

2009

IOWANS FOR ANIMAL WELFARE CONFERENCE

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Des Moines, IA

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

Animal Rescue League of Iowa
5452 NE 22nd Street
Des Moines, IA

Friday, October 16

5 p.m. Conference Registration and Animal Rescue League of Iowa tours

6 p.m. Dinner and Keynote Speaker
Rob Shumaker – Scientist, The Great Ape Trust of Iowa

Saturday, October 17

7:00 AM Conference Registration and Breakfast

8:15 AM Welcome
Tom Colvin - President, Iowa Federation of Humane Societies

8:30 AM Grassroots Lobbying: You Are Making a Difference

10:00 AM Break

10:30 AM Panel Discussion – Forming Partnerships

12:00 PM Lunch – Get Involved With IFHS
Jerry Dominicak – Vice President, Iowa Federation of Humane Societies

1:00 PM **Track 1 – Dog Training Center**
Volunteer Vet Program

Track 2 – Mapes Auditorium
Considering the People Factor – Part 1
The HomeBuddies Program

1:30 PM Operation Catsnip
Cat Spay/Neuter Program

Enrichment for Shelter Animals

2:00 PM Trap Neuter Release Program

2:30 PM Stopping the Births:
ISU Neuter a Tom Cat Days and
the Feral Cat Alliance

Considering the People Factor – Part 2
The Catalyst Program

3:00 PM Break

3:30 PM Panel Discussion - Making the Most
of Volunteers

Creating a Diverse Fundraising
Program with Limited Resources

SESSIONS

Grassroots Lobbying: You Are Making a Difference

Tom Colvin - President, Iowa Federation of Humane Societies

Carol J. Griglione – State Director- Iowa, The Humane Society of the United States

Mary LaHay - Iowa Voters for Companion Animals

The laws enacted by the Iowa Legislature have a significant impact on the welfare of animals in our state. The efforts of animal welfare organizations and individual citizens can have a major influence on the legislative process. This session will review the results of the 2009 legislative session, in particular efforts to provide for more effective regulation of puppy mills in Iowa; what's coming in the 2010 session and how you can get involved and effectively lobby your legislators to help the animals in our state.

Panel Discussion – Forming Partnerships

Tom Colvin – Executive Director, Animal Rescue League of Iowa, Inc. and President, Iowa Federation of Humane Societies

Anne Duffy – Professor & Coordinator Veterinary Technology/Animal Health Technology, Kirkwood Community College

What is the role of your group or organization in your community? How can you work with others working in the same field in your area to help animals together? This session explores how diverse animal welfare groups can come together and celebrate their commonalities.

Volunteer Vet Program

Liz Yohn – Independent Animal Welfare Consultant

Unique programs like the Volunteer Veterinarian program at Dane County Humane Society in Wisconsin help to reduce the over population of dogs and cats. Learn about this progressive spay/neuter program and how you can set one up at your shelter or in your community.

Considering the People Factor – Part 1 – The HomeBuddies Program

Beth Drake – Executive Director, Tails Humane Society, DeKalb, IL

Animal welfare organizations are sometimes criticized for being "all about the animals" while leaving the humans to fend for themselves. This can contribute to distrust and misconception on the part of the public as well as loss of current and potential donor revenue. This session focuses on the importance of people programs for animal welfare organizations and on one specific program, the HomeBuddies Program, which provides pet care services to the elderly and homebound.

Operation Catsnip Cat Spay/Neuter Program

Jane McCall – President & CEO, Dubuque Regional Humane Society, Dubuque, IA

Learn about an inexpensive way to make a difference in your community. Operation Catsnip is a discounted spay/neuter program for multi-cat families, low income cat owners or those just looking to help out the cat that has been hanging around the neighborhood. This program could be operated out of a shelter or in conjunction with area veterinarians.

SESSIONS

Trap Neuter Release Program

Kristine Jorgenson - Panora Pets, Panora, IA

Have you wanted to set up a TNR program in your community? This presentation will tell you how to successfully set up and run a TNR program with the support of your community.

Enrichment for Shelter Animals

Mick McAuliffe - Animal Behavior Specialist, The Houndry, Chicago, IL

Animal shelters can be a strange and stressful environment for animals who find themselves living in one. This session will explore how that stress can be reduced through varied environments, social interaction, training, and the provision of opportunities for animals to perform normal behaviors.

Stopping the Births: ISU Neuter a Tom Cat Days and Feral Cat Alliance

Dr. Claudia Baldwin DVM - Iowa State University, Ames, IA

Iowa State University Neuter a Tom Cats Days and Feral Cat Alliance are community programs to address feline overpopulation. Two programs at ISU, supported by veterinary student organizations and veterinarians, exist to surgically alter cats. These programs offer veterinary students the opportunity to learn about feline overpopulation, perform surgical sterilization under the supervision of veterinarians, and advise caretakers and owners about care of their cats. These programs also engage students in their community, a responsibility that they learn to take very seriously.

Considering the People Factor – Part 2 – The Catalyst Program

Beth Drake – Executive Director, Tails Humane Society, DeKalb, IL

A continuation of Part I, this session will focus on the importance of "people programs" in general, and on one such program, the Catalyst Program, which involves at-risk kids in animal sheltering.

Panel Discussion - Making the Most of Volunteers

Joy Talmon – Volunteer Coordinator, Animal Rescue League of Iowa, Des Moines, IA

Liz Yohn – Independent Animal Welfare Consultant

Volunteers are a critical resource for any animal welfare organization. Learn how to better recruit, train, and motivate your volunteers and learn about some innovative volunteer programs that have been successfully implemented by other organizations.

Creating a Diverse Fundraising Program with Limited Resources

Jody Ruff – Executive Director, Xavier High School Foundation, Cedar Rapids, IA

Need to raise funds but unable to spend money in order to make money? This session addresses the challenges of fundraising with limited resources, and offers solutions emphasizing a range of fundraising options and how you can make them work together to be most effective.

SPEAKERS

Dr. Claudia Baldwin, DVM - Iowa State University, Ames, IA

Claudia Baldwin is a 1982 graduate of Michigan State University. Following one year in practice, Dr. Baldwin began a residency in internal medicine at the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a concurrent MS degree, emphasis on contraceptives in cats. From 1986 – 1990, she taught at Oklahoma State University and became ACVIM board certified (Internal Medicine). Since 1990, Dr. Baldwin has been a faculty member in Veterinary Clinical Sciences at Iowa State University, practicing internal medicine and teaching internal medicine, infectious disease, and reproduction.

Since 2003, efforts have focused on shelter medicine. Dr. Baldwin is the Director of ISU Maddie's® Shelter Medicine Program which includes speaking, didactic teaching, and a summer scholars and externship program. Additionally she coordinates surgical rotations, shelter experiences with students, disease investigations, and co-advises the student Association of Shelter Veterinarians and the Feral Cat Alliance. She is a board member of the Iowa Federation of Humane Societies and has experience in professional organization and university governance and leadership.

Tom L. Colvin - President, Iowa Federation of Humane Societies

Tom Colvin has been instrumental in the State of Iowa for animal protection work since 1974. Tom began his work on animal protection as a veterinary technician for a veterinarian in Waterloo, Iowa. He went on to become the director of the Black Hawk Humane Society in Waterloo, Iowa (now called Cedar Bend) for 19 years. Tom moved to Des Moines in January of 1993 to become the shelter director of the Animal Rescue League of Iowa, Inc. (ARL). In 1995, he was appointed the ARL's executive director, a position he still holds. Tom led the initiative to build a new 43,000 square foot shelter which was completed in October of 2008.

The Animal Rescue League is the largest animal shelter in the State of Iowa with four adoption locations and is responsible for the care of over 19,000 animals each year, including a farm animal adoption program and animal control for the City of Des Moines. Additionally, Tom is responsible for three programs at Mitchellville Women's Correctional Facility and Rockwell City Men's Prison -- Paws, Whiskers and Whinny -- which provide extra care and rehabilitation for ARL pets until they are ready for adoption.

Tom has also been the President of the Iowa Federation of Humane Societies since 1981 and is on the Iowa State University External Stakeholders Advisory Group. Tom was appointed in October of 2006 by Governor Vilsack to serve on the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine. In addition, Tom was a wildlife rehabilitator for many years and has served on deer task force committees in Iowa. Tom has done extensive work on animal cruelty investigations and puppy mills.

Tom has worked tirelessly on legislation to strengthen Iowa's laws for animal protection. He has received awards for his efforts in legislation, including his work to enact the spay/neuter law in 1992 and the felony animal abuse law in 2000. Recent successes in legislation have resulted in prohibiting giving pets as prizes and felony animal fighting laws.

SPEAKERS

Beth Drake – Executive Director, Tails Humane Society, DeKalb, IL

Beth Drake has a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and a Master's in Immunogenetics from Northern Illinois University. During her career, she has studied avian pox and malaria in Hawaiian forest birds, has studied fish and wildlife populations in Wisconsin and animal nutrition at the University of Wisconsin. After her first taste of animal sheltering however, she hasn't looked back. She's acted in the capacity of Director of Operations, Program Coordinator and, since 2005, Executive Director of TAILS Humane Society. Beth serves as the Vice President of the Illinois Animal Welfare Federation and serves on the Strategic Planning Committee of the National Federation of Humane Societies.

Jerry Dominicak – Vice President, Iowa Federation of Humane Societies

Jerry Dominiack has been the executive director of the Siouxland Humane Society in Sioux City, Iowa since August of 1995. Raised on an acreage in South Dakota, Jerry trained and showed national champion quarter horses, paints and pintos; and showed his family's cocker spaniels. Jerry is currently the Vice President of the Iowa Federation of Humane Societies and has a background in business administration, sociology and English.

Anne Duffy, RVT – Professor & Coordinator Veterinary Technology/Animal Health Technology, Kirkwood Community College

Anne Duffy is a Professor of Animal Health Technology at Kirkwood Community College where she is the Veterinary Technology Program Director and the Veterinary Assisting, Pet Grooming/Pet Shop Management Program Coordinator. Anne is a graduate of Kirkwood Community College (AS and AAS), Coe College (BA in Biology), and the University of Iowa (MA in Instructional Design Technology and MA in Human Resource Development). She is also a member of the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine and has over 20 years experience in private veterinary practice.

Carol J. Griglione – State Director, Iowa, The Humane Society of the United States

Carol Griglione is the Iowa state director for The Humane Society of the United States and the President of the Board of Directors of the Animal Rescue League of Iowa, Inc. (ARL).

For the past 20 years, Griglione has worked on a wide range of animal issues in Iowa, including those affecting animal shelters, horses and legislative grassroots efforts to pass legislation such as making animal torture and dog fighting a felony in Iowa. She has won legislative awards for her work to defeat a mourning dove hunting season in Iowa. Additionally, she worked extensively on the largest horse abuse case in Iowa's history.

Griglione is past and current president of the board of directors of the Animal Rescue League of Iowa, the largest animal shelter in Iowa. She also is on the board of the Iowa Federation of Humane Societies. She regularly presents and speaks on cat behavior and has a weekly radio show on WHO Radio out of Des Moines called "Companion Connection" to talk about cats, cat behavior and to promote spay/neuter and adopting from animal shelters.

Griglione holds a bachelor's in communications from Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa and a master's in non-profit management from Drake University in Des Moines. A native Iowan, she resides in Runnells with her husband and their two dogs, seven cats, three horses and 12 pet chickens.

SPEAKERS

Kristine Jorgensen - Founder and President, P.E.T.S. (Protecting Even the Strays) and TNR Coordinator

Kristine moved back to her small hometown of Panora, Iowa, in 2002 to work as the curator for the county museum. She was alarmed by the out-of-control population of feral and stray cats that were suffering in her area. Like many rural communities in Iowa, there was no animal shelter in the town or the county and law enforcement wasn't able or wasn't willing to assist. Working with her city council, law enforcement, another rescue organization that provides mobile spay/neuter clinics, and local residents, Kristine started P.E.T.S. and was able to implement a TNR (trap-neuter-return) program in her community. Modeled after the TNR programs in larger cities, like New York, P.E.T.S. started "Opurration Fix-it!," a TNR program to work in small communities and rural areas in Iowa. P.E.T.S. also assisted the City of Panora in adopting animal codes that specifically address and recognize feral cats and their colonies as part of the community.

Mary LaHay - Founder and President, Iowa Voters for Companion Animals

A native Iowan, Mary founded the Iowa Voters of Companion Animals organization in 2009 and is currently the Director. This organization's mission is to improve animal welfare laws in Iowa through grassroots efforts; and Mary is specifically committed to issues surrounding puppy mills. Mary works full time at the AlloSource Tissue Bank and was previously with the Iowa Donor Network. She holds a Bachelor of Science, Biology, degree from the University of Minnesota. Mary lives in Iowa with her husband and two dogs, both rescued from puppy mills.

Mick McAuliffe - Animal Behavior Specialist, The Houndry, Chicago, IL

Mick served as the Director of Animal Behavior and Training for the R.S.P.C.A. Queensland, where he developed world-leading assessment, modification and training programs for multiple species. In addition to his extensive work in canine training, Mick has applied his training skills to a variety of animals, from Sea World Australia's large marine mammals to serving as head avian keeper and trainer for a collection of 130 native and exotic birds and developing free-flight shows for visitors. Mick has lectured on Animal Behavior across four continents, working extensively in Australia, Japan, China, England, Saudi Arabia and now the United States.

Currently living in Chicago, Mick provides Behavior and Training Consultations for dogs, cats, birds and horses. He generously volunteers his time and expertise to the Naperville Area Humane Society (NAHS) where he has developed and implemented a competency based Volunteer Animal Training Program, "4 Paws Forward" intended to increase the adoptability of animals in shelters. He also donates his time to NAHS teaching canine educational seminars. Mick offers clients programs that meet their individual needs, including group classes, mini consultations, open seminars and in-home private training.

Mick believes that our dogs live with us as part of our family, learning what we like and dislike through everyday experiences. He doesn't believe in dictatorships or set training sessions. Instead, he educates owners on how to teach dogs our rules and guidelines each day. Whether you're sitting on your sofa or going for a walk - living is learning. Training should be fun for you and your dog, not stressful. Mick teaches using only positive reinforcement techniques eliminating the need for physical or verbal correction or training equipment that can cause pain or injury. Mick will coach clients on how to teach their dog with patience and understanding resulting in a well-mannered dog and a life-long bond between people and their canine companion.

SPEAKERS

Jane McCall – President & CEO, Dubuque Regional Humane Society, Dubuque, IA

Jane McCall is the President and CEO of the Dubuque Regional Humane Society in Dubuque, Iowa where she has been the President since 1991. Jane is certified as an equine abuse investigator, animal cruelty investigator, swiftwater rescue and as an animal disaster response team. Additionally she is a graduate of equine investigation school and national cruelty investigators school. She has a B.S. and an M.S. degree both in Animal Science from Iowa State University. Jane is on the board of the National Federation of Humane Societies as well as the Iowa Federation of Humane Societies.

Jody Ruff – Executive Director, Xavier High School Foundation, Cedar Rapids, IA

Jody Ruff was appointed Executive Director of the Xavier High School Foundation in January of 2004. In that role she is responsible for managing an \$11 million endowment and an annual development budget of \$1 million.

Prior to that appointment, Ms. Ruff worked for the American Red Cross for five years serving as Financial Development Director for the Grant Wood Area Chapter and as the State of Iowa Financial Development Consultant for the American National Red Cross.

Ms. Ruff is currently a member and past board member of Cedar Rapids Daybreak Rotary and the Eastern Iowa Association of Fundraising Professionals. She is a past-president of the Eastern Iowa Planned Giving Council and a member of the Cedar Rapids Area Estate Planning Council.

Joy Talmon – Volunteer Coordinator, Animal Rescue League of Iowa, Des Moines, IA

Joy Talmon is the current Volunteer Coordinator for the Animal Rescue League of Iowa. After graduating from Sweet Briar College in Lynchburg, VA with a degree in Psychology, Joy moved to Boston, MA where she worked as an assistant Aquatics Director for three years. She then moved to Phoenix, AZ where she found her passion: animal shelter work.

Joy was at the Arizona Animal Welfare League for three years, first working as the Cattery Manager and then a year later moving into the Animal Care Manager. There she worked to ensure proper care and enrichment of the pets, utilizing a "staff" composed of half paid employees and half volunteers. After surviving the desert, Joy and her family moved back to the Midwest and closer to her extended family where she took a position with the ARL as Volunteer Coordinator in October of 2008.

Joy lives in Ankeny with her husband Tamir, son Oren, dog Lisa and cat Eval. Some of her passions include kayaking, canoeing, musicals, theatre and working with Girl Scouts of America.

Liz Yohn, CVT – Independent Animal Welfare Consultant

Elizabeth Seyfarth Yohn, CVT

Liz Yohn has been helping animal welfare organizations to develop veterinary programs since 2005. She has worked clinically and administratively for organizations such as Dane County Humane Society, Madison's Spay Me! Clinic, Humane Society of Grand Bahama, Project Vet-Train (India) and the Rosebud Spay/Neuter Project in South Dakota. Liz is also a nursing student at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She aspires to develop volunteer-based programs that will bring health care services to people and animals in our country's most under served, rural communities and Native Nations.

AREA HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

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The Iowa Federation of Humane Societies has applied for conference attendees to receive credit for the workshop.

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