



Empire State Animal Protection Forum

A conference for those who care for
and about animals.

c/o New York State Humane Association
PO Box 3068 Kingston, NY 12402



October 1, 2010 - Get Acquainted Reception at
Holiday Inn Express
8 Empire Drive, Rensselaer, NY

[Directions](#)

October 2, 2010 - Workshops and Exhibits at
Bulmer Communications Center
Hudson Valley Community College
80 Vandenburg Rd, Troy, NY

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WELCOME

We invite you to join us on October 1 & 2, 2010, for the 7th Empire State Animal Protection Forum. Speakers include leaders from state and national animal protection organizations who will share their knowledge and inspire you in your work.

Friday, October 1, 2010

Get-Acquainted Reception

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Join us at the Holiday Inn Express, 8 Empire Drive, Rensselaer, for an evening of fun, networking, and scrumptious food. This event is open to all 2-day registrants.

Saturday, October 2, 2010

8:00 am - 8:45 am Check-in and Continental
Breakfast

8:45 am - 9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:00 am - 10:30 am General Session

● **Puppy Mills and Pet Stores: What's Wrong with the Laws and Can They Be Fixed?**

In this workshop, the realities of the pet breeding industry will be exposed. The speakers will provide both national and NYS perspectives on problems too often ignored by the very agencies charged with regulating commercial breeders and wholesale as well as retail sellers. Participants will learn what measures are in place which are intended to protect individuals who unknowingly purchase sick puppies and kittens, and the efforts being made to help the animals who are so vulnerable to abuse by those who profit from breeding and selling them. [Dale Bartlett \(The Humane Society of the United States\)](#), [Mary Anne Kowalski \(Humane Society of the Capital Region\)](#)

10:30 am - 11:00 am Break/Visit Exhibits

11:00 am - 12:30 pm Workshops

● **TNR - The Big Picture**

TNR is a familiar method of dealing with feral cats that has burgeoned in popularity over the past two decades. In this presentation, the preparation and follow-up necessary in properly managed colonies will be

explained, as well as strategies for practicing TNR successfully on a large scale. (It's the "Return" part that isn't always so simple!) Also explored will be some of the controversies surrounding this practice, and the position of shelters in communities where inadequate resources or other circumstances preclude or make implementation of TNR programs a challenge. Attendees will be encouraged to interact with the speakers, sharing their experiences and their own communities' approaches to handling the often overwhelming numbers of tragically neglected feral cats. [Holly Cheever, DVM \(NYSHA\)](#), [Bryan Kortis \(Neighborhood Cats\)](#)

● **Temperament Testing to Find Great Family Pets**

Making happy, lifelong matches between dogs and adopters is what adoptions should be all about. No temperamentally sound family pet should go without finding a great home. How do you know which dogs will be great with children, with other dogs, with cats? How do you know who will be safe or risky in a given situation? To make great matches you must be able to evaluate the dogs in your facilities and make an educated, honest assessment of their temperament. This workshop will take you through the process of evaluating dogs to better ensure safe and successful placements. [Jane Kopelman \(Rondout Valley Animals for Adoption\)](#)

● **Farm Animals, Horses, Exotics, and Wildlife as Victims of Cruelty**

Speakers in the workshop will explain what the concerns are regarding farm animal cruelty and cases involving multiple animals. It will also address how teamwork with available resources like other shelters and responsible rescue groups is essential for housing and placing animals from a case. Exotic animals and wildlife will also be covered. We'll discuss what you should do when you run into the unexpected. [Joanna Dychton \(Humane Society of Greater Rochester - Lollypop Farm\)](#); [Wesley Laraway \(Red Maple Farm\)](#)

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12:30 pm - 1:15 pm Lunch
1:15 pm - 2:00 pm Awards Presentation
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm Break/Visit Exhibits

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm Workshops
 • **When They Hop and Fly! Caring for Rabbits and Birds in the Shelter**

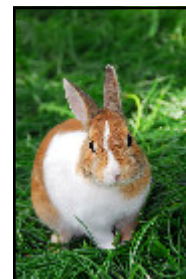
Humane societies and animal control organizations face many challenges in meeting the specialized needs of rabbits and birds. ♦ This joint presentation will focus on providing practical recommendations for the housing, feeding, veterinary, bio-security, behavioral, and placement requirements of birds and rabbits within a shelter setting. ♦ Additionally, guidelines for accessing inadequate care, poor health, hoarding, or cruelty situations involving birds and rabbits and a review of existing and proposed legislation and regulation to protect rabbits and birds will be offered. *Denise Kelly (Avian Welfare Coalition), Cindy Stutts (Rabbit Rescue & Rehab, NY Metro - Int'l. House Rabbit Society)*

• **Making Your Organization More Effective and Efficient Through Technology — Really!**

The speakers in this workshop will demystify and dynamically explore the various types of technology that can help your organization achieve its goals on behalf of animals. You will learn, even with limited resources, how to make the best use of emerging methods of reaching and better serving the broadest possible spectrum of your community. ♦ Explore the benefits and shortcomings of in-shelter database and phone systems, and learn the key tools you need to successfully integrate technology -- from online social-networking websites to shelter software programs -- into your daily operations. *Pam Keeler (Zero Gravity Designs), Karel Minor (Humane Society of Berks County, PA)*

• **Lobbying for Animal Protection Laws & Utilizing One Really Good Law**

Think only professional lobbyists can lobby? Think again! Find out how a bill becomes a law, what influences legislators, and some of the important bills and issues which were considered by the New York State legislature in the most recent session. ♦ Learn how a key provision in New York's existing cruelty statutes enables shelters to care for cruelty victims without going bankrupt. The background of Security Posting legislation, as well as step-by-step instructions on applying for a security bond, will be explained. Examples will be provided of the process working smoothly and the process running amok. *Patrick Kwan (The Humane Society of the United States), Patricia Valusek (New York State Humane Association)*



4:00 pm - 4:15 pm Break/Visit Exhibits

4:15 pm - 5:45 pm Workshops
 • **Infectious Disease Control in Animal Care Facilities**

The speaker in this workshop will review common infectious diseases of sheltered dogs and cats and explain why disease is so difficult to control in animal shelters. Recommendations will be provided to help decrease the spread of disease and optimize health in shelters. Elements of a good health care program, including proper sanitation techniques, vaccination and population management will be discussed. Steps to follow in disease outbreaks will also be explained. *Janet Scarlett, DVM (Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program)*

• **Training on a Dime When There is No Time**

Training your staff sets expectations, reduces mistakes, adds to consistent practices and leaves your staff feeling invested in and valued. How do you do this when you don't have the resources to provide a formal shelter education and can't take a person away from animal care to teach a newbie? ♦ Attend this workshop and you will take away ideas that will let you train your staff in a way that works when you have limited time and resources. We will discuss cross-training, engaging existing staff in the process and other tips for building a well-trained team. *Todd Cramer (Noah's Ark Animal Welfare Association)*

• **How to Start an Effective Anti-Cruelty Task Force in Your Community**

Under NYS law, the police must investigate and respond to complaints of animal cruelty. However, most police officers do not possess the knowledge or experience required to assess the condition of an animal. This can result in no action at all, or an improper assessment of an animal's condition. Furthermore, police officers lack animal handling equipment and access to official relocation sites if animals must be seized. ♦ In response to these challenges, the Animal Protection Coalition of Rensselaer County was formed in 2007 to provide police with a list of individuals who could be called upon to assist with investigations. In this workshop, learn how the Coalition was formed, how it has become a valuable resource for law enforcement, and how to create a similar task force in your county or community. *Valerie Lang, J. D. (Hudson Valley Community College), Laurene Smith (Rensselaer County Anti-Cruelty Task Force)*

REGISTRATION

Please check events and workshops you will attend.



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Please choose one per workshop group.

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Registration Fees

Full registration includes Fri. reception, Sat. continental breakfast, lunch, general session, and workshops.

- Registration \$75 Student Registration \$60
- Oct. 2 only \$60 Students — Oct. 2 only \$50

Must be received by September 15

- Late and On-Site Registration \$85

Meals will be vegetarian and vegan.

Hotel Information

Holiday Inn Express
8 Empire Drive (off Rt. 4/Troy Road) - Rensselaer, NY
(518) 286-1011

Single/Double - \$99.00

To get this special rate, mention that you are with the NYS Humane Association/Hudson Valley Community College conference.

Hotel reservation cut-off date is September 3.

Please print. One name per form. Please make copies for additional registrants.

Send form with payment to: **NYSHA/ESAPF, PO Box 3068, Kingston, NY 12402**

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