Workshops Located in Grand Ballroom

8:00 - 8:55  Registration, Breakfast
8:55  Opening Comments (ASPCA)
9:00 - 10:30  Workshop #1: How to Kitten
Spoiler alert: This session won’t teach you how to become a kitten, but it will teach you how to put our tiniest and most vulnerable patients on a pathway towards success. During this presentation and discussion, we’ll take a journey through the first 6-8 weeks of kittenhood, diving into considerations for intake, housing, foster care, medical and behavioral care, population planning, adoption, and more! You’ll leave with ideas and tips that might just make this the smoothest (or fluffiest) kitten season yet.
Speaker: Sarah Hicks, DVM

10:30 - 10:50  Break Visit Exhibitors, Network
10:50—12:20  Workshop # 2: Bringing the Human into Humane Animal Outcomes
Many of us joined the animal welfare field because of our love for animals, but the reality is the majority of the work we do impacts people just as much as animals. In this session we will explore how to consider the wellbeing and support of people in our community while we discuss the variety of outcomes available to the animals we interact with. You are encouraged to come into this talk with an open mind and willingness to explore approaches to outcomes for animals while practicing empathy towards the many people who love and care for the animals we serve.
Speaker: Stephanie Koester, CVT

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

1:20 - 2:50  Workshop #3:  Securing grants for Animal Welfare
Grants from philanthropic organizations can make a huge difference in our ability to serve animals and communities. But with an overwhelming need for lifesaving programs and limited people resources, how do animal welfare organizations most effectively secure funding? This interactive session will cover grant writing do’s and don’ts, including: essentials of a strong fundraising program, guidance on where to start your search, elements of an effective grant proposal, tips from funders, and strategies to increase grant sizes. Bring a pen and paper!
Speaker: Juliet Jacobs, Director, Foundation Partnerships ASPCA

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

3:10 - 4:40  Workshop #4:  Behavior Euthanasia
Conversations about euthanasia, and euthanasia decision-making, present special challenges within our roles in sheltering. It is important that we approach our euthanasia decision-making processes with care and respond to the impacts of those decisions with compassion. This presentation will focus on behavior-based euthanasia decisions within a collaborative, integrated care environment. Dr. Workman will present tools to guide those conversations and decisions that can provide space for both care and compassion - for sheltered animals, for shelter staff, and the community. The resulting impacts of behavior euthanasia on all of us - moral stress and injury, compassion fatigue, and burnout - require proactive, compassionate care to mitigate those impacts. After this presentation, you will have more tools in your toolbox to confidently approach behavior euthanasia decisions with care and compassion for all.
Speaker: Miranda K. Workman, PhD

4:40—5:00  Door prize drawings (must be present to win).