



18th Annual Minnesota Animal Welfare Conference

Registration Form

Meeting the Needs of Pets & People in the Animal Welfare Field
Thursday, May 23, 2019

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. The Tri-County Humane Society volunteers to 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, attendees will have a day of learning with an impressive line-up of speakers. The focus is on the health and well-being of animals as well as the people who care for them. Featuring highly accredited speakers from the **Shelter Medicine Program; University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine Team: Dr. Erica Schumacher, Dr. Aleisha Swartz, and Dr. Brenda Dines.**

This conference has been approved by the MN State Board for 6 C.E. credits for veterinarians and vet techs attending this conference. Please contact aleisha.swartz@wisc.edu for C.E. eligibility in other states.

Check this box if you want C.E. credits. ☐ ☐ Vet or ☐ Tech

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 _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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 4, 2019**

*** \$60 Registration Fee After May 4, 2019.**

Payment Option:

☐ \$50 Early Bird Fee ☐ \$60 Fee after May 4, 2019 ☐ Veterinarian ONLY Fee Waived

Payment Method:

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

Visa/MC/Discover # _____ Exp. _____

Name and address on card, if different from above:

I authorize the Tri-County Humane Society to process this debit or credit card transaction. Signature _____

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

Deadline to Register: May 15, 2019 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 320-252-1325.

2019 General Track Conference Speakers

Shelter Medicine Program

University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine Team

Dr. Erica Schumacher, Outreach Veterinarian

Dr. Erica Schumacher fell in love with shelter medicine in 2003 when she joined the medical team 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 University of Wisconsin-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. 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 as an Outreach Veterinarian. When not at work Dr. Schumacher enjoys gardening, cooking, nature and spending time with her husband, two children, and three-legged cat Moo Moo.

Dr. Aleisha Swartz, Outreach Veterinarian

Dr. Swartz graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine in 2002. Practicing first in a small animal hospital before following her passion into shelter medicine. She has worked with large, nonprofit and municipal shelters, spay-neuter programs and smaller rescue groups. She has implemented shelter medical and surgical protocols, conducted staff trainings, and participated in animal cruelty investigations. Dr. Swartz did a fellowship with the UWSMP in 2014 and joined the team full time in 2016. In 2014 she was recognized by the University of Georgia as one of the Top 40 Under 40 graduates and participated in the AVMA Future Leaders program in 2015-2016. Dr. Swartz's goal is to improve the level of care for animals in shelters as well as animals living in the community and has a special interest in encouraging shelter staff to become effective and engaging leaders who make a positive impact. She currently shares her home with her husband, 3 dogs, 2 cats, several fish, and a variety of foster animals.

Dr. Brenda Dines, Maddie's Shelter Medicine Resident

Dr. Brenda Dines grew up in the south suburbs of Chicago. She attended the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana for her Bachelor's in Animal Science and also for her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree, graduating from veterinary school in 2015. After graduation Dr. Dines pursued a career as a shelter veterinarian in Northwest Indiana. It was here that she first got to know the University of Wisconsin Shelter Medicine Program, who helped her work through a flu outbreak. She started her residency in August 2016 and her interests include infectious disease management, community outreach, behavior in shelter settings and capacity/animal flow through shelters. When not working she spends her time with her boyfriend, family and friends, as well as her herd of adopted animals.

2019 Schedule

Workshops Located in Grand Ballroom

8:00 - 8:55 Registration, Breakfast

8:55 Opening Comments

9:00 - 10:30 Workshop #1: Set them up for Success: Intake Protocols for Health and Well-being.

A thoughtful intake process is one of the most important tools you have to minimize spread of infectious disease, reduce stress (for staff, volunteers and animals!), and start animals off on the right pathway. We will dive into specific intake treatments, including which vaccines and parasiticides to choose, as well as answer common questions such as whether intake quarantines are beneficial, is a Wood's lamp worth it, and more!

Speaker: Erica Schumacher

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

10:50—12:20 Workshop # 2: Housing and Low Stress Handling to Create a Fear Free

Environment. Fear, anxiety and stress can cause long lasting harm to human and animals. We will discuss the reasons why it is important to make mental well-being a top priority as well as steps to take to achieve a low stress environment.

Speaker: Aleisha Swartz, DVM

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

1:20 - 2:50 Workshop #3: Behavioral Monitoring, Medication and Case Management.

Understanding and managing behavioral concerns are some of the biggest challenges that we face today. Learn about best practices for tracking behavioral observations and ways to manage cases in order to maximize positive outcomes for all the animals in your care.

Speaker: Brenda Dines

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

3:10 - 4:40 Workshop #4: Capacity for Care: what does it mean now and in the future for

your organization. When groups are asked what their capacity is the answer is often how many housing units there are. The capacity to provide quality care is far more complicated than the physical number of spaces in a shelter and once exceeded, both animal and human welfare suffers. As lifesaving in shelters has increased new challenges have become apparent and creative solutions will be needed to help those animals who need us. We will discuss old and new trials and solutions to staying within your organization's capacity for care.

Speaker: Aleisha Swartz, DVM