

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).