



## 2024 Round Table Discussions

Join us in the Bridge Hall for a chance to sit with a small group of peers and a host to dive deep into conversation on topics from the field of animal sheltering and rescue. We will have two sessions with the topics and table hosts below.

**Thursday, May 16, 8-9:15 a.m. (breakfast provided) - Breakfast opens at 7:30 a.m.**

**Friday May 17, 10-11:00 a.m. (refreshments provided) - Doors open at 9:30 a.m.**

Seats at the tables are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Look for the color-coded sign and table number on each table. You do not need to pre-register for this event. Views expressed and materials distributed by table hosts are solely their own and not that of HSUS.

### Access to Care (White)

**Beyond the gold standard: Embracing the spectrum of care in veterinary practice**

Devon Otero, DVM, PetSmart Charities

**Breaking barriers: Financially friendly solutions for access to veterinary care**

Robyn Jaynes, Director of Veterinary Affairs, PetSmart Charities

**Building love: Exploring the impact of fencing programs to keep families and pets together**

Kelly Peterson, Chair/Founder, Fences for Fido

**Community-centric programs: Data collection and impact measurement strategies**

Vincent Medley, Human Animal Support Services Director, Human Animal Support Services Project

**Destigmatizing addiction: Ensuring support for pet owners in treatment**

Serena Saunders, Program Manager, PAWsitive Recovery, SPCA

**From practice to policy: Leveraging veterinary experience to advocate for access to care**

Rebecca Goff, Nevada State Director, The Humane Society of the United States

**Partnering with social services: Keeping families together and pets out of shelters**

Garrett Parsons, Pet Support Director, Found House Interfaith Housing Network

**Strengthening relationships between animal shelters and private veterinary clinics for access to care**

Dr. Abigail Judge, Shelter Veterinarian, ASPCA



## **All Animals Big and Small (Light pink)**

### **Beyond cats and dogs: Best practices for sheltering nontraditional species**

Dr. Jo Jarred, Medical Director and Veterinarian, Orange County Animal Services, North Carolina

### **Bonding with bunnies: Insights into rabbit behavior and owner retention**

Carol Tinga, Ph.D. candidate, Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph

### **Embracing low-stress handling in wildlife capture and interaction (Day 1 table only)**

Lauren Crossed, Wildlife Program Manager, Humane Rescue Alliance

### **From shelter to sanctuary: Navigating career transitions in animal care**

Cindy Gendron, Senior Director, Sanctuary Management, The Humane Society of the United States

### **How to triage and reunite orphaned wildlife in an urban environment**

Cliff Ballena, Sergeant of Animal Control and Director of Community Resources, Animal Welfare League Arlington

### **Modern approaches to wildlife management: Moving beyond trapping, poisoning and extermination**

Mela Singleton, Owner, 911 Wildlife

## **Behavior (Pink)**

### **Behavior medications in shelters: Shorter length of stay, and happier dogs!**

Abbie Knudsen Atteberry, Executive Director, CARE STL

### **Determining behavior criteria for adoption**

Trish McMillan, Owner, Shelter Behavior Hub

### **Positive reinforcement strategies to reduce barking in Brazilian animal shelters**

Ana Lucia Baldan, PhD student, Federal University of Paraná UFPR

### **Supporting pet owners: Addressing behavior challenges through post-adoption programs**

Laura Cassidy, Certified Cat Behavior Consultant, Pawsitive Vibes Cat Behavior and Training LLC

## **Cats (Hot pink)**



**Cats chat: Cat advocate meetup and discussion**

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**High-intensity TNR project planning for community cat advocates**

Jesse Oldham, Senior Director, APSCA

**Kitten foster programs**

Kristi Brooks, Director of Operations, Cat Adoption Team

**Managing cat intake: Strategies, successes, and challenges**

Danielle Bays, Senior Analyst, Cat Protection and Policy, The Humane Society of the United States

**Mastering low-stress handling to medicate cats: Insights from a fear-free expert**

Tabitha Kucera, RVT, VTS (Behavior), CCBC, KPA-CTP, Chirrup and Chatter

**Stray cat reunification: Strategies for improving return-to-home rates**

Nina Stively, Director, Loudoun County Animal Services

**TNR tactics: Engaging communities and fueling mission enthusiasm**

Jeanine Cloyd, Education and Community Outreach Manager, Humane Educational Society

**Trapping that hard-to-catch community cat**

Leigh O'Bryan, Program Manager, Policy Volunteer Operations, The Humane Society of the United States

## **Collaboration (Red)**

**Collaboration success stories: Come share your stories!**

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**Enhancing collaboration: Building and repairing meaningful relationships**

Jennifer Toussaint, Chief of Animal Control, Animal Welfare League of Arlington

**Enhancing shelter transport programs for success**

Savannah Alcerro, Director of Animal Services, New Hampshire

**Harnessing the power of outside industries for mutual success**

Diaz Dixon, Advisor for External Partnerships and Collaborations, Human Animal Support Services Project

**Strengthening relationships between animal advocates and law enforcement for change**

Stefanie Heath, Program Manager, Law Enforcement Outreach and Engagement, The Humane Society of the United States



**Strengthening state and regional humane federations for collective impact**

Katie Hansberry, Maine State Director, The Humane Society of the United States

**Unleashing potential: The power of collaborative partnerships in animal welfare**

Tricia Montgomery, Animal Welfare Liaison, Farm & Yard LLC

## **Community Outreach (Light purple)**

**Empowering pet owners: Leveraging data for self-service programs**

April Huntsman, Senior Director, Animal Welfare, Adopt a Pet

**Pet resource centers: Maximizing impact with minimal budgets**

Faith Wright, Director of Operations, Palm Valley Animal Society

## **Dogs (Purple)**

**Beyond labels: Embracing individuality in shelter dogs**

Nicole Juchem, Manager of Operations and Public Policy, Animal Farm Foundation Inc.

**Big and misunderstood dogs: Recruiting, training and engaging big dog fosters**

Ali Porter, Program Manager for Fosters and Transports, Lucky Dog Animal Rescue

**Expanding fostering opportunities: Embracing "crate and rotate" for dogs**

Heather Carpenter, Western Regional Director, The Humane Society of the United States

**Understanding dog personality**

Elizabeth Anne Johnson, Vice President and Author, Global Wildlife Resources

## **Field Services (Dark purple)**

**Animal control officer's meetup**

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**Creating peer support networks in animal control**

Jeanette Loven, Lead Animal Control/Code Enforcement Officer, Telluride Marshals Department

**Exploring chemical immobilization: Tools, techniques and protocols**



Dr. Mark R. Johnson, Wildlife Veterinarian, Global Wildlife Resources

**Puppy mills: Understanding the issue and taking action**

Ariel Lefkovits, Public Policy Specialist, Puppy Mills, The Humane Society of the United States

## **Global (Violet)**

**Expanding la Compasión en Iniciativas de Perros/Gatos en América Latina**

**Spreading compassion in dog/cat initiatives in Latin América**

Diana Rodriguez, Senior Program Manager, Companion Animals and Engagement, Latin America, Humane Society International

**Inequity of veterinary service access in the context of increasing access in developing countries (English 5/16)**

**Inequidad de acceso a servicios veterinarios en el contexto de una oferta creciente en países en desarrollo (Spanish 5/17)**

Daniela Benavides, Country Director, Chile, Humane Society International

**Surveying dog and cat populations for effective spay and neuter intervention**

Dr. Amit Chaudhari, Director, MEIA, Humane Society International

## **Leadership (Dark blue)**

**Compassion in crisis: Supporting shelter staff and animals during disasters**

Celia Jackson, Program Manager, Disaster Response, The Humane Society of the United States

**Embracing neurodiversity: Enhancing support and inclusion in animal welfare organizations**

Amanda Paris, Shelter Director, Southern Pines Animal Shelter

**Fostering joy: Cultivating a positive organizational culture in animal welfare**

Leah Craig Chumbley, Executive Director, Brother Wolf Animal Rescue

**How to hire and keep veterinarians: Strategies beyond salary in a competitive market**

Graham Brayshaw, Director of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Humane Society

**Leadership meetup: Challenges and successes in animal welfare**

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**Navigating grief in animal shelters: Supporting your team through loss**

Megann Smith, Shelter Manager, Wood County Humane Society



**Veterinarians of record: Opportunities, challenges and relationship building**

Julie Bank, Adjunct Professor, University of Florida

## **Marketing and Resources (Blue)**

**Crisis communication strategies for animal shelters and rescues**

Jose Delgado-Rivera, Chief Communications Officer, Animal Rescue League of Berks County

**Grant readiness essentials: Ensuring your organization stands out in grant applications**

Lisa Pierce, Senior Grants Administrator, Charleston Animal Society

**Impactful stories: Fundraising for animal medical emergencies**

Amy Good, Director of Development and Marketing, Dane County Humane Society

**Media relations toolbox: Strategies and solutions**

Kirsten Peek, Manager of Media Relations, The Humane Society of the United States

## **Shelter Design (Teal)**

**Designing for animal welfare: Q&A session with a shelter architect**

Kim Hanschen, Architect, Associate Principal, Jackson & Ryan Architects

**Improving shelter conditions: Strategies for odor, disease, and noise control**

Scott Learned, President, Design Learned Inc.

**Navigating timelines, best practices, and phasing in shelter design 1/2**

Ryan Whitley, Vice President of Business Development, RWE Design Build

**Navigating timelines, best practices, and phasing in shelter design 2/2**

Ken Just, Director of Pre-Construction Services, RWE Design Build

**Revamping animal shelters: Practical solutions for facility remodeling**

Heather Lewis, Principal, Animal Arts Design Studios, Inc.

## **Shelter Operations (Green)**

**Adopters welcome: How to remove barriers to adoption and engage your community**

Lindsay Hamrick, Director of Shelter Outreach and Engagement, The Humane Society of the United States



**Engaging staff and volunteers in shelter skills and pathway planning**

Meredith Stewart, C.O.O., Humane Society of Western Montana

**How to sustainability care for our furry friends**

Michael Weinstein, Principal Environmental Consultant, Aeterna Environmental

**Leading the Charge: Advocating for low barrier adoptions to boost adoption rates**

Liz Gamboa, Adoption Grants Manager, PetSmart Charities

**Mastering community adoption events: Essential strategies and practical tips**

Carolyn Evans, Founder/Event Director (MFV), Founder/Executive Director (CAC), My Furry Valentine, Cincinnati Animal Care Humane Society

**Rural lifesaving: Navigating challenges and innovating solutions together**

Cole Wakefield, Executive Director, Good Shepherd Humane Society

**Speeding up adoption: Strategies to reduce length of stay for shelter animals**

Dean Daubert, CEO, Anderson Humane

## **Veterinary Medicine (Lime green)**

**Ask the veterinarian: Exploring shelter medicine challenges and solutions (1 of 2)**

Dr. Becca Boronat, Veterinarian, Best Friends Animal Society

**Ask the veterinarian: Exploring shelter medicine challenges and solutions (2 of 2)**

Dr. Erin Katribe, Director, National Veterinary Program, Best Friends Animal Society

**Launching a veterinary program to support foster-based rescues**

Lauren Brinkman, Founder and Executive Director, Underdog Pet Rescue of Wisconsin, Inc.

**Leveraging community partnerships to enhance inclusive veterinary care**

Kiyomi Beach, Founding Partner, Vetbalance Community Care

**Tattooing after sterilization: Exploring perspectives, practices and challenges in veterinary medicine**

Gary Evans, President, Alliance for Contraception in Cats and Dogs

## **Volunteers (Orange)**

**Building a thriving volunteer program on a shoestring budget**

Kari Nienstedt, Senior Director, Volunteer Outreach and Engagement, The Humane Society of the United States



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**Empowering volunteer programs with technology**

Dani Wagner, Volunteer Programs Manager, Humane Fort Wayne

**How's it going? Volunteer program evaluation (Volunteer Engagement)**

Lisa Wetherby, Manager, Animal Rescue Volunteer Program, The Humane Society of the United States

**Valuing volunteers: Strategies for meaningful recognition and appreciation**

Corey Roscoe, Director, Outreach, Engagement, and Training, The Humane Society of the United States

**Volunteer managers meet-up: Successes and challenges**

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**Volunteer recruitment, recognition, and retention: Sharing best practices**

Nathan Broad, Community Outreach Manager, GivePulse

## **Wellness (Yellow)**

**Embracing emotional resilience in the emotional landscape of animal care and control**

Robert Leinberger, Program and Operations Supervisor, Richmond Animal Care and Control

**Highs and lows: Sharing inspirational moments and overcoming challenges in the movement**

Kellye Pinkleton, Director, Public Policy, Companion Animals, The Humane Society of the United States

**Promoting wellness: Nurturing resilience in animal and veterinary care professionals**

Colette Junod, President, Justice for Paws Animal Rescue

**Shelter stories and real talk: What days to decades in animal sheltering can teach us**

Shelly Simmons, Director, Greenville County Animal Care

**What the fluff? Dealing creatively with emotions from our work**

Sarah Bowen, Executive Director and Animal Chaplain, Compassion Consortium