
Sara Bennett, DVM, MS, DACVB, Veterinary Behavior Specialist

This lecture will discuss several behavior problems commonly seen in shelter and rescue dogs including those exhibiting kennel stress, jumpy/mouthy or fearful behaviors. The underlying causes and motivations of these behaviors will be explored. Strategies will be presented for management and treatment, including a discussion of behavior modification plans and the role of medications, with the goal of increasing adoptability and long term adoption success.

The Use of Forensics in Animal Cruelty Cases
Melinda Merck, DVM, Forensic Veterinarian, Veterinary Forensic Consulting, LLC

This session will discuss how the use of forensics can be applied to animal cruelty cases. Animal and veterinary forensic science and medicine can make a tremendous difference in any case. Awareness of the types of forensic science, testing, and crime scene evaluation is important for any animal investigator. The application of veterinary forensic medicine is also critical for these cases. The investigator should have a working knowledge of this aspect of medicine and the potential benefits it can provide. Discussion will include insight on working with veterinarians.

Crime Scene to Courtroom
Gillian Deegan, JD, Attorney, Animal Legal Defense Fund

Crime Scene to Courtroom I will focus on all areas of an animal cruelty crime scene, to include the initial steps to arrive lawfully on the scene. Search warrants and federal constitutional law will be covered. Additionally, emphasis will be placed on how to and how not to search and document the scene. We will cover common issues and mistakes with veterinary exams and documentation. Finally we will discuss the prosecution of the case and how to prepare your case for the prosecutor.

Animal Sleuths: Mock Crime Scene Investigation
Melinda Merck, DVM and Gillian Deegan, JD

There will be several mock crime scenes set up to investigate. Participants will examine and investigate their assigned scenes, document their findings, collect physical evidence, ‘order’ appropriate forensic testing, decide how to handle their live or deceased victims, request warrants, request interviews, call and consult with appropriate experts. The respective teams will then decide on charges and write up a report for the mock trial exercise the following morning.

After working so hard, you deserve a break!

Be sure to visit the Exhibit Hall at 5 pm Monday evening for our Welcome Reception! Take this opportunity to visit our generous conference sponsors and vendors, meet new colleagues, and catch up with old friends. Then, bring your dancing shoes and cut loose with new and old friends Tuesday evening! We’ll have plenty of food, and a DJ spinning all your favorites!
Conference Workshops - Tuesday

**Fundraising Feeds Fido**
Jim Tedford, CAWA, President & CEO, Society of Animal Welfare Administrators (SAWA)

We are rarely limited by energy and enthusiasm. Instead we are limited by resources. We can always do more if we have more. We will talk tried and true fundraising strategy!

**Medical Concerns and Diseases Related to Transporting Dogs**
Dr. Gerryll Hall, DVM, Merck Animal Health

Long distance animal transport is one way to decrease euthanasia and increase adoption rates. This presentation will cover the types of diseases and parasites that occur in various areas of North America and how to reasonably screen animals before transport to limit disease and parasite spread.

**How Public and Private Sectors Work Together to Help Community Cats Plus Legal Considerations**
Shelly Kotter, Community Cat Program Manager, Best Friends Animal Society
Richard Angelo, Legislative Attorney, Best Friends Animal Society

Best Friends Community Cat Programs work to involve funders, citizens, shelters, other animal welfare groups, animal control officers, spay/neuter clinics, and government leaders in a complementary effort to help cats. You'll hear about starting a program, building productive relations, the key operational logistics needed for success, and so much more. In settings both urban and rural, community cat teamwork has created great results. Learn about the successful community cat project partnership spearheaded by Best Friends and PetSmart Charities. An overview of legal considerations in implementing and executing TNR and community cat programs in your municipality. Ordinance language considerations and common pitfalls will be discussed, and examples of successful ordinances from around the country will be given. We will also discuss examples of legal advancements at the state level, which have been implemented to promote the welfare of community cats.

**Adoptions – Reboot and Turbocharge**
Susan Cosby-Jennings, Director of Lifesaving-Business Programs & Partnerships, Petco Foundation

Are you getting the most from your adoption process? Have you taken a close look at whether your adoption application process and policies meet your organizational objectives? Learn how to reboot and turbocharge your adoption program, placing more pets in homes and creating a better adopter experience through an often humorous exploration of the adoption process.

**Innovations in Emergency Animal Sheltering**
Ehren Melius, Shelter Director, ASPCA Field Investigations and Response

Significant progress has been made with emergency animal shelters in the past few years that have improved the physical and mental health of the animals displaced in large scale animal cruelty seizures and disasters. Take an in-depth look at these innovations with topics including daily care, resource needs, finances, volunteer management, enrichment, behavior intervention and placement.

**Pets for Life: Building Humane Communities**
Danny Burke, Manager, Pets for Life Chicago,
The Humane Society of the United States

Pets for Life builds humane communities using innovative strategies and fresh approaches designed to extend the reach of animal services, resources, and information to under-served areas. Addressing the critical need for accessible, affordable pet care, our program helps animals by empowering the people who care for them. Block by block, pet by pet, Pets for Life is changing the world for people and their animals in underserved communities. Explore the work of Pets for Life in this session.

**New Issues Related to Sheltering Felines**
Dr. Gerryll Hall, DVM, Merck Animal Health

Sheltering cats is a constant challenge. Fortunately, research is being funded to uncover solutions for some of these issues. This presentation will review the current research addressing obesity, anesthesia, infectious diseases and parasite control while cats are in our care.

**Turning Data Into Lives Saved**
Susan Cosby-Jennings, Director of Lifesaving-Business Programs & Partnerships, Petco Foundation

We’ve never been able to answer a simple question regarding our work in animal sheltering; how many animals enter our nation’s shelters and rescues? The National Database Project of Shelter Animals Count is a first-of-its-kind collaboration to gather data at local, state and national levels on dogs and cats in American shelters. Join us to learn about the fundamentals of quality data collection, the national recognized tool being used for data collection and sharing, and how your organization can sign up and begin entering data into the national database.

**Creating Effective Animal Control and Protection Ordinances**
Lauren Malmberg, Adjudication Officer

State animal laws often don’t go far enough to provide for public safety or for the humane treatment of animals. City and county governments can make a difference for animals and for people by crafting and enacting stricter local laws. Strong ordinances provide law
enforcement, animal control, State’s Attorneys offices, and humane investigators with the tools to effectively protect the people and pets in the community. In this workshop, you’ll learn how to draft and lobby for sound, reasonable, and clear laws and also hear about what other communities have enacted to improve the quality of life for animals and people.

**Launching a Shelter Enrichment Program**
Ehren Melius, Shelter Director, ASPCA Field Investigations and Response
Introducing, or building upon, an enrichment program at your shelter has a multitude of benefits to the mental and physical well-being for the animals in your care. Explore these benefits, along with a number of others, with an in depth look at a variety of inexpensive and easy programs that have had considerable results.

**Recognizing Drug Trafficking and Production Activity**
Special Agent Sean King and Sgt. Karen Gordon, Illinois State Police/ South Central Illinois Drug Task Force
Learn which illegal drugs are commonly used in Illinois and how to identify them in the field. This session will also focus on the identification and hazards associated with methamphetamine labs and cannabis growing operations.

**Special Wednesday Conference Workshop**
*What Happened to the Puppy in the Window Feeling? Stress Management for the Animal Welfare Employee*
Miguel, Abi-hassan, CEO, Halifax Humane Society
Mismanaged stress is among the many occupational hazards of animal welfare work. However, it does not have to consume our lives and affect our ability to save others. Historically, stress prevention has focused on Compassion Fatigue, turnover and burnout. Though these are detrimental consequences of mismanaged stress, they focus on the end point. This seminar will take employees back to square one, understanding positive and negative stress. It will refocus energies on building resiliency via a proactive stress prevention and mitigation plan.

IAWF will be offering certificates of completion to be used for CE credit for Euthanasia Technician license renewal which will be due this year.

No audio or video recording of any sessions allowed without prior approval of the Illinois Animal Welfare Federation.

The Illinois Animal Welfare Federation provides these workshops for informational purposes only, and the views expressed in these workshops are not necessarily the views of the IAWF. The IAWF does not endorse nor recommend specific protocols or procedures provided during this conference.
Conference Information
Registration includes designated meals and breaks on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Single day registrations include meals for registered day only. All meals include vegetarian options. For more information, visit www.IAWF.net

Hotel Reservations
The Prairie States Conference will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Bloomington, 10 Brickyard Drive, Bloomington, IL. Room rates for the conference begin at $99 per night, and include free parking. For reservations, call the hotel directly at 309-664-6446 or central reservations at 1-800-222-TREE and request the Group Code C_PSC. Online registration is available at www.bloomington.doubletree.com.

Be sure to reserve your room by May 20 to guarantee the special conference rate! If traveling by air, we recommend flying into the Central Illinois Regional Airport - BMI. The DoubleTree Hotel provides a complimentary shuttle for all overnight guests. Please call 309-664-6446 to arrange pickup.

Why Wait? Register Now!!
Registration for the full three-day conference is $125. If your organization is a member of the Illinois Animal Welfare Federation the registration fee is $100 for the first person and $75 for each additional person. If you would like to register for just one day, either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, the registration fee is $50.

If you prefer to pay by check, please make check payable to Illinois Animal Welfare Federation. Mail registration form with payment to: Beth Drake, IAWF Treasurer, c/o Anderson Animal Shelter, 1000 S. La Fox Road, South Elgin, IL 60177. You may also register online at www.iawf.net. Have questions? Contact Angie Wood, Prairie States Conference Coordinator, at prairiestates@iawf.net.

Cancellation/Refund Policy
No refunds will be issued after May 24, 2016. Cancellations before then will be refunded less a $25 processing fee.

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