



19th Annual Minnesota Animal Welfare Conference

Meeting the Needs of Pets & People in the Animal Welfare Field

Registration Form

Thursday, June 2, 2022

Best Western Kelly Inn 100 4th Avenue South Saint Cloud, MN 56301

The Minnesota Animal Welfare Conference is an annual educational and networking opportunity for the state's animal welfare community. We organize this annual conference because we believe that providing affordable opportunities for continued education and networking among animal welfare professionals is key to making Minnesota a more humane community.

This year, the focus is on the health and well-being of animals in shelters and foster homes. Featuring highly accredited speakers from the **Shelter Medicine Program; University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine Team: Dr. Erica Schumacher and Dr. Sarah Hicks***; **Adi Hovav CPDT-KA, Senior Manager of Behavior for the ASPCA's Adoption Center****; and **Liv Hagen, the Shelter Behavior and Humane Investigations Manager at Animal Humane Society in Mpls, MN.** *Approved for 3 C.E. credits for veterinarians and vet techs attending. **Approved for 1.5 CBCC-KA CEUs may be applied to a CPDT-KA recertification. (Liv's presentation pending CE approval)

SPACE IS LIMITED! REGISTER NOW! Fee includes breakfast, breaks and lunch.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND RETURN ONE FORM PER PERSON WITH PAYMENT TO: TCHS / MN Conference PO Box 701 St. Cloud, MN 56302

Group _____

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

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Conference Fee: Fee Waived for Veterinarians! *(Thanks to a special grant obtained through the ASPCA Northern Tier Shelter Initiative.)*

* **\$50 Early Bird Registration Special: Postmarked on or before May 20, 2022**

* **\$60 Registration Fee mailed after May 20, 2020.**

Payment Option:

☐ \$50 Early Bird Fee \$60 ☐ Fee mailed after May 17, 2022 ☐ Veterinarian ONLY Fee Waived

Payment Method:

☐ Check Payable to TCHS/MN Conference ☐ Charge: Visa / MC / Discover

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Confirmation will be emailed to you once your registration and payment have been received.

Deadline to Register: May 24, 2022 Fee is non-refundable after deadline.

CONFERENCE LODGING If you plan to stay overnight, please call Best Western Kelly Inn directly for reservations at (320) 253-0606 and ask for the MN Animal Welfare Conference rate.

Questions? Contact Vicki Davis, Conference Coordinator, at tchs@cloudnet.com or 320-371-0871

2022 Conference Speakers

Shelter Medicine Program

University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine Team

Dr. Erica Schumacher (she/her), **Outreach Veterinarian**



Dr. Erica Schumacher fell in love with shelter medicine in 2003 at Dane County Humane Society (DCHS) in Madison, Wisconsin as a Certified Veterinary Technician. Following her lifelong dream of becoming a veterinarian, she attended the UW- Madison School of Veterinary Medicine and worked with Dr. Sandra Newbury to create the school's first shelter medicine elective in 2004. Upon graduation in 2008, Dr. Schumacher took a short break from shelter medicine after being accepted for a competitive Wildlife and Conservation Medicine internship at Tufts University Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Schumacher sought to find a place where she could pursue both of her veterinary passions - shelter medicine and wildlife. After traveling and working in Arizona, Alaska and Africa, she returned to her roots at DCHS as the Chief Shelter Veterinarian where she oversaw the medical team as well as the shelter's wildlife center for seven years. In 2018, Dr. Schumacher joined the UW Shelter Medicine Program. She enjoys using her clinical background in shelter medicine as well as her love of teaching to help other

shelters reach their lifesaving potential.

Dr. Sarah Hicks, Outreach Veterinarian

Following years of working in veterinary practice as an assistant, Sarah chose to pursue a B.S. in Animal Science at Louisiana State University and then went on to complete her DVM at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. After graduating, she split her time practicing at a rural mixed animal private practice and working with two regional shelters. After realizing her true passion for shelter medicine, she joined the medical team at the East Baton Rouge Parish Animal Shelter, overseeing veterinary care for a high volume of patients and teaching veterinary students on their clinical rotation. In 2018, she spent 6 months serving as the Interim Executive Director for the shelter, giving her better insight into the "big picture" of shelter management. She became the Medical Director in 2018 before joining the UW team as an Outreach Veterinarian in 2022. She is thrilled and grateful to be a part of such a fantastic program with so many wonderful shelter professionals. Outside of work, Dr. Sarah enjoys seeking out all types of new adventures with her



husband, her three children, and their foster-failure dog Libby.

2022 Conference Speakers

Behavior ASPCA Adoption Center

Adi Hovav, CPDT-KA,

Adi Hovav is the senior manager of behavior at the ASPCA Adoption Center in New York City.



Adi has been with the ASPCA Adoption Center since 2012. She leads behavioral operations at the Adoption Center, where she helps oversee the behavioral welfare of dogs and cats. Adi is the Adoption Center's resident cat behavior expert and has helped thousands of behaviorally challenged cats find homes. Adi also works with the Adoption Center's canine population and is currently working with Adoption Center leadership to develop the Underdogs program, which focuses on helping dogs and cats whose medical and/or behavioral needs has made them difficult to place. Adi is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer, Knowledge Assessed.

Liv Hagen

Liv Hagen is the Shelter Behavior and Humane Investigations Manager for the Animal Humane Society (AHS) in Golden Valley, MN. In her role she



oversees all behavior programs, staff and volunteers that support animals in shelter that have come in with known behavior challenges or that develop behavior challenges during their time in shelter. Liv also oversees the shelter's enrichment program, the Canine Prototype Habitat project, and conducts investigational studies on dog housing, socialization and enrichment. Liv additionally oversees AHS's Humane Investigations and Critical Response Teams, who investigate reports of animal cruelty, neglect, and hoarding situations, and seize animals when appropriate.

Liv earned her BS from the University of St. Thomas in 2011, MS from Johns Hopkins University in 2019, and is a Fear Free Shelters graduate. Prior to working at AHS, Liv worked with marine mammals and large carnivores

at the Brookfield Zoo and Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, and Memphis Zoo in Tennessee. Liv has a few dogs, some cats, and is frequented by foster animals.

2022 Schedule

Workshops Located in Grand Ballroom

8:00 - 8:55 Registration, Breakfast

8:55 Opening Comments (ASPCA)

9:00 - 10:30 Workshop #1: Canine and Feline Upper Respiratory Infection: Sniffing Out the Situation

While canine and feline upper respiratory infections present a challenge for many animal welfare organizations, the right approach to URI can have a significant impact on population health, use of resources, staff morale, length of stay, and more! In this presentation, we will explore the clinical signs of URI, infectious agents, and environmental factors before delving into prevention and treatment options. Lastly, we will discuss the critical role appropriate operational strategies play in minimizing respiratory infection in your organization.

Speaker: Sarah Hicks, DVM

10:30 - 10:50 Break Visit Exhibitors, Network

10:50—12:20 Workshop # 2: Lion Tamers: How to Help Undersocialized Kittens Find Homes

Want to know how to help undersocialized kittens get adopted? Join us for a deep dive into the ASPCA Adoption Center and Kitten Nursery's Lion Tamers program. Learn how we leveraged foster volunteers to help more kittens, training them to use reward-based methods for shaping social behavior. This session will also cover best practices for sheltering fearful kittens while they wait for foster and tips for matching fearful kittens with loving homes.

Speaker: Adi Hovav, CPDT-AK

12:20 - 1:20 Lunch (Poolside) , Silent Auction Closes at 1:15

1:20 - 2:50 Workshop #3: Who Let the Dogs Outand Why?

Animal Humane Society (AHS) has conducted internal studies, and collaborated with Arizona State University and Maddie's Fund to examine the benefits of dog socialization with other dogs, socialization with humans, shelter population studies on dogs' ability to participate in playgroups over time, and impact of environment and kennel size. This talk will present a summary of AHS's data and findings thus far on these topics, research currently in process, and encourage open discussion of where resources may be best allocated in animal shelters based on these initial results.

Speaker: Liv Hagen

2:50 - 3:10 Break Poolside, Visit Exhibitors, Network, Silent Auction Cashier Open

3:10 - 4:40 Workshop #4: Pathway Planning: Getting on Track to Save More Lives!

One of the most critical, yet often overlooked, steps in the shelter intake process is pathway planning. We will discuss how pathway planning from day 1 (or before!) can help ensure that animals in your care have a humane, enriched, and efficient stay in the shelter. We'll share tips for use throughout the animals' stay to keep them cruising along their path (or help them take an appropriate detour) with population rounds, pre-selection, foster-to-adopt, and other lifesaving programs.

Speaker: Erica Schumacher, DVM

4:40—5:00 A few wrap-up questions followed by door prize drawings (must be present to win).