



Saturday, April 13, 2024

8:30am – 4:30pm (Eastern)

Primo Banquet Hall & Conference Center
2615 National Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46227

WHAT'S on the AGENDA?

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

8:30 AM – Morning Session

Welcome & Update from Pet Friendly Services of Indiana – Buffy Phyne, Board Member & Cheri Storms, Executive Director

Grant Writing – Dwana Back-Lamberson, Board Member, Pet Friendly Services of Indiana

New to grant writing? Learn how to identify grant funders along with tips to get your project funded. Dwana has worked as a professional grant writer and is certified by the Grant Professionals Association.

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.

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.

Dogs – Increasing Retention & Building Your Community - Presentation & Panel Discussion

Trained dogs make great pets. Training strengthens the new relationship with adopters and can prevent shelter relinquishment of owned dogs. Through the HOME Scholarship program, Indianapolis Animal Care Services provides new adopters with free dog training to help ensure successful, permanent adoptions. Dog trainers across the state offer group training sessions, which increases pet retention and is a unique opportunity to engage your community and build lasting relationships

- Allie Kirby, 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

11:45 – 12:30 – Lunch Break: Buffet lunch and networking time

12:30 PM – Afternoon Session

New Spay/Neuter Clinics - David Dunn, Pets Alive, Executive Director & Dubois County Humane Society

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.

Fixing Cats All Across Indiana – Public Vet

The Fix is IN! is a unique partnership between Public Vet and Pet Friendly Services of Indiana. In 2023, this mobile program held 130 clinics and fixed more than 12,000 cats. Learn how to bring Public Vet to your community.

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM – Snack/ Networking Break

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!

The Role of the Indiana State Board of Animal Health - Dr. Lovejoy and Dr. Macy

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.

4:30PM – Conference ends
