

TEXAS UNITES 2016



## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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# SHELTER MEDICINE TRACK

**Saturday, April 23**

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7:30 - 8:00 AM  
Concho

**Check-In & Breakfast**

8:00 - 9:30 AM  
Concho

**Don't Panic! - How to Manage an Infectious Disease Outbreak in Any Shelter**

*Chumkee Aziz, DVM, Outreach Veterinarian, University of Wisconsin, Madison – Shelter Medicine*

9:30 - 9:45 AM

**Break**

9:45 - 11:15 AM  
Concho

**Legal and Ethical Dilemmas for Shelter Vets in Texas**

*Wendy Blount, DVM, Candidate ACVIM, Eastex Veterinary Clinic*

11:15 - 11:30 AM

**Break**

11:30 AM - 2:00 PM  
Wedgwood Ballroom

**Lunch**

**We Get Along! – What Successful Cooperation Between Shelters and Private Practice Veterinarians Looks Like**

*Russell N. Ueckert, DVM, President TVMA*

*P. Shawn Ashley, DVM, MS, Shelter and Cruelty Investigations Veterinarian, SPCA of Texas*

*Catherine McManus VMD, MPH, DACVPM, Operations Manager, Dallas Animal Services*

*Erin Shults, DVM, CEO, Mazie's Mission*

*Rosemary C. Lindsey, DVM, La Paloma Small Animal Hospital*

2:00 - 2:15 PM

**Break**

2:15 - 3:45 PM  
Concho

**Canine Influenza: An Animal Control Perspective Focused on Outbreak Prevention at the Animal Shelter**

*Sandra J. Strong, DVM, Chief Veterinarian, Wake County Animal Center*

3:45 - 4:00 PM  
Concho

**Break with Refreshments**

4:00 - 5:30 PM  
Concho

**Debunk Behavioral Myths and Stop the Revolving Door**

*Valarie V. Tynes, DVM, Dipl. ACVB, Veterinary Services Specialist, Ceva Animal Health*

5:30 - 7:00 PM  
Rio Grande Exhibit Hall

**Sweet Saturday Networking Event**

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# Shelter Medicine

## **V1 Don't Panic! - How to Manage an Infectious Disease Outbreak in Any Shelter**

Saturday, April 23, 2016 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Chumkee Aziz, DVM, Outreach Veterinarian, University of Wisconsin, Madison – Shelter Medicine

Infectious diseases remain persistent challenges for shelters. They threaten the health and wellbeing of individual animals, as well as the shelter as a whole. This presentation will describe a step-by-step approach to recognizing and responding to a disease outbreak, and how to apply this organized system for response to almost any infectious disease. We will also focus on implementing proactive measures to prevent future outbreaks.

## **V2 Legal and Ethical Dilemmas for Shelter Vets in Texas**

Saturday, April 23, 2016 9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Wendy Blount, DVM, Candidate ACVIM, Eastex Veterinary Clinic

Do you ever wonder if it's possible to keep abreast of the laws that regulate us as shelter vets, much less figure out how to obey them while taking good care of shelter pets at the same time? Health and Safety Code, Veterinary Practice Act, Rules of Professional Conduct, Federal Controlled Drug Regulations, Pharmacy Act, FDA Compounding Regulations, Case Law, etc., etc. We'll cover the following important topics:

- Where do you go to find the most current versions of the laws that regulate us? How do you keep up with changes?
- Which laws are the biggest pitfalls for shelter vets at this time?
- Does owner exemption apply to shelter vets? Shelter staff? Are fosters included?
- Can we legally vaccinate and deworm strays on intake?
- Is it true that dogs and cats cannot live in a herd in the State of Texas?
- What medical care is shelter staff with no supervising vet permitted to provide?
- What do we do if current law does not permit us to care for animals according to standard of care in shelter medicine?

## **V3 We Get Along! – What Successful Cooperation between Shelters and Private Practice Veterinarians Looks Like**

Saturday, April 23, 2016 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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Cooperation between shelters and private practice veterinarians is a real possibility with real benefits. There is a need for veterinary involvement in the shelter industry, even in small shelters and rescue groups. No group is too small to have their "own" veterinarian. Veterinary care lends credibility to the organization and an increased value of the product being produced. The knowledge available can help shelters and rescues provide better care and avoid disasters.

Private practice veterinarians have the potential to benefit from this cooperation as well. Providing care from the beginning for adopted pets allows for better owner education as well as a better continuity of care for the pet. Attracting new pet owners to a practice is a good method of building a client base and new pet owners generally make good clients. Cooperating with a shelter or rescue group is also a good way to build good will and visibility within the community.

## **V4 Canine Influenza: An Animal Control Perspective Focused on Outbreak Prevention at the Animal Shelter**

Saturday, April 23, 2016 2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Sandra J. Strong, DVM, Chief Veterinarian, Wake County Animal Center

In July of 2015, the novel strain of Canine Influenza H3N2 entered Western North Carolina and cases proceeded eastwardly to Raleigh NC. The Wake County Animal Center immediately implemented a multi-prong strategy to alert our citizens, educate our board of commissioners, and implement a plan for keeping the virus out of the shelter. This workshop will share approaches to community disease, along with the importance of public education and organizational transparency. Each participant will be encouraged to bring their own organization's plan for an outbreak response as part of workshop discussion.

## **V5 Debunk Behavioral Myths and Stop the Revolving Door**

Saturday, April 23, 2016 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Valarie V. Tynes, DVM, Dipl. ACVB, Veterinary Services Specialist, Ceva Animal Health

Evidence suggests that adoptions have a higher rate of success when owners of newly adopted pets can be well counseled. Learn about the ten most common behavioral myths that get pet owners in trouble and be prepared to send the new pet owner home with the most accurate up to date information so that they can avoid the pitfalls that lead to broken human companion animal bonds and failed adoptions. Pet owners who leave the shelter with this information about animal behavior and training will have more appropriate expectations of their new pet and be better prepared to deal with the common challenges of pet ownership thus decreasing the chance that the pet will be returned to the shelter.

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