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Minnesota Animal Welfare Conference



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About the Event

The Minnesota Animal Welfare Conference brings over 100 animal welfare advocates together for a one-day learning and networking opportunity.

Attendees include: Animal shelter and rescue staff, volunteers, and board members, veterinary professionals, animal legislature advocates, and other friends of animals.

Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Time: 8:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Best Western Kelly Inn, 100 4th Ave S, St. Cloud, MN



Conference Registration

- Choose from a variety of workshops, featuring highly accredited speakers from the University of Wisconsin - Shelter Medicine Program, ASPCA, Animal Humane Society, My Pitbull is Family, and more! Plus, there will be ample opportunity to network with other animal welfare advocates and professionals.
- **Fee:** \$75 per person. Fee includes breakfast, lunch, snacks, and beverages.
- **Scholarships Available!** Visit [Minnesota Animal Welfare Conference](#) to apply.

Sponsor Opportunities

- **Sponsor Levels:**
 - \$5,000 Presenting Sponsor
 - \$2,500 Top Dog Sponsor
 - \$1,000 Champion Cat Sponsor
 - \$500 Feathered Friend Sponsor
- **What's Included:** Each level includes conference tickets, an optional exhibitor space at the conference, event signage, and your logo on the conference web page, conference slides, and conference program.
- **Deadline:** **June 1, 2026**

Exhibitor Opportunities

- **Exhibitor Space:** Located in the grand ballroom next to the breakfast buffet and snack bar, you will be able to interact directly with attendees during networking breaks and enjoy conference workshops held in the ballroom. Each space comes with one 6-foot skirted table.
- **Networking opportunities:** As an exhibitor, you'll be able to connect with over 100 attendees in the animal welfare field.
- **Fee:** \$125 for an exhibitor space plus \$25 for each additional table. Fee includes breakfast, lunch, snacks, and beverages.
- **Deadline:** **June 1, 2026**

Schedule

8:00 – 8:55 AM	Registration & Breakfast
9:00 - 10: 00 AM	Key Note Speaker: Shannon Glenn, My Pit Bull is Family
10:00 – 10:30 AM	Break: Visit Exhibitors, Network
10:30 – 12:00 PM	Workshop A: Meeting Communities Where They're At - Access to Care and Surrender Prevention; Speakers: William Frahm-Gilles, DVM, Access Veterinary Care Clinic in Crystal, MN, and Shannon Glenn, My Pit Bull Is Family Workshop B: Do THIS not THAT: Shelter Medicine Fundamentals; Speaker: Erica Schumacher, DVM, UW Madison - Shelter Medicine Program
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 – 1:30 PM	Spay/Neuter Access Update; Speaker: Jamie Case, ASPCA
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Workshop C: Behavior Pathway Planning (Part 1); Speaker: Miranda K. Workman, PhD, ASPCA OR Workshop D: Volunteer Engagement In Action: Strengthening Recruitment, Retention & Connection; Speaker: Carolyn Sherer, Director of Volunteer Engagement, Animal Humane Society
2:30 - 3:00 PM	Break: Visit Exhibitors, Network
3:00 - 4:00 PM	Workshop E: Tools for Behavior Pathway Planning (Part 2); Speaker: Miranda K. Workman, PhD, ASPCA OR Workshop F: Adoption Best Practices; Speaker: TBD
4:00 - 4:30 PM	State of the State / Minnesota Legislation Update
4:30 – 5:00 PM	Door Prize Drawings

To Register:



Visit [Minnesota Animal Welfare Conference](#) to register online or call (320) 371-0871. Sponsors and Exhibitors may register online or fill out the form below and send payment (payable to TCHS) to:

TCHS-MN Conference PO Box 701 St. Cloud, MN 56302

Sponsor/Exhibitor Form

- Presenting Sponsor - \$5,000+
 - Includes 4 conference tickets
- Top Dog Sponsor - \$2,500
 - Includes 3 conference tickets
- Champion Cat Sponsor - \$1,000
 - Includes 2 conference tickets
- Feathered Friend Sponsor - \$500
 - Includes 1 conference ticket
- Exhibitor - \$125 (plus \$25 per extra table)
 - Includes 1 conference ticket

Contact: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Names of individuals attending conference:

Conference Contact Info

- Marit Ortega, Executive Director, Tri-County Humane Society
 - ed@tricountyhumanesociety.org
 - (320) 371-0871

Hotel Contact Info

- **Best Western Kelly Inn**
 - 100 4th Ave South St. Cloud, MN 56303
 - P. 320.253.0606
 - www.bestwestern.com

Travel Info

- By plane, St. Cloud is serviced by the Minneapolis—St. Paul airport.
- From there you can rent a car (approx. 1 hour drive from the airport to St. Cloud) or take the shuttle: www.groome.com.

Conference Web Page

- Visit [🌐 Minnesota Animal Welfare Conference](#) for more information!