



2018 HSWM PETPRO CONFERENCE

September 15-17, University of Montana Campus

The HSWM PetPro Conference is an annual educational and networking opportunity for the Rocky Mountain companion animal community. HSWM is pleased to offer one evening and two days of presentations by nationally renowned leaders in animal behavior, veterinary medicine, and nonprofit management.

Featured Presenters:

[Pete Coppolillo, Executive Director, Working Dogs for Conservation](#)

[Meg Parker, Founder, Working Dogs for Conservation](#)

[Dr. Aleisha Swartz, Clinical Instructor and Outreach Veterinarian, Shelter Medicine Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine](#)

[Erica Feuerbacher, PhD, BCBA-D, CPDT-KA, Assistant Professor of Companion Animal Welfare and Behavior at Virginia Tech](#)

[Lisa Gunter, PhD, MA, CPDT-KA, Arizona State University](#)

[Sherry Woodard, PDT-KA, Animal Behavior Consultant, Best Friends Animal Society](#)

[Susan Hay Patrick, CEO United Way](#)

[Julie Sirrs, Esq. Boone Karlberg Law Office](#)

[Alissa Mellem, Esq. Parsons, Behle & Latimer](#)

Saturday September 15 Dinner and keynote demonstration by Working Dogs For Conservation with Executive Director Pete Coppolillo and Founder Meg Parker
Presentation from Dr. Lisa Gunter on The Canine Identity Crisis

Sunday September 16 Full day of either Shelter Pet Behavior or Nonprofit Management track

Monday September 17 Full Veterinary track day with Dr. Aleisha Swartz, 6.0 hours of Veterinary CE, RACE approved.

Price

Full Conference: \$75.00

Saturday Night Keynote Dinner: \$25.00

One Day- Nonprofit Management Track: \$40.00

One Day- Behavior Track: \$40.00

One Day- Veterinary Track: \$40.00

Register at www.petpro.eventbrite.com

*Space is limited, prices go up after August 31st

Thanks to the ASPCA's Northern Tier Shelter Initiative, nonprofit animal welfare organizations located in Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota, or Wisconsin can receive scholarships to cover the costs of attending our seminars. To get more details or apply for a scholarship, email northerntiershelterinitiative@aspca.org!

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Saturday September 15

KEYNOTE DINNER

6:00pm-8:00pm

Demonstration by Working Dogs for Conservation by Executive Director Pete Coppolillo and Founder Meg Parker

Presentation by Dr. Lisa Gunter: The Canine Identity Crisis

Sunday September 16

SHELTER BEHAVIOR TRACK

9:00am-10:00am

Cat Conundrums: How to Identify and Manage Shelter Stress in Cats

Sherry Woodard: In this session, attendees will learn how to be proactive and set cats up for success immediately upon intake. We'll also discuss different types of enrichment that is essential in order to minimize stress and help get cats adopted faster.

10:15am-11:15am

Breaking Down Behavior: Exploring and Identifying Behavioral Indicators of Welfare in Shelter Dogs

Dr. Lisa Gunter: To better understand the welfare of dogs living in shelters, we video-recorded the behavior of dogs at Arizona Humane Society and collected physiological, health, and cognitive measures implicated in the stress response. In this presentation, I'll discuss the results of our research which suggest that dogs display a spectrum of behaviors that can provide insights into their welfare.

11:30am-12:30pm

Sleepovers: What Can Short-Term Fostering Do for the Welfare of Dogs in Shelters?

Dr. Lisa Gunter, Mariah Scheskie, CPDT-KA- HSWM Director of Programs: In this presentation, we'll discuss the findings of studies conducted across the United States in which we investigated the impact of one- and two-night fostering programs on the cortisol levels and health measures of dogs awaiting adoption. We'll also discuss how to implement a successful program at your shelter.

12:30pm-1:15pm

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1:15pm-2:15pm

Asking the Dogs: Using Choice and Preference to Enhance Welfare
Dr. Erica Feuerbacher: In this session we will discuss different preference assessments and how to utilize them in a shelter setting to increase adoptions and improve welfare.

2:30pm-3:30pm

Relinquishment and Return in the Animal Shelter: What We Know and Future Directions for Interventions

Dr. Lisa Gunter: It is accepted that problem behaviors play a role in the relinquishment and return of dogs to the animal shelter. However it is likely that factors, unrelated to the dog, play a larger role than previously believed. In this presentation, I'll discuss what these factors are along with how we can use this information to develop programs that support owners and their dogs.

4:00pm-5:30pm

A Constructional Approach to Dog-Dog Interactions in the Shelter
Space limited to 20 participants

Dr. Lisa Gunter, Dr. Erica Feuerbacher, Sherry Woodard: We will explain the constructional approach to behavior and how we would apply this approach to dogs interacting with each other in the shelter. We will discuss selection of dogs, intervening in play without aversives, and how to use these interactions to enhance the human-dog relationship.

Sunday September 16

NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT TRACK

9:00am-11:00am

Board Boot Camp

Susan Hay Patrick: This popular session will define what makes a good board member. A wide variety of topics are included from finding the right fit for your passion to fearless fundraising. What board members can expect from the nonprofit they serve and what nonprofits should expect from their board members is important to define for optimum success. Susan has spent decades helping organizations reach their potential by exploring these fundamental concepts with wit and wisdom

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Tax Code Matters

Julie Sirrs, Esq: *Why CEO's and Board members should care about the Tax Code. This session will explore implications of the tax law on nonprofit fundraising. If your organization raises money, you should not miss this!*

12:30pm-1:30pm

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1:30pm-3:00pm

It Only Takes One

Liz Mellem, Esq: *One challenging employee can negatively impact an entire organization. Employers often wait to address employment issues and/or fail to adequately anticipate or address poor performance. This seminar will explore how to prepare for the inevitable through appropriate policies and conversations.*

3:00pm-4:30pm

Board vs Staff: It Doesn't Need to Be!

Marta Pierpoint, HSWM Executive Director and Nicole Nolte, HSWM Director of Operations: *What every nonprofit manager needs board members to know. This will include a discussion of the role of board members in operational decisions, including some of the most difficult decisions all managers face.*

Monday September 17

VETERINARY TRACK

Presented by Dr. Aleisha Schwartz

9:00AM-10:00AM

Top Things Every Veterinarian Should Know About Shelter Medicine

Many private practice veterinarians work with animal welfare groups or serve homeless pets in some capacity and have clients who adopt from shelters and rescues. Shelter medicine is a recently recognized area of specialty and this presentation will familiarize attendees with expertise essential to shelter medicine including infectious disease control, animal behavior, facility design, public health, forensics and more. Shelter medicine's approach of combining individual and pollution health management optimizes animal well-being both in the shelter and after adoption. Increased understanding of shelter medicine will better enable the practitioner to provide for the needs of newly adopted pets and their owners.

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10:00AM-11:00AM

**Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease Complex, More Than Just
Kennel Cough, Part 1**

This presentation covers detailed information about canine infectious respiratory disease complex (CIRDC) including a review of the most common pathogens involved. Participants will gain an understanding of clinical signs, transmission, and diagnostic testing with an emphasis on canine distemper and canine influenza viruses. Strategies for prevention and management of CIRDC in a shelter and kennel setting will also be discussed.

11:30AM-12:30PM

**Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease Complex, More Than Just
Kennel Cough, Part 2**

12:30PM-1:30PM

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1:30PM-2:30PM

Dermatophytosis- Taking the Guess Out of Fungus!

This session will provide the participant an understanding of transmission, incubation, and risk factors for dermatophyte infections. Topics covered will include: effective screening for ringworm, recognition, diagnostic testing and treatment. Techniques for effective sanitation will be shared in addition to recommendations for management of dermatophytosis cases in both shelter and home environment.

2:30PM-3:30PM

Canine and Feline Parvoviruses- The New and The Tried and True

In this presentation attendees will earn the basics of canine parvovirus and feline panleukopenia virus as well as the risk factors for outbreaks in a community and shelter environment. The importance of vaccination, sanitation, and diagnostic testing will be reviewed in addition to recent developments in treatment of parvo dogs.

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4:00PM-5:00PM

Tricks of The Trade- High Quality High Volume Spay Neuter (HQHVSN) Tips for Mastering Everything From Pediatrics to The Large, Complicated Dog Spay

This presentation will cover the most up to date canine and feline spay-neuter techniques to improve efficiency and decrease surgery and anesthetic time including patient positioning, incisional placement, ligature techniques, and incisional closure. Steps to address common and challenging complications will be reviewed. Whether you are high volume surgeon or a private practitioner this session brings you the best techniques for patient care. Participants will become familiar with the Association of Shelter Veterinarians' 2016 Veterinary Medical Care Guidelines for Spay-Neuter Programs published in JAVMA in July 2016.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following hotels are currently available at the prices listed below. All prices are on Orbitz and for 2 people (2 beds) per night.

Doubletree: \$169

La Quinta: \$151

Staybridge: \$159

Comfort Inn: \$162

UM Parking Permits are available for Monday September 17th for \$3.50.

Conference fees include Dinner Saturday night, lunch and snacks Sunday and Monday. Vegetarian options available.

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