

# Meet the New Crew

**Introducing our new advisory board ...**

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Amid the workshops, trade show sessions, and networking at this year's Animal Care Expo in May, 13 people got together to do something new: The conference in Dallas, Texas, marked the first meeting of the revamped Companion Animal Advisory Council (CAAC).

The Humane Society of the United States instituted its advisory council (then called the National Companion Animal Advisory Group) in 1996. The 2007-2009 council includes the following 13 local animal welfare leaders, who will offer ideas and recommendations to the Companion Animals section of The HSUS.

**JAMES BIAS**, CAWA, *President, SPCA of Texas, Dallas, Texas*  
**Animals handled yearly:** 24,000  
**Human population served:** 5,300,000  
Bias, who has worked in animal care and control for 27 years, became president of the SPCA of Texas in 2004. That year, he also earned his Certified Animal Welfare Administrator (CAWA) title through the Society of Animal Welfare Administrators, of which he is a board member. Bias previously ran the Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County and worked for The HSUS's Southwest Regional Office.



**MARTHA BODEN**, CEO, *Humane Society of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, Indiana*  
**Animals handled yearly:** 9,000  
**Human population served:** 1,525,000  
The head of the Humane Society of Indianapolis since 2002, Boden has raised the placement rate of shelter animals from 50 to 62 percent and ensured that all are sterilized before adoption. Previously, she volunteered at the Animal Humane Society in Minneapolis and at rescue organizations while working as a computer consultant in the healthcare industry.

**STEVE JACOBSEN**, *Executive Director, Animal Welfare Society, Kennebunk, Maine*  
**Animals handled yearly:** 3,200  
**Human population served:** 200,000+  
The executive director of the Animal Welfare Society since 1994, Jacobsen is the president of the Maine Federation of Humane Societies and serves as a board member and treasurer for the New

England Federation of Humane Societies. Jacobsen is also a member of The HSUS's National Disaster Animal Response Team (NDART).

■ **RICK JOHNSON**, *Executive Director, Sacramento SPCA, Sacramento, California*  
**Animals handled yearly:** 10,000-11,000  
**Human population served:** 1,500,000  
Johnson, who has 30 years of experience in sheltering, is vice president of the state humane association and a member of the advisory committee for Hill's Pet Nutrition. Johnson chaired this year's California Animal Care Conference and was director of the California Animal Law Enforcement Academy for 20 years. As part of the "We Pay to Spay" program, the SPCA spays and neuters more than 800 pit bulls and pit mixes annually.

■ **BETH LOCKWOOD**, CVT, *Executive Director, SPCA of Tampa Bay, Largo, Florida*  
**Animals handled yearly:** 15,000-16,000  
**Human population served:** 1,000,000+  
Lockwood, who has worked in animal welfare for 24 years, chairs the Pinellas Animal Partners coalition, a group of local animal organizations. In 2006, the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and Tampa Bay Business Journal named the SPCA Tampa Bay the Charitable Nonprofit Business of the Year. The Chamber of Commerce also inducted Lockwood into the Women in Business Hall of Fame.





Stephanie McDonald

**STEPHANIE MCDONALD**, *Executive Director, Edmonton Humane Society, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada*

**Animals handled yearly:** 10,000

**Human population served:** 1,000,000

During her six years as executive director, McDonald has created an in-house spay/neuter clinic and developed enrichment programs for the shelter's animals. She has planned a new facility that will include space for everything from wildlife rehabilitation to doggie day care to a retail store. The new facility is due to open in 2008.

**JAN MCHUGH-SMITH**, *CAWA, President, San Francisco SPCA, San Francisco, California*

**Animals handled yearly:** 7,900 (San Francisco Animal Care and Control and the SPCA report statistics together)

**Human population served:** 750,000

In April, McHugh-Smith joined the San Francisco SPCA as its new president. During her time at the Humane Society of Boulder Valley in Colorado, she reduced euthanasia from 4,000 animals per year to 1,000. McHugh-Smith, who has worked in animal welfare for 22 years, earned her CAWA title in 2005.

**MICHAEL OSWALD**, *Director, Multnomah County Animal Services, Troutdale, Oregon*

**Animals handled yearly:** 10,000

**Human population served:** 692,000

Oswald has spent a total of 13 years as Animal Services director, with a ten-year span in the middle of those years in which he worked in three other county departments as deputy director. His agency was recently accredited by the American Animal Hospital Association. The shelter

is the only one in Oregon to receive this honor, awarded to 12 percent of small animal veterinary practices in the country.

**JOAN PHILLIPS**, *President, Animal Lovers League, Glen Cove, New York*

**Animals handled yearly:** 1,000+

**Human population served:** 27,000

Among other improvements at the shelter, Phillips has instituted monthly free spay/neuter clinics and helped the organization achieve 100 percent spay/neuter before adoption. She is vice president of the Animal Alliance of Long Island, a coalition of animal organizations; a member of Nassau County's Feral Cat Advisory Council; and a member of the Pet Safe Coalition for disaster preparedness.

**SHELLY MOORE**, *CAWA, Executive Director, Asheville Humane Society, Asheville, North Carolina*

**Animals handled yearly:** 8,000

**Human population served:** 217,000

Moore is using her 22 years of animal sheltering experience to lead a capital campaign; the Asheville Humane Society plans to build an 11,000-square-foot adoption and regional education center that will operate in partnership with the county's new 22,000-square-foot animal sheltering facility (which the humane society manages under contract). Moore earned her CAWA title in 2004.



Shelly Moore

**JEFF ROSENTHAL**, *D.V.M., Executive Director, Idaho Humane Society, Boise, Idaho*

**Animals handled yearly:** 15,000

**Human population served:** 300,000 (humane officers' jurisdiction); 450,000 (shelter area)

Initially chief of staff at the Idaho Humane Society's full-service veterinary hospital, Rosenthal greatly expanded the medical services the facility offers to shelter animals and pets of community members. Rosenthal has added a horse and farm animal rescue facility and a successful prison dog fostering and training program for shelter dogs in need of socialization. Rosenthal is active in animal legislation efforts.



Karen Terpstra

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**KAREN TERPSTRA**, *CAWA, Executive Director, Humane Society of Kent County, Grand Rapids, Michigan*

**Animals handled yearly:** 9,000

**Human population served:** 600,000

Before joining the Humane Society of Kent County in 2005, Terpstra served as assistant executive director for the Pasadena Humane Society and SPCA for about eight years. Terpstra is vice president of the board of directors of the Society of Animal Welfare Administrators; she earned her CAWA title in 2004.

**ED TUCKER**, *Chief of Animal Control Services, Charles County Animal Control, La Plata, Maryland*

**Animals handled yearly:** 14,000

**Human population served:** 139,000 (field services); 323,000 (shelter services)

Chief of Animal Control Services since 1995, Tucker also helped develop the East Coast Animal Control Academy in 2001 and has served as an instructor. Tucker has extensive disaster experience that includes taking courses, teaching courses, participating in disaster planning, and responding to hurricanes, wildfires, and tornados.