



Saturday, April 13, 2024

8:30am – 4:30pm (Eastern)

Primo Banquet Hall & Conference Center

2615 National Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46227

AGENDA

7:00 AM – Doors Open. Registration and networking. Continental breakfast available.

8:30 AM – Morning Session

8:30 – 8:40am Welcome - Buffy Phyne, V.P Board of Directors, Pet Friendly Services of Indiana

8:40 – 9am Update from Pet Friendly Services of Indiana – Cheri Storms, Executive Director

9:00– 9:45am Fundraising & Marketing – Rebecca Stevens, CFRM, President & CEO at Humane Society for Hamilton County

The Humane Society for Hamilton County serves as the county's open admission shelter and animal control agency. They consistently achieve placement rates above 98%, working to find the perfect match for animals with special needs. They cover expensive medical procedures to ensure every animal has a second – or even a third – chance at a wonderful life. Their fundraising efforts and donors account for 80% of their budget. How do they achieve so much? Rebecca will share what she has learned over the years.

9:45- 10:15am Give Them Ten Movement – Monica Tarant, Chief Innovation Officer, Give Them Ten

The Give Them Ten Movement is helping create cat-caring communities in Southeast Indiana and across the country. The movement focuses on creative solutions, progressive community cat programming, transformative shelter leadership, and creating strategic visions for impactful, sustainable organizations.

10:15 – 10:35am BREAK & NETWORKING

10:35 – 11:05am Funding Spay/Neuter – Katy Hudson, Board President, Huntington County Humane Society

The Huntington County Humane Society successfully engaged the community and their elected officials to fund spay/neuter surgeries. Learn how they did it, and how you can do it in your own community!

11:05 – 11:45am The Role of the Indiana State Board of Animal Health - Dr. Lovejoy, Field Veterinarian and Dr. Macy, District Field Veterinarian

The Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) works with local authorities to resolve animal welfare cases. The Animal Investigations Academy (AIA) is the newest offering from the BOAH. This training program is for animal control officers and law enforcement personnel who respond to animal cases. Learn more about how to engage with BOAH to help more animals.

11:45 – 12pm – Updates

Samantha Chapman, HSUS

Jessica Henry, Indiana Coalition of Animal Welfare Professionals

Sandi Petee, Public Vet - *The Fix is IN!* is a unique partnership between Public Vet and Pet Friendly Services of Indiana. In 2023, Public Vet held 130 clinics and fixed 12,030 cats. Learn how to bring Public Vet to your community.

12 – 1:15pm LUNCH & NETWORKING

1:15 – 2:00pm Grant Writing Basics for Beginners – Dwana Back-Lamberson, GPC, Pet Friendly Services Board Member

Learn what your organization needs to do to be grant ready, as well as how to identify and pursue appropriate grant funding.

2:00 – 3pm Dog Training – Increasing Pet Retention in Your Community & Ensuring Successful Adoptions - Presentations & Panel Discussion

Connie Swaim, Humane Training Alliance of Indiana

The Humane Training Alliance of Indiana is a new organization founded by Connie Swaim. The mission is to prevent the surrender of dogs by increasing access to skilled training and behavior services. The Humane Training Alliance is assembling a statewide list of trainers that are carefully vetted and recommended due to their knowledge, experience, education, and credentials, as well as their use of humane training techniques.

Connie Swaim also leads a free “human only” dog training class, offered at Indianapolis Animal Care Services. This free class is open to the public and addresses common behaviors, such as jumping, shyness, and leash pulling. Connie will share her knowledge, with a goal to have other shelters adopt similar training programs for their community.

Allie Kirby, Sky's the Limit Animal Training

[Sky's the Limit \(Animal Training & Behavior\)](#) is owned and operated by Allie Kirby, and provides training for dogs and their owners, including group classes. Meeting the needs of the community strengthens the human-animal bond and is a key component to preventing shelter relinquishment.

Allie and her team also provide services through the HOME Scholarship program, an initiative of Indianapolis Animal Care Services. This program provides new adopters with free dog training to help ensure successful, permanent adoptions.

Panel Discussion:

- Connie Swaim, KPA-CTP, Humane Training Alliance of Indiana
- Allie Kirby, CTC, SAPT and FFCP- Trainer, Sky's the Limit Animal Training
- Kristen Board, MA, CTC, CBCC-KA, PCBC-A, Perked Ears Behavior Consulting
- Becky Schneider & Bailey Kuhn, IACS HOME Scholarship volunteers

3:00 – 3:20pm SNACK & NETWORKING

3:20 – 4pm New Spay/Neuter Clinics - David Dunn, Executive Director at Pets Alive & Andrea Hedinger Gramelspacher, Dubois County Humane Society President

The vet shortage is leading to creative solutions to increase spay/neuter capacity. Pets Alive (nonprofit spay/neuter clinic) opened a second location in Greene County, while the Dubois County Humane Society has opened a clinic of their own. Learn how these two organizations have brought spay/neuter to new areas of the state.

4 - 4:30pm Staying Healthy & Safe – The “One Health” Approach to Optimal Well Being – Dr. Peavy, Public Vet

Animal welfare staff and volunteers are aware of hazards, such as bites and scratches from dogs and cats. But there's more to the story. Learn how to reduce your risk of a variety of occupational hazards, including zoonoses caused by bites and scratches, along with diseases spread by fleas, ticks, and other parasites.

4:30PM – Conference ends
