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CONFERENCE
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LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear friends, supporters, and advocates,

My Dog Is My Home's board of directors welcomes you to our second annual Co-Sheltering Conference. Since our last gathering one year ago, major world events have weighed on our hearts and minds - COVID-19 variants have swept across the globe, international forced displacement and migration hit record highs, poverty and homelessness has increased, and catastrophic drought, flood, and wildfires have ravaged communities. It was with great awareness that we organized our 2022 conference, understanding that keeping people and animals together is just one challenge linked to many others in a system in crisis. Our goal of improving access to shelter and housing for people with animals experiencing homelessness is impacted by our continuing struggle against systemic inequity. The success of one movement is contingent upon the success of others.

This year's theme, [Stronger Together: Building Allyship Between Movements](#), reflects our evolving understanding of how to make change. Achieving our mission depends on our ability to build community and rise up together, and to meet the increasingly complex nature of the challenges ahead. These extraordinary times require all of us to bring our best selves to the discussion, and to make room for those of us who have been previously excluded from the table. We are excited that you are here, and we hope that this conference is one spark of many that lights up the way forward.

Sincerely,

My Dog Is My Home's Board of Directors



MY DOG IS MY HOME

OUR MISSION is to increase access to shelter and housing for people experiencing homelessness with companion animals. By securing their ability to maintain their most important relationships and find adequate shelter, we ensure every family's right to build a home.

My Dog Is My Home is a 501(c)(3) national nonprofit dedicated to expanding access to shelter and housing for people experiencing homelessness and their companion animals. We assist service providers like homeless shelters in expanding their programming to allow humans and their animals to remain together.

We build the capacity of service providers to serve human-animal families. Our activities normally fall within one of the following categories: research, technical assistance and consultation, and training and education.

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A unique conference focused on how co-sheltering people and animals together fits into the wider struggle for a more just society.



ABOUT THE CO-SHELTERING CONFERENCE

Hear from government leaders and experts across human service and animal welfare on topics including lifting up leaders from affected communities and advocating for low-barrier animal policies in shelter and housing. Enjoy curated storytelling segments, interactive activities and loads of giveaways.

MISSION: To educate, entertain and engage as we build allies across movements and strengthen the fabric of a more just society for people and animals. Let's build a strong network of game-changers together.

TARGET AUDIENCE: The foundation of co-sheltering is inclusivity, which means this conference invites any and all, including those involved in social services, homeless services, and animal welfare; curious members of the public; students in the fields of veterinary medicine, social work, public administration, and more!

CONFERENCE FAQs



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Q] How do I know what time the conference content will be occurring in my time zone?

A] All times in the conference program are listed in U.S. Eastern Standard Time. You may use the [Dateful](#) website to convert times to your local time zone.

Q] How do I access the live conference online for each of the 3 days?

A] You will receive access to this event through your EventBrite account. You must be logged in on EventBrite to gain access to the link and the event. The waiting room will open 30 minutes prior to the start of each day of the conference.

Q] What happens if I have technical issues and need help?

A] For technical assistance during the event, please text our Tech Support Line at (805) 765-1230.

Q] What are the recording policies during the conference?

A] Conference sessions will be recorded. Upon logging into the conference, you will be asked to acknowledge your consent to continue. If your video is activated or you choose to participate in discussion during the conference, this will be recorded.

*Most recorded conference content will be available for limited viewing following the conference.

Q] What are storytelling sessions?

Storytelling sessions use the power of arts, culture, and the stories of people with lived experience and their allies to convey the importance of preserving the human-animal bond in circumstances of homelessness.

Q] What are My Dog Is My Home's social media handles?

To facilitate virtual conversations arising from the annual meeting, MDIMH encourages attendees to post to social media using #CoShelteringConference2022.

Facebook & Twitter: @MyDogIsMyHome

Instagram: @MyDogIsMyHomeOfficial

Other Notes on Access:

Closed captioning will be turned on in the main Zoom meeting room for all three days of the conference, as well as in a select Concurrent Session as pre-determined by speaker and moderator needs on Day 3. Spanish translation of the captions will be made available with the recorded conference content. Requests for other reasonable accommodations can be made to christine@mydogismyhome.org.

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My Dog Is My Home is grateful for the volunteers, fellows, friends, and board members who have made this conference possible. We are honored that you have given your time and labor to make these three days a reality. Your contributions are helping us realize a vision for a more just society for all. **We appreciate all you do!**

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My Dog Is My Home would like to recognize all of the sponsors and partners who made this conference possible. We thank you for your support in the movement for greater access to shelter and housing for people experiencing homelessness with companion animals.

We would also like to extend a special Thank You to Maddie's Fund for underwriting this year's conference. My Dog Is My Home is a proud recipient of funding from Maddie's Fund®, #ThanksToMaddie. Maddie's Fund is a national family foundation established by Dave and Cheryl Duffield to revolutionize the status and well-being of companion animals.



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TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022

12:00 PM - 5:30 PM EST

12:00 PM - 12:30 PM

WELCOME

[Carol Sainthilaire](#), MDIMH Board Chair
[Kristi Schulenberg](#), National Alliance to End Homelessness

12:30 PM - 12:45 PM

STORYTELLING

[Alicia Rhoden](#)

12:45 PM - 1:45 PM

KEYNOTE: STRONGER TOGETHER: BUILDING ALLYSHIP BETWEEN MOVEMENTS

[Julián Castro](#), 16th Secretary of HUD under President Barack Obama, former mayor of San Antonio, TX from 2009 to 2014

1:45 PM - 2:15 PM

BREAK

2:15 PM - 2:30 PM

STORYTELLING

"Signs of Humanity" teaser

2:30 PM - 3:45 PM

[A] HOW CITIES & STATES RESPOND

[Patrick Kwan](#)
NYC Mayor's Office
[Heidi Marston](#)
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority
[Becky Mo](#)
California Department of Housing & Community Development

[B] EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS

[Janet Hoy-Gerlach](#) and [Daniela Foley](#)
University of Toledo
[Kurt Sass](#)
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[C] PHYSICAL SPACES TO SUPPORT HUMAN AND ANIMAL WELLNESS

[Jill Pable](#)
Design Resources for Homelessness
Florida State University
[Cathy Townsend](#)
Animal Arts Design Studio
[Emily Tronetti](#)
Coexistence Consulting
Humane Alliance of Rescue Trainers

3:45 PM - 4:00 PM

BREAK

4:00 PM - 5:15 PM

[A] GOVERNANCE AND LEGISLATION

[Marlon Reis](#)
First gentleman of Colorado
[Michelle Villagomez](#) and [Susan Lea Riggs](#)
ASPCA

[B] ANIMALS IN PERMANENT RENTAL HOUSING

[Shannon Glenn](#)
My Pit Bull is Family, Minnesota
Partnership for Animal Welfare
[Cole Thaler](#)
Paws Between Homes
[Dianne Prado](#)
HEART LA

[C] MAKING IT A REALITY: PLANNING FOR CO-SHELTERING IN YOUR SPACE (I)

[Emily Tronetti](#)
Coexistence Consulting
Humane Alliance of Rescue Trainers
[Bryna Donnelly](#) and [Katie Campbell](#)
Greater Good Red Rover
[Kelsey Madigan](#)
LA Family Housing

5:15 PM - 5:25 PM

STORYTELLING + Q&A

[Lindsay Dennis](#)

5:25 PM - 5:30 PM

CLOSING

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022

12:00 PM - 7:45 PM EST

12:00 PM - 12:15 PM

WELCOME

[Ann English](#), MDIMH Board Member

12:15 PM - 12:45 PM

STORYTELLING + Q&A

[Kristen Baltrum](#), Annie & Millie's Place | "Kristen"

12:45 PM - 2:00 PM

KEYNOTE: THE POWER OF PROXIMATE LEADERSHIP

[Dorothy Edwards](#), Housing Works of California, Corporation for Supportive Housing
[Marilou Chanrasmi](#), Deep Listening for Social Change, CARE
[Sterling Davis](#), TrapKing Humane

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

BREAK

2:30 PM - 2:45 PM

STORYTELLING

[Amanda Eckhardt](#), Urban Resource Institute | "When I Close My Eyes"

2:45 PM - 4:00 PM

[A] DATA COLLECTION & ENUMERATION (I)

[Jaume Fatjó Ríos](#)

Autonomous University of Barcelona
Ethometrix

[Benjamin Henwood](#)

University of Southern California

[B] CO-SHELTERING LESSONS FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

[Tim Perciful](#)

ASPCA

[Andy Perlman](#)

NYC Emergency Management

[Roxana Petzold](#)

American Red Cross

[C] THE "LINK" BETWEEN DV, ANIMAL WELFARE AND... HOMELESSNESS?

[Maya Gupta](#)

ASPCA

[Debbie Fox](#)

National Network to End Domestic
Violence

[Denise Cortes](#)

NYC Mayor's Office to End Domestic
and Gender-Based Violence

4:00 PM - 4:15 PM

BREAK

4:15 PM - 4:30 PM

STORYTELLING + Q&A

[Rebecca Cannara](#), The Giving Spirit | "The Giving Spirit's Companion Animal Program"

4:30 PM - 5:45 PM

[A] DATA COLLECTION & ENUMERATION (II)

[David Patterson](#)

University of Tennessee

[Sloane M. Hawes](#)

University of Denver

[B] MIGRATION & DISPLACEMENT - MASCOTAS PARA MIGRANTES

[Jordyn Rozensky](#)

Mascotas para Migrantes

[C] SURVIVOR STORIES: HEALING AND HELPING PEOPLE AND ANIMALS

[Deedra Cheatham](#)

[Hope Victoria](#)

[Celina Jyoti](#)

5:45 PM - 6:00 PM

CLOSING

6:00 PM - 6:15 PM

BREAK

6:15 PM - 7:45 PM

FILM SCREENING + Q&A

[Willie Baronet](#), Co-Director & Producer | "Signs of Humanity"

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THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM EST

12:00 PM - 12:15 PM

WELCOME

Carol Sainthilaire, MDIMH Board Chair

12:15 PM - 12:30 PM

STORYTELLING + Q&A

Roger Olmos, Author & Illustrator | "AMICI PER LA PELLE"

12:30 PM - 1:45 PM

KEYNOTE: THE GRAND CHALLENGES

Benjamin Henwood, University of Southern California

Joonmo Kang, Washington University in St. Louis

Daniel Brisson, University of Denver

1:45 PM - 2:15 PM

BREAK

2:15 PM - 3:30 PM

[A] COLLABORATIVE SYSTEMS: TRAUMA-INFORMED SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH PETS

Brinda Jegatheesan

University of Washington; International Association of Human-Animal Interaction Organizations

Aleah Simpson

Humane Society of the United States

Lina Cohen and Colleen Parker

Urban Resource Institute

[B] ANIMAL HEALTH AS AN ENTRY POINT FOR ENGAGEMENT

Vickie Ramirez

University of Washington

Heather Edney

Homeless Health Care Los Angeles

Skid Rover

Nadia Fabo and Nadir Gutierrez

Lotura Giza Garapena

3:30 PM - 3:45 PM

BREAK

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

[A] MAKING IT A REALITY: PLANNING FOR CO-SHELTERING IN YOUR SPACE (II)

Riley Yates

GRACE Marketplace

Jovan Yglecias

Bay Area Community Services

[B] PARTNERING WITH FAITH COMMUNITIES

Peter Gudaitis

New York Disaster Interfaith Services (NYDIS)

Ed Travis

Mobile Loaves & Fishes

Kimberly Braun and Andy Schwartz

HOPE for Longmont, Homeless Outreach

4:45 PM - 5:05 PM

STORYTELLING + Q&A

Dr. Kwane Stewart, Project Street Vet, Papaya Pet Care

5:05 PM - 5:15 PM

CLOSING

5:15 PM - 5:30 PM

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POST-CONFERENCE SOCIAL

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

JULIÁN CASTRO

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STRONGER TOGETHER: BUILDING ALLYSHIP BETWEEN MOVEMENTS



JULIÁN CASTRO

Former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
Former Mayor of San Antonio, TX

Julián Castro has distinguished himself as a strong leader and successful public servant for nearly two decades. A former Democratic candidate for President, Castro served as the 16th Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under President Barack Obama from 2014 to 2017, and as mayor of San Antonio from 2009 to 2014. At HUD, Castro managed 8,000 employees and a budget of more than \$46 billion, and he led progress at the Department that earned it recognition as one of the most improved federal agencies. Castro also co-chaired the United States delegation to the United Nations Habitat III conference, spearheaded efforts to reduce homelessness, and created Connect Home, a public-private partnership to deliver broadband to public housing residents.

Previously, as mayor of America's seventh largest city, Castro brought a strong focus to expanding educational achievement and making San Antonio a leader in the 21st century global economy. Under Castro's leadership, San Antonio implemented Pre-K4SA, a high quality early childhood learning initiative that has earned praise as one of America's strongest public pre-kindergarten programs. During his tenure, San Antonio ranked first on the Milken Institute's Best Performing Cities List, received an A+ grade for doing business by Forbes, and was the only Top 10 city at the time to achieve a Triple A bond rating with each of the three major ratings agencies.

A native Texan, Castro began his public service career in 2001, becoming, at the age of 26, San Antonio's youngest city councilman in history at the time. Castro made history again in 2012, when he delivered the keynote address at the Democratic National Convention, the first Latino to do so.

Following his service in the Obama administration, Castro served as the Dean's Distinguished Fellow and Fellow of the Davila Chair in International Trade Policy at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. Castro's memoir, *An Unlikely Journey: Waking Up From My American Dream* was published by Little Brown in 2018.

Today, Castro serves on the board of directors of the LBJ Foundation and is a political analyst for NBC News and MSNBC.

Castro received a B.A. from Stanford University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. He and his wife, Erica, have a daughter, Carina, and a son, Cristián. Castro's twin brother, Joaquin, represents the 20th Congressional District of Texas.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

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CONCURRENT SESSION [A]: HOW CITIES & STATES RESPOND

Moderator: Ann English
My Dog Is My Home

MAKING IT HERE, NEW YORK, NY

PATRICK KWAN

Senior Advisor, Community Affairs Unit, NYC Mayor's Office

Pets are currently not welcomed at New York City shelters, drop-in centers, and transitional housing programs. But efforts are underway to launch a co-shelter pilot and recently passed local laws are requiring city agencies to develop a plan to accommodate as well as report information on pets of families and individuals experiencing homelessness in shelter.

DESIGNED CONNECTIONS: HOMELESS SERVICES & ANIMAL WELFARE

HEIDI MARSTON

Executive Director, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

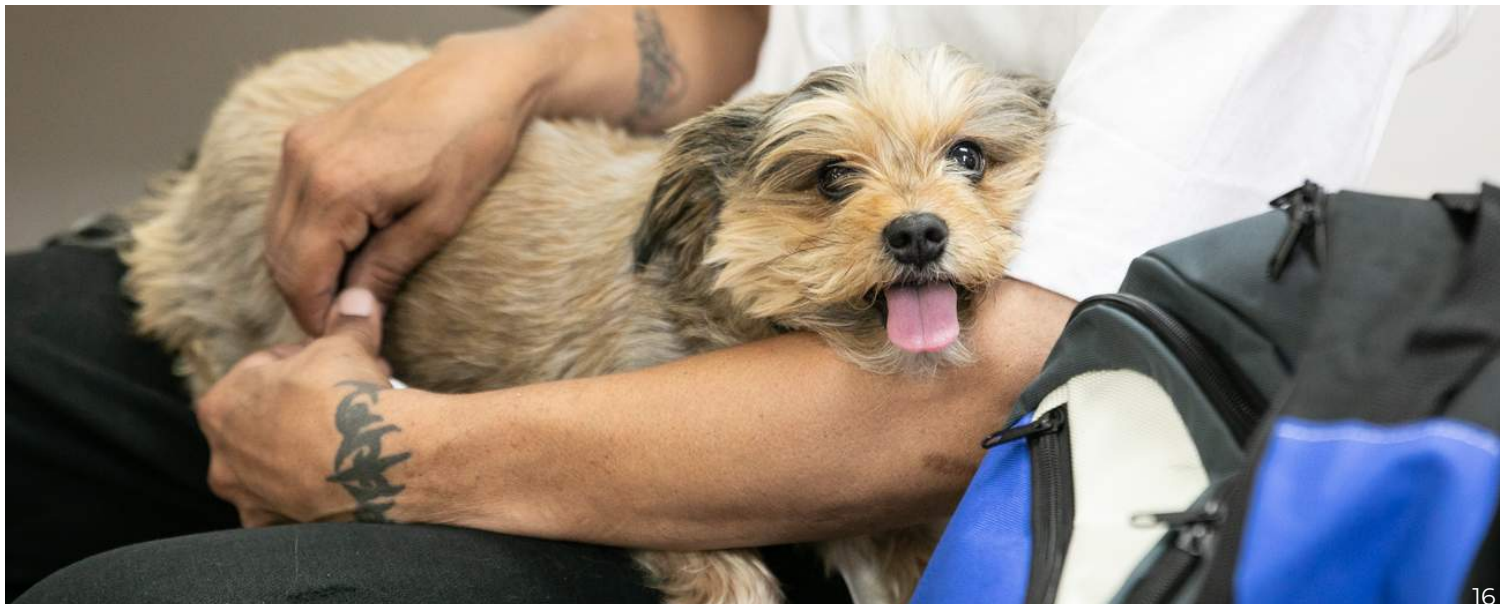
This presentation will give an overview of homelessness, intersections with animal welfare, and responses that address both within Los Angeles County.

LET THE COMPANIONSHIP CONTINUE

BECKY MO

Program Manager, California Department of Housing & Community Development

This talk will include the rationale for keeping people experiencing homelessness together with their pets while moving into shelters. The presenter will also give a high level overview of the success of round one of the California Department of Housing & Community Development's groundbreaking Pet Assistance and Support (PAS) Program, and an introduction for round two of the program.



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CONCURRENT SESSION [B]: EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS

Moderator: Anne Castiglioni
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EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS 101

JANEY HOY-GERLACH, LISW-S, PhD

Professor, Social Work Program, The University of Toledo

DANIELA FOLEY, BSW, LSW, MSW Student

Hope and Recovery Pets (HARP) Program Intern, The University of Toledo, The Toledo Humane Society

In this talk, we will address practical issues and common questions that often arise related to Emotional Support Animals (ESAs). Specific issues we will address include: -What is an ESA? How do ESAs differ from therapy animals and service animals? -How does an ESA help someone? -Who is eligible for an ESA? -How does one obtain an ESA? -What is needed in a legitimate "ESA letter"? Who can write such a letter? -What rights does someone with an ESA have? What can they do when these rights are violated? -Future directions – ESA placement program: The Hope and Recovery Pet (HARP) Program

PET ACCESS PROGRAM - ENRICHING LIVES

KURT SASS

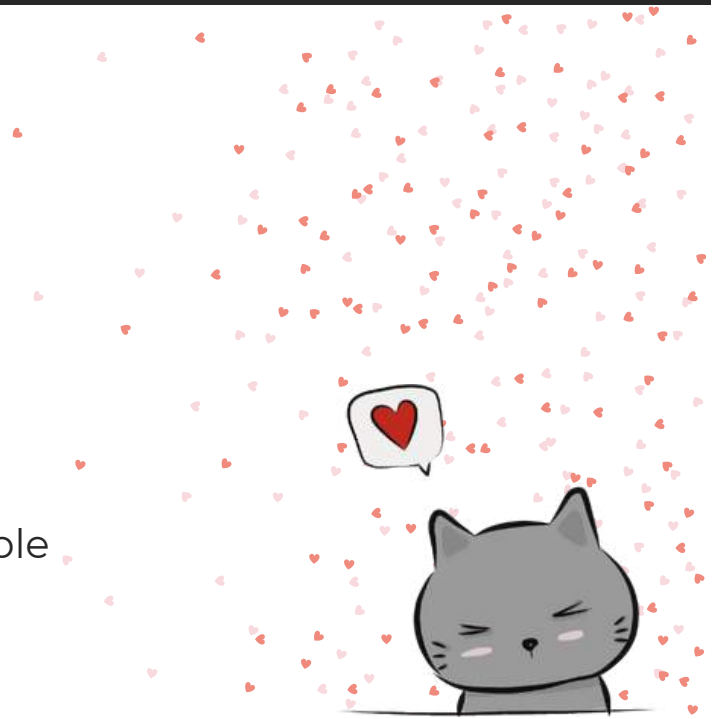
Administrative Coordinator and Facilitator of Pet Access program

How the Pet Access program has helped people with Psychiatric disabilities in their successful recovery process.



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CONCURRENT SESSION [C]: PHYSICAL SPACES TO SUPPORT HUMAN AND ANIMAL WELLNESS

Moderator: Dana Teel
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AN ANIMAL COMPANION'S ROLE IN TRAUMA-INFORMED DESIGN AND ITS ARCHITECTURE

JILL PABLE, PHD, WELL AP

Project lead, Design Resources for Homelessness

Professor and Chair, Department of Interior Architecture & Design, Florida State University

The important role that companion animals play for people who are unhoused is not fully addressed in current architecture of shelters and similar support places. This presentation explores how animals may be a necessary and restorative element within six fundamental needs people have when experiencing trauma, and how architecture can play a role to support these relationships.

BENEFITS OF GOOD ANIMAL CARE DESIGN: HOW ARCHITECTURE INFLUENCES THE SENSORY EXPERIENCES OF ANIMALS IN CARE

CATY TOWNSEND, MUD, BARCH

Project Manager, AnimalArts

Building and Facility Working Group lead, Human Animal Support Services

Much like people, animals are highly influenced by the experiences of their surrounding spaces. If a space does not look good, smell good, and feel good animals will experience heightened stress responses effecting their health and behavior. Ideally, well designed spaces provide adequate choices in animal housing types, areas for play and engagement, and positive sensory experiences for both people and animals. The building should not be a barrier to the recovery of the people or animals in care. Instead, buildings that can adapt to the changing needs of members of the community will produce the most positive outcomes.

PROMOTING POSITIVE WELFARE FOR PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

EMILY TRONETTI, MS, CTC, CPDT-KA, FFCP(Trainer), UW-AAB

Co-Founder, Humane Alliance of Rescue Trainers

EdD Student, Antioch University

Owner, Coexistence Consulting

We all know how important it is to prevent negative welfare, such as hunger, thirst, and pain. But promoting positive welfare in animals, especially in novel environments, can be challenging. In this session, we'll talk about the differences between negative and positive welfare and how to identify these states. We'll also explore how the environment can influence welfare and behavior. Additionally, this presentation will share environmental strategies for promoting positive welfare in both pets and their people.

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CONCURRENT SESSION [A]: GOVERNANCE AND LEGISLATION

Moderator: Philip Tedeschi
University of Denver

CO-SHELTERING LEADERSHIP THROUGH GOOD GOVERNANCE

MARLON REIS

First Gentleman of Colorado, State of Colorado Government

Too often, people see government through the wrong end of the telescope: a distant phenomenon, disconnected and impossibly out-of-reach. And while that's one view of government, it's not the only view. We can tilt the glass to see different angles. And when we are ready, we can turn it around to view government close-up and very much within reach. But governing with conscience does not happen on its own. It requires the understanding that campaigns don't end when our candidates win and our initiatives become law. We need to show-up for our leaders, not only when--as candidates--they champion the causes nearest and dearest to our hearts, but to remind them--as elected and appointed officials--of what matters most when they are pulled in all directions. I look forward to sharing some of the ways in which the Polis Administration is responding to the very real need to keep people experiencing homelessness with their beloved companion animals.

CO-SHELTERING LEADERSHIP THROUGH GOVERNANCE & LEGISLATION

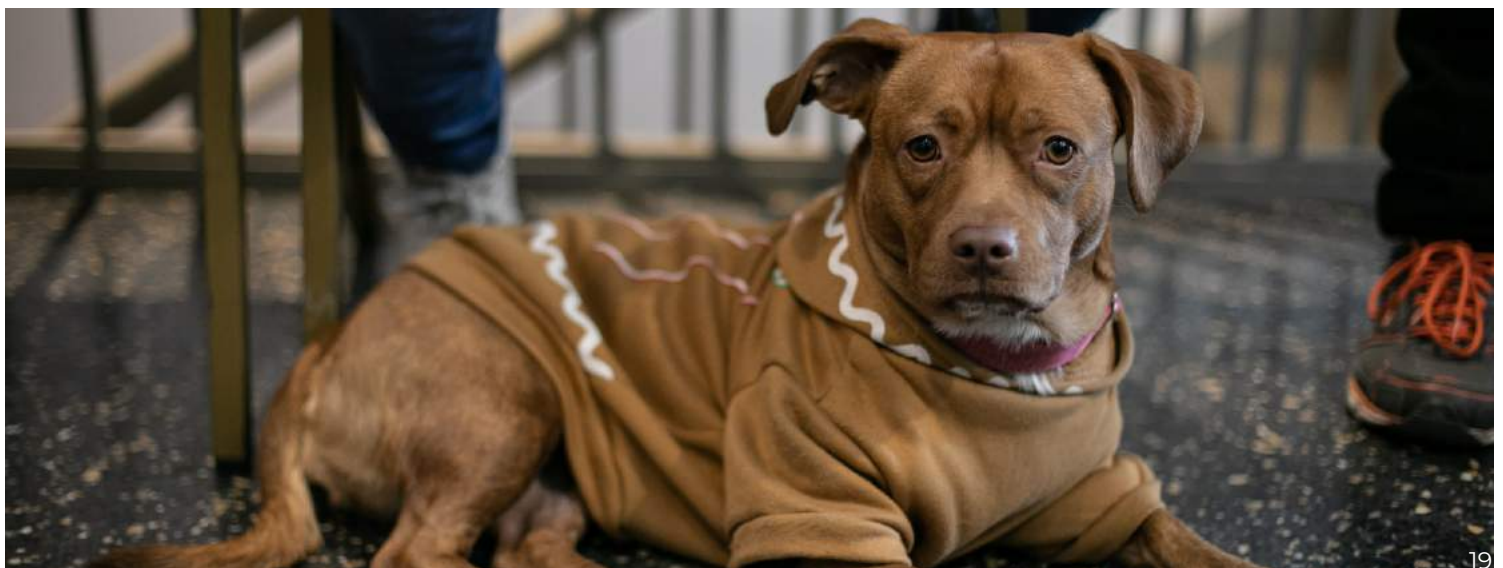
MICHELLE VILLAGOMEZ, MPA

Senior Director NYC Legislation, ASPCA

SUSAN LEA RIGGS

Senior Director for Housing Policy; Policy, Response and Engagement, ASPCA

This talk by the ASPCA's Senior Director of NYC Legislation and Senior Director for Housing Policy will provide case examples of co-sheltering legislation in California and NYC, and tools for creating political will to enact change.



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CONCURRENT SESSION [B]: ANIMALS IN PERMANENT RENTAL HOUSING (PANEL DISCUSSION)

Moderator: Sarah Rosenberg
My Dog Is My Home, Paws Between Homes

During this session, the speakers will present their organizations' work to expand legal protections and practical support for animals in rental housing. The speakers will then explore their common challenges and experiences in a joint panel discussion. Themes will include:

- Misunderstandings and misconceptions about Emotional Support Animals, which result in harm to marginalized communities;
- Inaccessibility of rental housing, especially affordable, pet-inclusive housing; and
- Biases, policies, and practices that harm low-income pet owners facing housing instability and eviction.

SHANNON GLENN, MAPL

Executive Director, My Pitbull is Family
President, Minnesota Partnership for Animal Welfare
2021 Best Friends Animal Society Executive Leadership Certificate Graduate - Southern Utah University

DIANNE PRADO

Executive Director & Attorney, HEART L.A.

COLE THALER, JD

Co-Founder and President, Paws Between Homes
Co-Director, Safe & Stable Homes Project, Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation



MY DOG IS MY HOME ORIGINAL CONTENT

Short Film: JACOB



Watch: [Jacob](#)

Full interview with Jacob for the 2021 My Dog is My Home Co-Sheltering Conference.

Jacob has been living on the streets of Brooklyn with his dog WhyNot.

Video Production - Stephanie Augello & Rich Johnson

Music - "No Lodging for the Mad" - The Taxpayers

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CONCURRENT SESSION [C]: MAKING IT A REALITY: PLANNING FOR CO-SHELTERING IN YOUR SPACE (I)

Co-Moderators: Dana Teel
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Melinda Trueblood Stimpson
Ludar Animal Behavior
Adopt Ohio

FINDING REPUTABLE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT FOR STRESSED PETS

EMILY TRONETTI, MS, CTC, CPDT-KA, FFCP(Trainer), UW-AAB

Co-Founder, Humane Alliance of Rescue Trainers
EdD Student, Antioch University
Owner, Coexistence Consulting

Companion animals often experience fear, anxiety, and stress. These emotional states often present as undesirable behaviors, such as barking, lunging, hissing, scratching, and biting. Behavior support for these animals is essential; it can prevent behavior challenges from worsening and improve their quality of life. In this session, we'll talk about how to find a reputable behavior professional who can help.

DON'T FORGET THE PETS: BUILDING SUCCESSFUL PET HOUSING PROGRAMS THROUGH COLLABORATION

KATIE CAMPBELL, MA

Director of Collaboration and Outreach, RedRover

BRYNA DONNELLY, PhD

Vice President of Pet Programs, Greater Good Charities' Rescue Rebuild Program

Greater Good Charities and RedRover have created a training and coaching project called Don't Forget the Pets, which walks human service shelters through the process of starting pet programs from concept to construction. The DFTP project evolved from their granting and hands-on construction programs and is fueled by their knowledge of human services, animal welfare, education, and construction. Through the DFTP website and forum, trainings and coaching, the DFTP project helps organizations find partners, design, build and sustain programs to help people and pets in crisis.

PETS AS PARTICIPANTS

KELSEY MADIGAN, LCSW

Director of Interim Housing, LA Family Housing

This talk will focus on the thought, design, and program implementation behind cat and dog housing and additional on-site pet amenities that successfully allow our interim housing site to co-shelter participants and their pets, with innovation. Keeping pets and participants together is essential, and creating solutions to make co-sheltering as comfortable and practical as possible will be discussed.

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ALICIA RHODEN

Community Service Worker, Downtown Women's Center

Alicia Diane Rhoden is originally from Kalamazoo, MI. She currently works as a Community Service Worker for Downtown Women's Center and the Department of Health in Los Angeles. Alicia is the mom of twins, and her furry child's name is Hallie, who is seven years old. Alicia likes to read, walk in wellness, cook, and travel. She is also married, a grandma, and a great grandma. She loves life and knows she is an overcomer and a winner. Alicia also runs a program called Tazz Journey that gives free food and dog supplies to people who need it. She loves herself and her life. Homelessness has been a part of her journey and has made Alicia the person she is today.

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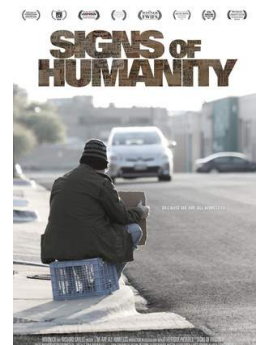
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SIGNS OF HUMANITY Teaser

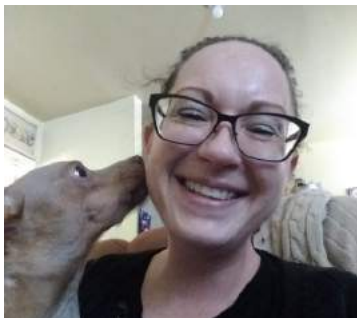
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Feature length screening and Q&A with Co-Director and Producer
WILLIE BARONET on Wednesday, March 2, 6:15 - 7:45 pm

Moderator: Sarah Hernandez
My Dog Is My Home



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"LINDSAY" + Q&A with LINDSAY DENNIS

Lived Expertise Policy Advisor,
Corporation for Supportive Housing;
Speak Up! Advocate; Policy Chair, Lived Expertise Advisory Panel (LEAP),
Union Station Homeless Services

LINDSAY DENNIS

Lindsay is a 39 year old formerly unhoused individual who's incredible companion animal has brought her back from the brink countless times.

She is a whole and complete human who happens to be bipolar, a recovered alcoholic, and a person who continues to confront and work on whatever life issues arise in order to stay housed, sane, a good Mom to Tobey, a positive friend, daughter, neighbor, and employee, and kind to herself. Lindsay works as a CA state policy advisor for a non profit and she loves her job. It makes her feel like she is doing something important that can create change.

Moderator: Stephanie Augello
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THE POWER OF PROXIMATE LEADERSHIP

Moderator: Ann English
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This keynote panel aims to highlight the voices of people from affected communities which experience high rates of housing and economic insecurity. Each speaker will share their own lived experience of homelessness with a companion animal, or being an ally and liaison to this community, and the importance of recognizing lived experience as expertise in its own right. Speakers will also discuss how their lived experience has been received and incorporated by changemaking organizations, and how their proximate leadership has enhanced their communities, the wider movement to end housing and economic insecurity for people and their companion animals, and their own lives.



MARILOU CHANRASMI

Founding Member, Deep Listening for Social Change
CARE Center Chief - Northern Tier

Marilou found her way to Red Lake nation and her now spirit dog, Ahnung (means 'star' in ojibwemowin) in 2008. Guided by Ahnung her journey of listening and learning began. Collaborating with her Anishinaabe friends from several tribes in Minnesota, she began building an expanding circle of indigenous proximate leaders and trusted partners committed to animal and human well being. She is deeply committed to honoring the wisdom within the community, and elevating the voices of

indigenous people. Marilou has also been serving as a mentor and guide to trusted allies wanting to learn a new way of listening and being in their work with tribal communities and other underserved communities. Marilou is a founding member of Deep Listening for Social Change/DLSC. DLSC uses the practice of Deep Listening as an anti-racist tool for having difficult conversations, healing from the wounds of systemic and community-specific racism, and creating a greater sense of interconnection in order to facilitate sustained social change. Marilou has also recently joined CARE (Companion Animals for Reform and Equity) as their CARE Center Chief - Northern Tier.

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STERLING "TRAPKING" DAVIS

Founder, Trapking Humane Cat Solutions

Sterling "TrapKing" Davis is a well-traveled, ex-military, music and cat enthusiast who has always loved entertaining and interacting with people. Since childhood, he was also the only guy in his neighborhood that loved cats. One day, while taking a break from the rap group he was performing with, Sterling saw a posting for a job cleaning litter boxes at his local shelter. He needed something to do to pass the time so he applied for the job. He started cleaning litter boxes and loved working with cats so much, he was promoted to an outreach position where he could focus on trap-neuter-return (TNR), the only way to humanely control cat overpopulation. It was at that point he decided to give up his successful music career and focus on his passion for cats.

In 2017, he started his own nonprofit, Trapking Humane Cat Solutions, where he focuses on educating, assisting, and doing TNR and community cat management. Davis' mission is to change the stereotypes of not only men in cat rescue, but also bridge the gap in communication between black communities and predominantly white animal welfare organizations. He lives and breathes his motto, you don't lose cool points for compassion.

Today Davis is a sought-after speaker all over the world, speaking at events like Cat Con, Cat Camp, Meow DC and fundraising events for small rescues and shelters across the United States. Sterling hopes to one day travel the country in a recreational vehicle, teaching animal advocates in communities of all sizes how to care for their community cats.

He has also made several national television appearances on shows such as the the Drew Barrymore Show, Access Hollywood and Shark Tank, as part of his business representing a cat dating app called Tabby Dates. In 2021, he was also featured on the Netflix documentary, Cat People.

He lives in his Trapking RV with his two cats, Damita Jo and Alanis Mewisette.



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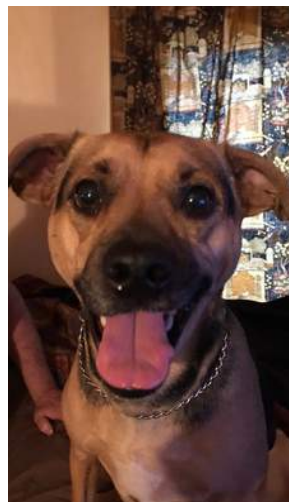
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DOROTHY EDWARDS

Enrichment Services Coordinator, Housing Works of California
Board of Directors, Corporation for Supportive Housing

At just 15 years old, Dorothy Edwards' intermittent relationship with homelessness began. Dorothy was identified by the City of Pasadena as one of the most likely to die within a year if left unaided. Dorothy had a dog named Gunner whom she credits with her survival during her darkest days experiencing homelessness. Gunner also taught her responsibility, how to love herself, and how to love others.

Through Housing Works, Dorothy and Gunner were given the chance of a lifetime and a home to call their own, coupled with case management and supportive services. Through this process, Dorothy found a purpose, a support system and the ability to finally overcome her addiction. The Housing Works founder offered Dorothy a job, and not too long after that she was traveling to Sacramento, standing on the floor of the state government's assembly advocating for housing bills. Today, Dorothy is on the national board of directors for the Corporation for Supportive Housing and serves as an enrichment services coordinator at Housing Works, where she feels fortunate to help build a supportive community by supporting people in their journeys towards sobriety, employment, and self-care. Gunner has since passed onto the Rainbow Bridge. Dorothy now shares her home with a beautiful boy she calls Ziggy.



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CONCURRENT SESSION [A]: DATA COLLECTION & ENUMERATION (I)

Moderator: Shelby McDonald
ASPCA

DOGS AS SOURCES OF SOCIAL SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

JAUME FATJÓ RÍOS, DVM, PHD, DIPL.ECAWBM-BM

Affinity Foundation Chair for Animals and Health, Department of Psychiatry and Forensic Medicine,
Autonomous University of Barcelona
Co-founder, Ethometrix

We will present the results of the study we conducted in Barcelona with a sample of people and their dogs experiencing homelessness. Seventy-four percent of respondents considered their dogs to be their main source of social support, even above human sources of social support. The human social support network of participants was found to be very limited, and dogs therefore substituted for the roles that would usually be fulfilled by people. For example, 90% of participants ranked their dog first when asked "Who do you like to be with when you are upset or depressed about something?", 93% ranked their dog first when asked "With whom do you share more activities or fun moments?", and 97% ranked their dog first when asked "Who provides you with more companionship?". Dogs were also a valuable source of physical contact with 93% of participants ranking their dog first when asked "Who do you hug more often?". The overall finding of our study is that the bond that is established between people experiencing homelessness and their animals must be safeguarded at all times. Otherwise, a fundamental element of their already very impaired social networks would be lost.

PREVALENCE OF PETS AMONG LA'S UNSHELTERED HOMELESS POPULATION

BENJAMIN HENWOOD, PhD, LCSW

Professor, University of Southern California, Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work

This talk will describe the methods used to establish the prevalence of pets among LA's unsheltered homeless population using a stratified random sampling approach.



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Moderator: Hyeyoon Sung
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TEMPORARY EMERGENCY SHELTERS FOR PEOPLE & PETS

TIM PERCIFUL

Disaster Response Manager, ASPCA

Disaster can impact people with animals in many ways. We briefly will discuss how recent disasters have impacted people and their animals and a few steps that were taken to help them. We will also introduce three types of temporary emergency shelters that may house animals with or without their people. Lastly, we will share a couple special types of shelters that may allow people to bring animals and some of the considerations needed for these guests.

WHOLE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING: THIS INCLUDES OUR PETS

ANDREW J. PERLMAN

Program Manager, Human Services Unit, New York City Emergency Management

How NYC Emergency Management Includes Pets in Emergency & Disaster Preparedness, Planning, Response, and Recovery.

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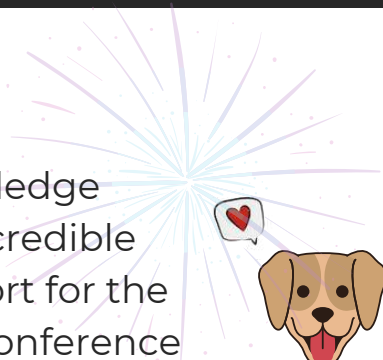
ROXANA PETZOLD

Disaster Program Manager, American Red Cross

This presentation will provide a brief overview of Red Cross disaster services including steady state preparedness and response to incidents; key steps households with pets can take to prepare for disasters and plan for evacuation/emergency sheltering; and tips for building collaboration among governmental agencies, Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) and other NGOs to develop successful outcomes and build resilience.

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CONCURRENT SESSION [C]: THE "LINK" BETWEEN DV, ANIMAL WELFARE AND... HOMELESSNESS?

Moderator: Kevin Morris
NYC Mayor's Office,
Community Affairs Unit

EXPANDING OUR IDEA OF 'THE LINK': RISKS BEYOND IMMEDIATE SAFETY, AND SERVICES BEYOND IMMEDIATE SHELTER

MAYA GUPTA, PHD

Senior Director, Research; Strategy and Research, ASPCA

In recent years, numerous domestic violence and animal welfare organizations, along with legislators and the public, have significantly increased their attention to the intersection of animal cruelty and domestic violence. While human and animal victims of violence now enjoy increased access to pet-friendly emergency sheltering in many areas of the U.S., other needs related to animal housing and safety in domestic violence (including for non-pet species, nonresidents of domestic violence shelters, transitional housing, and long-term housing) remain largely unaddressed in the current service system. Grounded in a holistic approach to trauma-informed care, this presentation will explore under-recognized aspects of "the link" that warrant further attention by human service and animal care professionals in order to address gaps that place the safety and well-being of both humans and animals at risk.

SHELTER AND HOUSING INNOVATIONS TO CREATE OPTIONS FOR SURVIVORS AND THEIR PETS

DEBBIE FOX

Deputy Director, Housing Policy & Practice, National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV)

DV housing programs and shelters have expanded safe and stable housing options for domestic violence survivors that can better accommodate survivors and their pets. Learn more about on-going and COVID-19 related federal shelter and housing streams that have expanded housing funding for survivors and learn more about legislation that will significantly increase the capacity of such providers to meet these many critical needs. Expanding survivor options when fleeing an abuser is essential to the safety of survivors and their pets. The new legislation and funding streams will help bridge the gap between the tremendous need for services for domestic violence survivors with pets and the ability of agencies to meet those needs.

SUPPORTING SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

DENISE CORTES, ESQ.

Deputy Director, Queens Family Justice Center, NYC Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence

Information on what a NYC Family Justice Center is, services offered, clients assisted and contact information for each of the 5 FJCs.

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CONCURRENT SESSION [A]: DATA COLLECTION & ENUMERATION (II)

Moderator: Christine Kim
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HOMELESS PEOPLE WHO ARE ANIMAL CARETAKERS: A COMPARATIVE STUDY (2009) – REVIEWED AND UPDATED

DAVID A. PATTERSON, PHD, MSW

Cooper-Herron Endowed Professor of Mental Health Research and Practice, University of Tennessee College of Social Work

In this presentation we will review findings and methods of our 2009 study of individuals who are animal caretakers experiencing homelessness. This study was the first use of data from a homeless management information system to understand the characteristics of unsheltered animal caretakers. Using data from the same system and community, we will present an update on the prevalence and demographics characteristics of people experiencing homelessness with companion animals.

PARTICIPATORY APPROACHES TO DATA COLLECTION IN RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

SLOANE M. HAWES, MSW

Assistant Director of Research, Institute for Human-Animal Connection, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver

Despite substantial need and interest around integrating justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI) considerations into our practice, historically marginalized communities (e.g., Black, Indigenous, People of Color; aging adults; individuals experiencing homelessness) continue to be underrepresented in human-animal interaction research and evaluation. This limitation has profound impacts on our policy and programming's ability to serve the communities who have been made most vulnerable. This talk will discuss several best practices you can integrate into your data collection efforts to achieve greater inclusivity in your work.



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Moderator: Abbie Steinback, AMSW
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MASCOTAS PARA MIGRANTES

JORDYN ROZENSKY, MA/MPP

Co-Founder, Mascotas para Migrantes

In December 2018, the Trump administration unveiled the "Migrant Protection Protocols." Often referred to as "Remain in Mexico" or "MPP," more than 70,000 asylum seekers who arrived at the southern border were forced to wait in Mexico for a U.S. hearing. After two years, the program was temporarily disbanded and some families were presented with the opportunity to enter the United States while they waited on their asylum claims. A small group of volunteers began working to help asylum seekers who adopted a pet during their time in MPP. These beloved pet-family members helped bring hope and comfort to families as they struggled to survive -- yet, bureaucratic details kept asylum seekers from entering the United States with their pets. One of the central themes for asylum-seekers is this common experience of loss. They had to leave behind their homes, relatives, community, favorite foods, all sense of normalcy. For them, especially after surviving so much trauma, pets are this lifeline of normalcy and emotional support. While MPP has begun again, Mascotas para Migrantes still helps individuals looking to reunite with their dogs and cats after being separated at the border.



MY DOG IS MY HOME ORIGINAL CONTENT

Short Film: Brigitte + Nubeian



Watch: [Brigitte and Nubeian](#)

Recorded on: March 9, 2013 and July 21, 2013

Filming locations: Little Tokyo, Skid Row, and Mid-City; Los Angeles, CA

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Moderator: Danielle Emery
Urban Resource Institute

Sharing their stories and using their experiences to help others is often part of a domestic violence survivor's path to healing. This session will highlight the experiences of three survivors for whom animals were a factor in their seeking safety, accessing shelter and their family's long-term health and stability. Hear how each of these incredible individuals is using their unique perspective to raise awareness, advocate, create art, and launch innovative programming to support other survivors of domestic violence.

DEEDRA CHEETHAM

HOPE VICTORIA

Founder/CEO 1 Victory Designs|Publishing|Speaking

Hope Victoria is an author, artist, motivational speaker, and entrepreneur residing in Brooklyn, NY. Having experienced homelessness with her children and dog Coco due to domestic violence she has dedicated her life to sharing her story, advocating for necessary development in the sheltering system, and helping others to navigate hardship healthily. As the founder and CEO of 1 Victory Designs|Publishing|Speaking, Victoria utilizes trauma informed storytelling, as well as, an inspirational clothing line and motivational speaking to encourage everyone to, "Heal out loud, tap into true potential, and trust Everything is for Purpose."

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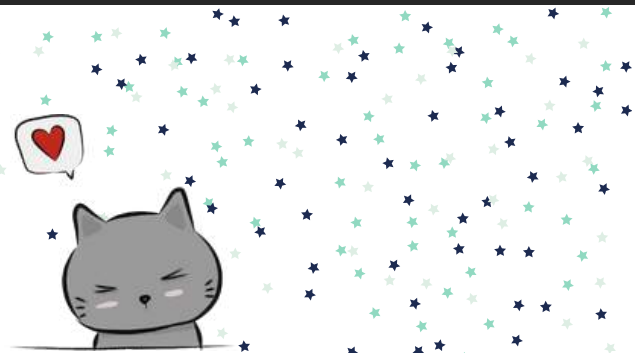
Arizona Military Civilian Resources Committee with Arizona Coalition to Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV)



Celina Jyoti is the founder of The Empathy Initiative. After trauma, particularly Domestic Violence (DV) trauma, the moral compass can be altered, and the concept of simple right and wrong becomes subjective. Empathy is conditioned out of everyday interactions in exchange for survival. This conditioning is often intensified with children who are exposed to the trauma by proxy abuse of the animal. The Empathy Initiative seeks to utilize the beneficial powers of the animal-human bond paired with the spirit of collaboration to close the gaps in programs servicing humans and animals. We are enabling a process enriched in trauma-informed education, supported by therapeutic guidance. Ms. Jyoti is the Arizona Chapter Regional Coordinator for Criminal Survivors for Safety and Justice (CSSJ), a Military/Civilian domestic violence (DV) and sexual assault (SV) victims advocate, and member of the Arizona Military Civilian Resources Committee with Arizona Coalition to Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV).



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"KRISTEN" + Q&A with KRISTEN BALTRUM

Kristen is the sister of Annie, a woman who experienced homelessness with her dog Millie. Kristen draws upon her experience as a family member of someone who was unhoused with their animal to advocate for keeping people and animals together and honors the memory of her sister through the nonprofit she founded, Annie & Millie's Place.



KRISTEN BALTRUM

Founder, Annie & Millie's Place

Kristen is the founder of Annie and Millie's Place is a nonprofit seeking to fill the gaps in services for people experiencing homelessness with pets in her community. Her effort comes from a deeply personal place of walking alongside her sister Annie while Annie was homeless. Previous to this work, Kristen spent twenty-seven years serving congregations in the ELCA through Children's Youth and Family Ministry. She and her husband have two adult children and two bulldogs who energize their lives in Longmont, CO.

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"WHEN I CLOSE MY EYES"

Imagine the agony of having to leave a beloved pet behind to flee domestic abuse. Thanks to Urban Resource Institute's PALS program, survivors don't have to choose between their pets or safety. The short film "When I Close My Eyes" brings to life one family's experience from the trauma of domestic violence into the PALS program and a new life of safety and healing with their dog Bennie.

**This film contains material that depicts domestic abuse. Viewer discretion is advised.*

AMANDA ECKHARDT, PhD
Chief Program Officer,
Urban Resource Institute



Amanda Eckhardt, Ph.D. is a licensed psychologist and researcher, and specializes in building impact-driven teams through an inclusive leadership approach. As Chief Program Officer at Urban Resource Institute, Amanda leads alongside high-performing teams in our mission to empower individuals, families, and communities, particularly communities of color and other disenfranchised populations, to end cycles of violence, homelessness, poverty, and trauma by increasing safety and resiliency. Prior professional endeavors include serving as Executive Director to a NYC-based NGO on human trafficking and consultant for both NGOs and government agencies including Department of Justice, Department of State, and the President's Interagency Taskforce to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, on impact evaluation and best practices for victims of crime and survivors of gender-based violence. 33

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"THE GIVING SPIRIT'S COMPANION ANIMAL PROGRAM" + Q&A with REBECCA CANNARA

The Giving Spirit's Companion Animal Program exists to serve the two-legged and four-legged members of the homeless community. As the price of housing in Los Angeles skyrockets, too many people are ending up on the streets, and they're taking their furry family members with them. The special bond between companion animals and their homeless owners helps to instill hope, responsibility and a sense of family, and the value of the Companion Animal Kits to The Giving Spirit's respective mission and work becomes readily apparent.



REBECCA CANNARA, MA

Senior Manager of Educational Programming, The Giving Spirit

Rebecca Cannara (pronouns she/her) has worked in social work and education for over 25 years. She has served youth and families experiencing homelessness, developed a cooperative preschool, and produced online curriculum for middle school and high school. She has a master's in Education from UCLA, where she conducted research on providing intergroup dialogue as part of the professional training of pre-service educators. She received her training in the University of Michigan model of intergroup dialogue at UCLA and is a member of the Academy of Professional Dialogue. Her current focus is on promoting human rights education in collaboration with both The Giving Spirit and Universal Human Rights Initiative.



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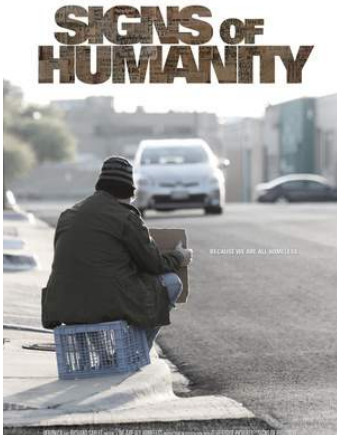
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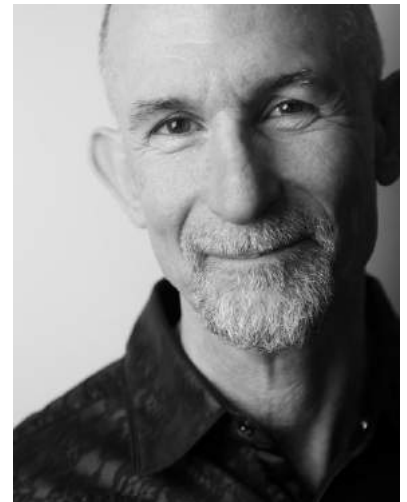
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WILLIE BARONET

Creator of WE ARE ALL HOMELESS
Co-Director/Producer of SIGNS OF HUMANITY

Stan Richards Professor of Creative Advertising at Southern Methodist University



Willie Baronet has been buying and collecting homeless signs since 1993 as part of a long term art project titled "WE ARE ALL HOMELESS." In 2014 he began a 31-day cross country trip to buy signs in 24 cities, which was the subject of the documentary Signs of Humanity (currently available on Amazon Prime), which premiered at the Dallas International Film Festival and was accepted into 7 additional festivals. The project has been featured in dozens of international and local media, including Yahoo! News, NPR - All Things Considered, The Huffington Post, Al Jazeera America and Fast Company's blog, posted by Katie Couric. An Upworthy video about the project has been viewed over 6.4 million times.

Research articles about this project have been published in The American Journal of Public Health, and The International Journal of Social Psychiatry. Both projects were done in collaboration with Dr. Rosemary Frasso Phd, Program Director, Jefferson College of Population Health, Philadelphia, and a team of her grad students. Other research projects are currently in development.

Exhibits of his work have been featured in "Art as a Medium for Action" at Hoxton Arches, London and Pembroke College, Cambridge, "Truth to Power" in Philadelphia in conjunction with the 2016 Democratic National Convention (which also featured Banksy, Ron English and Shepard Fairey), the 15th Annual "No Dead Artists" at the Jonathan Ferrara Gallery in New Orleans, LA, "INVASIONEN/INVASIONS" at the Galerie Carolyn Heinz in Hamburg, Germany, The Anchorage Museum, NYU, and the "500XPO 2012" at 500X in Dallas. He has had over 70 exhibitions of his work in the past 13 years.

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FILM SCREENING + Q&A with **WILLIE BARONET**

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WILLIE BARONET

Willie was the owner and creative director of GroupBaronet (now MasonBaronet) from 1992-2006. His design and advertising work has been featured in Communication Arts, Graphis, AIGA, New York Art Directors, The One Show, Print Casebooks, Annual Report Trends, The Type Directors Club and Annual Report Design: A Historical Retrospective 1510-1990, organized by the Cooper-Hewitt National Museum of Design.

In 2013 he was given the AIGA Fellow award, the highest honor an AIGA chapter can bestow upon one of its members.

He has spoken to dozens of business and creative organizations over the years, including TEDx, AIGA, HOW Design Conference, Leadership Arts, and has judged many creative competitions including the prestigious Communication Arts Annual. Willie graduated with an MFA in Arts and Technology from UTD in 2011. He has been a member of the art collectives "In Cooperation With Muscle Nation," "14+1" and "CircleWerk."

Willie is a 1982 graduate of the University of Southwestern Louisiana. He has taught advertising design at Brookhaven Community College, Texas A&M at Commerce, TCU, and has served as visiting faculty for the MA Program at Syracuse University.

Willie is currently the Stan Richards Professor in Creative Advertising at SMU's Temerlin Advertising Institute, where he teaches classes related to creativity and portfolio development. In 2021 SMU awarded him with the "M" award: "The "M" Award is the highest recognition bestowed upon faculty on the SMU Campus. The recipients' efforts have been continuous during their years at the University and are not limited to a narrow vested interest. The "M" Award honorees are an inspiration to others, giving unselfishly of their time and talents in order to make the University, and indeed the world, a better place."



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THE GRAND CHALLENGES

Co-Moderators: Carol Sainthilaire
Christine Kim
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The Grand Challenges keynote panel will highlight the overall framework used to identify and tackle the most critical social issues facing our country. Leaders brought together through this national initiative recognize that each area is distinct yet connected and that the success of each movement is interdependent on the success of all others. This keynote panel is a call to action for all of us to work together to tackle these problems - climate, animal welfare, and homeless advocates will all be invited to join each others movements in the struggle for a more just society for all.

SOCIAL WORK'S GRAND CHALLENGE TO END HOMELESSNESS

This talk will review the history and guiding principles of the Grand Challenges for Social Work, as well as progress and setbacks in the ten year initiative to end homelessness.



DR. BENJAMIN HENWOOD, PHD, LCSW

Professor, University of Southern California, Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work

Benjamin Henwood, PhD, LCSW, is a recognized expert in health and housing services research whose work connects clinical interventions with social policy. Dr. Henwood has specific expertise in improving care for adults experiencing homelessness and serious mental illness, as well as in the integration of primary and behavioral health care. His research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health (including the National Institute of Mental Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse, and National Institute on Aging), the National Science Foundation, and the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute. He has served as the methodological lead for the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count since 2017, which is the largest unsheltered count in the United States. He is a co-author of a book on Housing First published by Oxford University Press, and is the co-lead the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare's Grand Challenge to End Homelessness. Dr. Henwood is a Professor at the University of Southern California Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work and the Director of the Center for Housing, Homelessness, and Health Equity Research.

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HOMELESSNESS AND THE CLIMATE CRISIS

Those who are experiencing homelessness are among the most vulnerable groups. Many risk factors render them vulnerable to the increasing disasters caused by the climate crisis. Yet, there is dearth of research in this area. Drawing from my research on the impact of extreme weather and one of the most marginalized communities living in informal settlements in Seoul, Korea, I examine the intersection between the two Grand Challenges for Social Work "End homelessness" and "Creating a social response to a changing environment"

JOONMO KANG, PhD Candidate

Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis

Joonmo (He, him, his) is a PhD candidate in social work at the Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis. Joonmo's scholarship focuses on environmental justice and social vulnerability. His research interests are twofold: 1) social vulnerability and resilience of marginalized communities to climate change-related disasters, and 2) the role of social work practice and policy to support and advocate for vulnerable groups affected by the changing natural environment. His dissertation, "The Vulnerability of a Poor Urban Neighborhood to Extreme Weather and Disasters and the Role of Ecosocial Work," is an ethnography of the vulnerability of one of the most impoverished communities in Seoul, Korea to disasters (e.g., extreme weather, COVID-19)

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INNOVATIONS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

Homelessness has long been a challenge in our society. Unfortunately, we are experiencing an affordable housing crisis and the number of those counted as homeless is rising. There have also been innovations that address people's unique experiences of homelessness—some of which include the need for people to live with their companion animals. This presentation will highlight recent innovations to address homelessness and how these innovations meet the needs of people and their companion animals.



DR. DANIEL BRISSON, PhD, MSW

Professor, Director, Center for Housing and Homelessness Research, University of Denver

Dr. Daniel Brisson is a Professor, and the Director of the Center for Housing and Homelessness Research (CHHR), at the Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver. Dr. Brisson's scholarship focuses on poverty, high-poverty neighborhoods, affordable housing, and homelessness. Dr. Brisson has ongoing community partnerships around Colorado and the country with social service providers and other stakeholders interested in addressing challenges related to poverty. Dr. Brisson has written extensively on the role of neighborhood social cohesion as a mediator for the health and well-being of families living in high-poverty neighborhoods. Currently, Dr. Brisson is focusing on community partnerships with affordable housing providers and guaranteed basic income programs.



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Moderator: Jennifer White-Reid
Urban Resource Institute

You're ready to provide services to the pets of people experiencing homelessness. You've figured out how to adjust the physical space and/or how to incorporate pets into programming, but how do you truly embody the idea of trauma-informed service and they why of helping the pets of people experiencing homelessness? How do you ensure your "pet program" is centering its human participants and their communities? Learn about the role animal relationships play in the lives of those impacted by trauma, how caring for animals can be seen as an extension of social services, and examples of programs that prioritize this trauma-informed approach.

UPROOTED: THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HUMAN-ANIMAL RELATIONSHIPS IN TRANSFORMING TRAUMA DURING FORCED DISPLACEMENT

BRINDA JEGATHEESAN, MEd, PhD

Associate Professor, University of Washington

Vice President Development, International Association of Human-Animal Interaction Organizations (IAHAIO)

Brinda Jegatheesan will address the critical and dynamic issue of forced displacement of people and their animals from their home regions and the acute trauma caused by such involuntary and coerced movements. Using case studies from the field Dr. Jegatheesan will showcase the positive impact animals and humans have on each other's mental health by creating a healing space during critical times. Results from her research show that the human-animal bond holds promise of providing benefits that are central to trauma-informed care.

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PROVIDING EMPATHETIC ACCESS TO CARE

ALEAH SIMPSON

Program Manager of Marketing and Communications, Pets for Life, Humane Society of the United States

Providing empathetic and culturally competent access to care is an important step in creating a more equitable animal welfare space. Most animal welfare professionals are not social workers; yet we provide a very important social service to the community. This discussion will focus on how to engage with clients in a way to build trust and help connect them to the resources that will best help their family (including their pet).

THE ROLES OF RELATIONSHIP AND DIGNITY IN THE HEALING PROCESS FOR HOMELESS SURVIVORS WITH PETS

LINA COHEN

PALS Supervisor, Urban Resource Institute

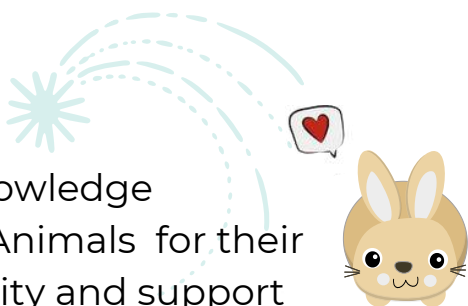
COLLEEN PARKER, BSW, MS

PALS Training & TA Coordinator, Urban Resource Institute

Lina Cohen and Colleen Parker, members of the PALS team at Urban Resource Institute, will share their insights into the unique impacts of trauma on the lives of IPV survivors with pets. They will discuss challenges that trauma-informed service providers might face when balancing the needs of human and animal family members, and highlight the empowering effects of respect and collaboration in the healing process.

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SKID ROVER. A SIMPLE SOLUTION TO A COMPLEX PROBLEM.

HEATHER EDNEY

Communications and Development Director, Homeless Health Care Los Angeles
Founder, Skid Rover

Homeless Health Care Los Angeles (HHCLA) serves over a hundred thousand people annually through encampment outreach, syringe exchange and a hygiene center. Based on the harm reduction model, there is no barrier to entry which means people bring their pets when accessing services at HHCLA. What started out as two staff members handing out collars and leashes donated from friends and family morphed into Skid Rover, a program that distributes dog food and supplies to people with pets living in Skid Row

ONE HEALTH CLINIC: REDUCING BARRIERS AND IMPROVING HEALTH THROUGH INTEGRATED AND INTERPROFESSIONAL CARE

VICKIE RAMIREZ, MA MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Clinic Coordinator/Research Manager, One Health Clinic & Center for One Health Research, University of Washington

The human-animal bond between people and pets can be so strong that people experiencing homelessness may forego services or food for themselves to provide care for their pet. Often times, pet owners may be more likely to access health care for their pet before seeking their own healthcare. The One Health Clinic provides a unique, interdisciplinary way to provide healthcare to individuals and their pets as a family unit in a single location, removing barriers to healthcare while building positive clinical experiences for clients. Data from the One Health Clinic Seattle show increased utilization of human healthcare services when veterinary care is offered.

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BETILAGUN: SOCIO-SANITARY CARE PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE AND PEOPLE IN A SITUATION OF SOCIAL VULNERABILITY, THROUGH VETERINARY CARE FOR THEIR PETS

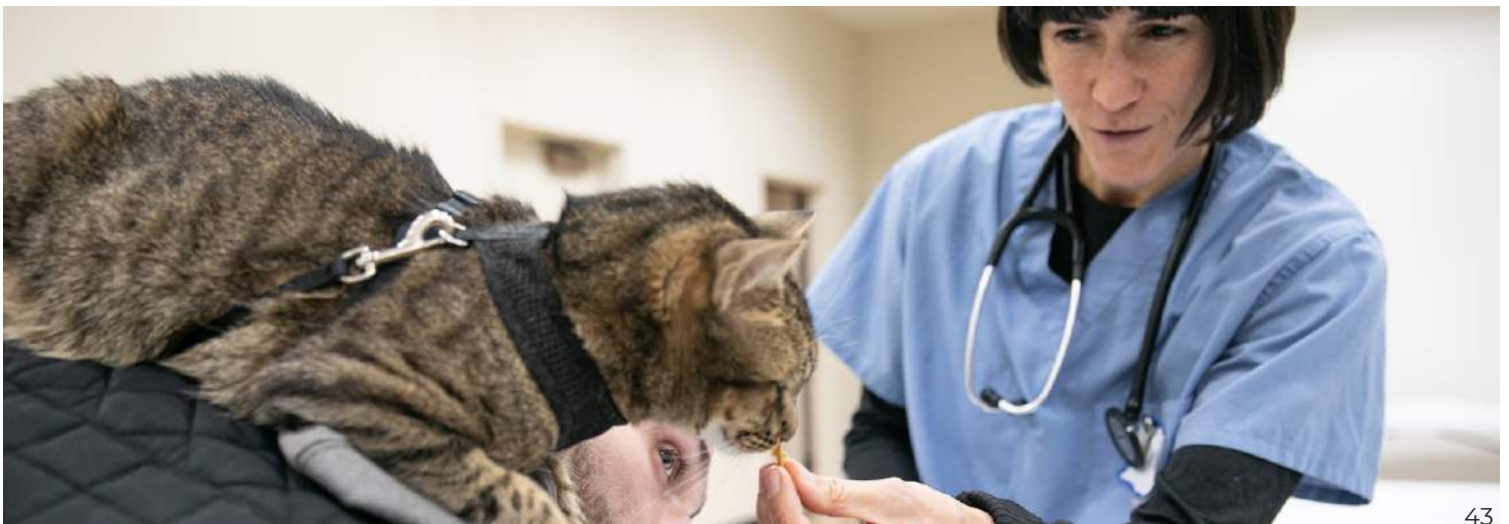
NADIR GUTIERREZ

Master in Social Economy, University of the Basque Country
Graduate in Social Work, University of Granada
Technical Responsibilities of Betilagun Program, Lotura Giza Garapena

NADIA FABO

Licensed in Social Education, University of the Basque Country
Graduate in Hispanic Philology, Deusto University
Coordinator of Betilagun Program, Founding Director of Lotura Giza Garapena

BETILAGUN is a program of socio-sanitary attention to people in a situation of homelessness through the veterinary care of their companion animals. Thanks to a network of 12 veterinary clinics spread over 7 different municipalities (we have a Collaboration Agreement with the Official College of Veterinarians of Gipuzkoa) we carry out socio-educational interventions that revolve mainly, around the area of health (physical and mental) of people in a situation of vulnerability using clinical visits as a strategy. At the same time, Betilagun becomes a program where it brings together the participation of several community agents who are not linked to social action. (Department of Public Health and Animal Welfare of the San Sebastián-Donostia City Council, Animals and Plants Protection Society of Gipuzkoa, Municipal Police, and also, veterinarians). In addition to the active participation of social agents, the relationship with the Department of Public Health and Animal Welfare of the San Sebastián-Donostia City Council, that was instrumental in weaving networks and facilitating administrative communication to adapt the spaces for animals in the night reception service. Therefore, Betilagun is not only an educational intervention program, but also a mediation and sensitization services about the reality of people in residential exclusion.



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Moderator: Dana Teel
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CO-SHELTERING AND ANIMAL WELFARE (CSAW) PROGRAM

RILEY YATES, BS, MS STUDENT

Animal Welfare Coordinator, GRACE Marketplace

Recognizing that the human-animal bond is valuable and worth preserving through times of homelessness, GRACE has become the first “animal-friendly” low-barrier homeless shelter in the region, accepting guests with Service Animals, Emotional Support Animals and Companion Animals. The Co-Sheltering & Animal Welfare Program (CSAW) compliments regular shelter services at GRACE by providing animal accommodations for people entering emergency shelter or visiting campus. Among practitioners of co-sheltering, dedicated staff is a unique program feature. The Animal Welfare Coordinator (AWC) is responsible for coordinating all animal services, providing oversight of animal welfare, and ensuring the health and safety of staff, guests, and visitors.

BAY AREA COMMUNITY SERVICES' SHARE CENTER

JOVAN YGLECIAS, LMFT

Chief Program Officer, Bay Area Community Services



MY DOG IS MY HOME ORIGINAL CONTENT

Short Film: Judie, Melody, Anastasia + Roxy



Watch: [Judie, Melody, Anastasia + Roxy](#)

Recorded on: April 13, 2013 and July 20, 2013

Filming locations: Mar Vista Park; Los Angeles, CA

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<http://mydogismyhome.com>

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Moderator: Kristen Baltrum
Annie and Millie's Place

BUILDING & SUSTAINING FAITH-BASED SHELTER PARTNERSHIPS

PETER GUDAITIS, M DIV

Executive Director & CEO, New York Disaster Interfaith Services (NYDIS)

The Emergency Shelter Network (ESN) is a subsidiary of New York Disaster Interfaith Services that supports a coalition of homeless shelters serving single adults throughout the five boroughs of New York City. The ESN-NYC membership consists of 41 faith-based and community shelters. The network is an alternative to the City-operated shelters for homeless adult individuals. It is ESN's belief that the personal attention, intimate setting, and most importantly respect, give our guests a firm foundation to move out of homelessness, ESN's ultimate goal. Currently, there are no respite bed sites in NYC allowing pet owners and pets to co-shelter, forcing people experiencing homelessness to choose between a safe shelter for the night and the welfare of their animal companions. ESN's 2-year co-shelter pilot is looking to change this.

COMMUNITY FIRST! VILLAGE & CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

ED TRAVIS

Engagement Steward, Mobile Loaves & Fishes

This talk will give a brief overview of the history and philosophy of the Community First! Village in Austin, TX, a 51-acre master planned community that provides affordable, permanent housing and a supportive community for men and women coming out of chronic homelessness. A development of Mobile Loaves & Fishes, this transformative residential program exists to love and serve our neighbors who have been living on the streets, while also empowering the surrounding community into a lifestyle of service with the homeless. The presentation will also discuss what home really means and how our neighbors' pets are an important part of their sense of belonging, identity, and sense of community.

THE IMPERATIVE OF WIN-WIN RELATIONSHIPS FOR SUCCESS/VOLUNTEERISM AND THE FAITH COMMUNITY

KIMBERLY BRAUN, M.A. CSP, MINISTER

Director of Development, H.O.P.E. for Longmont, Homeless Outreach

ANDY SCHWARTZ, BS SOCIOLOGY, CONTINUUM OF SERVICE AND LEARNING

Volunteer and Street Outreach Coordinator, H.O.P.E. for Longmont, Homeless Outreach

HOPE depends upon its faith partnerships to provide space for its programming, leading to long term success for those they serve who are homeless and have cherished pets. In a society where space is not only expensive but challenging to find, HOPE keeps it overhead low by partnering with faith communities who have space that goes unused during its operating hours. This provides the communities with an opportunity to be a part of the change! Learn more as Kimberly and Andy speak to the topic.

STORYTELLING SESSION

AMICI PER LA PELLE + Q&A with
ROGER OLMOS

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AMICI PER LA PELLE

Spanish author, illustrator, and vegan activist Roger Olmos presents his illustrated book, published by Italian publisher Logosedizioni. This story is inspired by the project done by Noe Terrassa from the FAADA Foundation in Barcelona called: "Millors amics" (best friends).

Order from Roger Olmos / Logosedizioni bookshop
and 15% of the proceeds will go to My Dog Is My Home

<https://www.libri.it/my-dog-is-my-home-bookshop>

Moderator: Sarah Hernandez
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ROGER OLMOS

Illustrator, Author, and Vegan Activist



Born in Barcelona on December 23, 1975, Roger Olmos became interested in the world of illustration from a very young age, when he started spending time in his father's studio at home where he watched him drawing and painting. There he got fascinated by authors such as Brad Holland, Caza and Brian Froud.

After attending the Llotja Avinyò School of Arts and Crafts in Barcelona from 1995 to 2000, he started a six-year apprenticeship as a scientific illustrator at the Dexeus Clinic in Barcelona, during which he learned a lot about textures and anatomy.

With time, however, he decided to turn to children's books. In 1999 he met his first publisher, Kalandraka, at the Bologna Children's Book Fair, with which he would publish his first book (Tío Lobo) the following year.

Since then he has illustrated more than eighty books for many Spanish and international publishers such as: Edelvives, Penguin Random House, Macmillan, Kalandraka, Oqo Editora, Ediciones B, La Galera, Teide, Anaya, Edebé, Planeta, Baula, #logosedizioni, Melhoramentos, Bromera, Editions 62, Pirouette etc.

He is a vegan and an animal-rights activist, and he actively collaborates with FAADA (Foundation for the Counselling and Action in Defense of Animals, based in Barcelona). This collaboration led to the publication of two books, both published by #logosedizioni (Italy): Sinpalabras / Senzaparole (Wordless) in 2014, praised by the like of Jane Goodall and J.M. Coetzee, and which Roger has described as "one of the most important and personal books of my career", and Amigos in 2017.

He also collaborates with various advertising agencies, illustration schools and TV channels.

STORYTELLING SESSION

DR. KWANE STEWART + Q&A

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Hear from Dr. Kwane, The Street Vet, about his journey travelling the streets of California helping pets, and people experiencing homelessness alike, while retrieving some of the most remarkable and inspiring stories of sacrifice and hope.

DR. KWANE STEWART, DVM

Founder, Project Street Vet
Chief Medical Officer, Papaya Pet Care

A graduate from the renowned Colorado State University Veterinary program, Dr. Kwane has been a California practicing vet for 22 years. He has worked in nearly every part of the profession - honing his clinical and business expertise.

His journey started in '97 as an associate and emergency clinician in San Diego. From there he climbed the ranks quickly, becoming the Chief Medical Officer of Vetco Hospitals, Inc. Later he would take the reins of a



struggling municipal shelter as County Veterinarian and reverse one of the worst euthanasia rates in the country. Most recently, he completed a six year stint as the Chief Veterinary Officer of American Humane, and Director of their legacy program, No Animals Were Harmed®, protecting over 100,000 animals every year around the globe on film and TV sets. Today he serves as the Chief Medical Officer and head Veterinarian for Papaya Pet Care.

He has been sought for his expertise by many media outlets and major companies – including Disney, United Airlines and Sea World – for guidance to improve their animal care standards. He is known for his outspoken, compassionate, charismatic and genuine nature.

Today, his career has evolved into another new journey. His true calling...helping pets and people in need.

Saving The Streets

Many years ago, during a five-year tenure as a Shelter Veterinarian in a struggling, depressed area of California, Dr. Kwane began to form a true appreciation for those that struggle to afford health care for their pets.

One day, on a whim, he headed downtown with some medical supplies. He set up a table near a homeless food bank, and invited anyone with a pet to be examined and treated at no charge. It was the most memorable day of his career. Afterwards, he made more consistent efforts to find Homeless people, wherever they were, and give free medical aid to their pets.

Now, years later, his journey is now being chronicled on a new television series, called “The Street Vet”. It follows him as he travels the streets of California helping pets, and people alike, while retrieving some of the most remarkable and inspiring stories of sacrifice and hope.

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KIMBERLY BRAUN, M.A. CSP, Minister

Director of Development, HOPE, Homeless Outreach

Kimberly Braun, Director of Development, M.A. CSP is a Minister, Author, Speaker, Retreat Facilitator and Meditation Coach and has been consciously on the path of self-realization from the age of 5, with over ten of her years spent as a Carmelite monastic nun. Her Masters in theology was completed in 2001 in Washington D.C., and is concentrated upon the adult spiritual journey. Her passion is to inspire others to awaken to and live from the power and wisdom that lies within them with ease, stability and joy. Her entire life is one of upbuilding humanity and presently she utilizes this passion in service to the unhoused in our midst and in the education of her community to understand the complex issues involved in housing and the unhoused.

Her communication style is playful, deeply inquiring, and at times provocative in the synthesis of not only how to access the deep Resources within, but also how to live from that place more consistently for people of all backgrounds.

Kimberly has seen in her own life that the more we open to the potential within ourselves the more we manifest beyond what we could imagine. She has built a 17,000 square foot monastery with no money or prior experience (see her TEDx talk,) started a 40-acre holistic festival that supported the local community, organized all parts of a 80 stop national book tour upon publishing her first book, was meditation faculty for 7 years at the renowned Omega Institute, and knows there is much more magic in store for the next half of her life since she is only 54 at this point. She has three online courses, an online spiritual community and is working on the final edit of her second book.

KATIE CAMPBELL, MA

Director of Collaboration and Outreach, RedRover

Katie Campbell is the Director of Collaboration and Outreach for RedRover, with 10 plus years of experience in the nonprofit world. She has worked with diverse communities in positions ranging from front line service to management roles. This has included working closely with survivors of domestic violence, as well as other individuals at risk, and with many nonprofits serving these communities. Katie is a firm believer that more can be accomplished when organizations work together.



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LINA COHEN

PALS Supervisor, Urban Resource Institute

Lina Cohen is the PALS (People and Animals Living Safely) Supervisor at the Urban Resource Institute. With over a decade of animal welfare and human service work under their belt, Lina works hard to honor and preserve the human-animal bond while delivering client centered, trauma informed care for families and single individuals navigating the domestic violence and homeless shelter systems in New York City.

DENISE CORTES

Deputy Director, Queen Family Justice Center

Denise Cortes is the Deputy Director at the Queens Family Justice Center with the Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (ENDGBV). At the Queens Family Justice Center, she works closely with various non-profit organizations, city agencies and community stakeholders to provide free and confidential support services to survivors of domestic and intimate partner violence, elder abuse and other forms of gender-based violence including human trafficking, stalking, family violence and sexual assault.

Prior to joining ENDGBV, Denise practiced securities and consumer fraud law. She is also a former assistant district attorney in Queens County.

Denise received her J.D. from Rutgers School of Law and her B.A. in Sociology from New York University.



BRYNA DONNELLY, PhD

Vice President of Pet Programs, Greater Good Charities' Rescue Rebuild Program

Dr. Bryna Donnelly, the Vice President of Pet Programs for Greater Good Charities, founded Rescue Rebuild, an animal shelter renovation program, in 2006 while a college biology professor. Teaching is still her passion, and she now uses her knowledge of construction and animal welfare to help people by building pet spaces in domestic violence and homeless shelters. Bryna and her team have renovated over 170 facilities worldwide and consulted with countless others to help keep people and pets safe.

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HEATHER EDNEY

Communications and Development Director, Homeless Health Care Los Angeles
Founder, Skid Rover



As Executive Director of the fourth authorized syringe exchange program in the United States, Heather Edney has more than three decades of experience as a community organizer and leader in developing and implementing groundbreaking harm reduction services for people who use drugs. She is a founding member of the National Harm Reduction Coalition (NHRC) and the North American Syringe Exchange Network (NASEN). With her own compelling story of recovery, Heather is a tireless advocate, both professionally and personally, for the needs of people who use drugs. Her dedication to ensuring programs and services are more accessible and responsive to the needs of women, young people, and the LGBTQI community has transformed the many programs she has

championed. In 2013, the Obama Administration invited Edney to serve as a member of the SAMHSA Opioid Overdose Prevention Working Group, which led to the first federal resource promoting overdose prevention. Most recently, she worked with the National Association of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) to develop Bevel Up, a resource for health departments running or supporting syringe services programs (SSPs). Funded by the CDC, this educational resource is the first of its kind, with updated harm reduction strategies specific to fentanyl. In her role as Communications and Development Director at Homeless Health Care Los Angeles, Edney founded Skid Rover, a program that distributes dog food and supplies to people with pets living in Skid Row.

The Lotura cooperative was born in 2020 in San Sebastián-Donostia in Spain, from social entrepreneurship, from a commitment to develop innovative proposals, which enhance the agency of citizens.

As a starting point, they developed the Nguzi Voz Kalea Program, a citizen participation program, where in addition to raising awareness, participants made proposals to improve the quality of life of people in a situation of homelessness. And finally, the objective was to present these proposals to the administration. From there the Betilagun program was born

NADIA FABO

Founding Director, Lotura Giza Garapena
Coordinator, Betilagun Program

NADIR GUTIERREZ

Technical Responsibilities of Betilagun Program



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JAUME FATJÓ RÍOS, DVM, PhD, Dipl.ECAWBM-BM

Affinity Foundation Chair for Animals and Health, Department of Psychiatry and Forensic Medicine, Autonomous University of Barcelona
Co-founder, Ethometrix



Born in Barcelona in 1969. He has a degree in veterinary medicine and a PhD from the Autonomous University of Barcelona. He is a Diplomate of the European College of Animal Welfare and Behavioural Medicine. Since 2010 he is an assistant professor at the Department of Psychiatry and Forensic Medicine at the Autonomous University of Barcelona. In 2012, he became the director of the Chair Affinity Foundation Animals and Health at the Department of Psychiatry and Forensic Medicine (Autonomous University of Barcelona). He is the co-founder of Ethometrix Ltd. His research interests are focused on understanding the relationships between people and animals, the development of tools to assess canine and feline behaviour, as well as the comparative study of human psychiatric disorders and problems of animal behaviour.

DANIELA FOLEY, BSW, LSW, MSW Student

Hope and Recovery Pets (HARP) Program Intern,
The University of Toledo, The Toledo Humane Society

Daniela Foley is a current Advanced Standing Masters of Social Work student at The University of Toledo with a current graduation date of May 2022. She has always had a love for animals. She found her calling while interning at The Toledo Humane Society and working directly with Hope and Recovery Pets (HARP) Program clients at her current MSW Internship placement. After graduation, Daniela hopes to continue to help companion animals and their people. Daniela also has a therapy dog named Archie who spends most of his days comforting families and the employees of Hospice of Northwest Ohio.



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DEBBIE FOX

Deputy Director, Housing Policy & Practice, National Network to End Domestic Violence



Debbie Fox, Deputy Director, Housing Policy and Practice at the National Network Against Domestic Violence (NNEDV), leads national domestic violence related housing policy and provides technical assistance and training to NNEDV's coalition membership and their partners as a part of the Domestic Violence Housing and Technical Assistance Consortium. Through NNEDV's policy work, Debbie was instrumental in working with Congress to fund HUD's DV/SA \$50 million Continuum of Care Bonus Funds. Debbie has over 25 years in the DV and housing field with a focus on fundraising, organizational development, nonprofit administration, and domestic violence population-specific housing and economic justice programming. Prior to joining NNEDV, she worked as a DV housing funder in county government and shared community leadership in the systems planning and implementation process for the DV system in Portland, Oregon.



SHANNON GLENN, MAPL

Executive Director, My Pitbull is Family
President, Minnesota Partnership for Animal Welfare
2021 Best Friends Animal Society Executive Leadership Certificate Graduate - Southern Utah University

Shannon started with My Pit Bull is Family in 2014 and quickly became an expert in housing policy and surrender prevention for the animal welfare community. She has an extensive professional background in grassroots campaigns, voter outreach, community building, fundraising, homeless advocacy, and policy creation. Shannon is a tireless advocate for adults experiencing

homelessness and was previously the Shelter Supervisor for the only pet-friendly emergency homeless shelter in the state of Minnesota.

Shannon holds a Master's in Advocacy and Political Leadership where she centered her degree program around drafting policies to end housing and insurance discrimination for families with large dogs and graduated from the Executive Leadership Certification program for Animal Welfare at Southern Utah University in partnership with Best Friends Animal Society in 2021.

In 2019, Shannon developed the North Minneapolis Pet Resource Center program after volunteering at Minneapolis Animal Care and Control where she realized that her neighbors in North Minneapolis lacked access to quality pet food, supplies, and resources leading to increased owner surrenders and at large pets.

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PETER GUDAITIS, M.DIV.

Executive Director and CEO, New York Disaster Interfaith Services (NYDIS)



Mr. Gudaitis currently serves as Executive Director & CEO of New York Disaster Interfaith Services (NYDIS) and its affiliate the NYC Emergency Shelter Network, Chair of New York VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), and President of the National Disaster Interfaith Network (NDIN).

Founded in 2001, NYDIS is a 501(c)(3) federation of 62 faith-based human service providers, charitable organizations and faith communities working in partnership to provide disaster readiness, response, and recovery services for New York City. NYDIS collaborates with local, state, and national organizations to facilitate the delivery of non-sectarian spiritual care, relief, recovery

services and planning support - as well as providing mitigation education, preparedness training, and risk communication tools to the New York City faith sector and its partners. NYDIS' relief and recovery services are principally targeted toward under-resourced victim's families, survivors, and impacted under-served survivor communities. NYDIS' 2021 programs provided direct services to over 6,000 New Yorkers as well as training, outreach and preparedness tools and resources to 5000+ NYC houses of worship and their leaders. NYDIS' Emergency Shelter Network consists of 41 emergency respite bed sites for persons experiencing street homelessness, and one human-pet co-shelter in Manhattan.

He has over 35 years of experience in chaplaincy, disaster and public health emergency management, faith-based philanthropy, and long-term recovery – including a decade in Emergency Medical Services.

Currently, Mr. Gudaitis is a member of the Faith-based Caucus of the International Association of Emergency Managers; Guest Lecturer and Advisory Board member for the Metropolitan College of New York, Emergency and Disaster Management Program; Contributing Fellow at the Center for Religion and Civic Culture at the University of Southern California; Chair of New York State VOAD (Voluntary Organization Active in Disaster) and, on the Board of Directors of New York City VOAD since 2014. In 2012, he was appointed to the New York State Respond Commission for SuperStorm Sandy by Governor Andrew Cuomo. In 2015, he was appointed to the New York City Charitable Organization & House of Worship Recovery Task Force by then NYC Council Speaker, Melissa Mark-Viverito. Since 2016 he has been the Co-Chair of the NYC Faith Sector Community Preparedness Program Advisory Board of the NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene. In 2018, he was appointed to the New York State Puerto Rico Recovery & Reconstruction Committee by Governor Andrew Cuomo. He currently serves on the National VOAD Emotional & Spiritual Care Committee.

Mr. Gudaitis holds a B.A. from Kenyon College, and an M.Div. from the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church. He lives in Scarborough, New York with his husband of 22 years, the Hon. Anthony Cannataro, Associate Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals, New York's high court.

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MAYA GUPTA, PhD

Senior Director, Research, ASPCA

Dr. Maya Gupta earned her M.S. and Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Georgia. Her primary area of expertise is animal cruelty, including its connections to other forms of violence. In her 20 years in the nonprofit animal welfare sector, she has worked extensively on the development of programs that assist human and animal victims of domestic violence in

reaching safety together, and secondarily on approaches to assessment and intervention with animal cruelty offenders; she continues to serve as a nationwide speaker, trainer, and consultant on both topics. More broadly, her interests extend to the application of social science and human service approaches to promoting animal welfare and the human-animal bond.

She is currently Senior Director of Research for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, overseeing the development and dissemination of cutting-edge applied research on veterinary forensics, animal behavior, law enforcement response to animal cruelty, community engagement, equine welfare, farm animals, disaster response, and policy issues. She previously served as Executive Director of Georgia-based Ahimsa House (a statewide animal safehouse program for victims of domestic violence) and subsequently as Executive Director of the Animals & Society Institute.

Dr. Gupta is also an instructor in the University of Florida's Veterinary Forensic Sciences Program, an adjunct professor in the Master's Program in Anthrozoology at Canisius College, a courtesy research assistant professor at Florida International University, and a guest lecturer and clinical supervisor for the Veterinary Social Work Program at the University of Tennessee.

She is a founding and ongoing steering committee member of both the National Link Coalition and the Section on Human-Animal Interaction in the American Psychological Association. She also serves in advisory roles with the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, Mojave Animal Protection, Pets for Vets, Ahimsa House, Paws Between Homes, and the Banfield Foundation's Safer Together Initiative for people and pets in domestic violence. She previously served on the Board of Directors of the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence and as co-chair of the Cobb County Domestic Violence Task Force.

She has been a recipient of the Unity Award from the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, the Angel Award from the ASPCA, and the Family Violence Task Force Member of the Year Award from the Georgia Commission on Family Violence.

She lives north of Atlanta, GA with six cats, two and a half horses, and an assortment of adopted chickens and domestic pigeons.

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SLOANE HAWES, MSW

Assistant Director of Research

Institute for Human-Animal Connection, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver



Sloane Hawes, MSW (she/her) is the Assistant Director of Research at the Institute for Human-Animal Connection at the University of Denver's Graduate School of Social Work. She manages a social science research agenda examining how animal welfare challenges intersect with human social and environmental justice issues. She earned her MSW and Animal-Assisted Social Work certificate from the University of Denver's Graduate School of Social Work and completed her undergraduate coursework at University of San Diego, receiving a BA in Ethnic Studies and Psychology. She also holds a certificate in Animal Shelter Management from University of the Pacific. Her research interests include: One Health (Traditional Ecological Knowledge, community-based participatory research methods restorative justice, and community capacity building (decolonization/sovereignty).

DR. BENJAMIN HENWOOD, PhD, LCSW

Professor, University of Southern California,
Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work

Benjamin Henwood, PhD, LCSW, is a recognized expert in health and housing services research whose work connects clinical interventions with social policy. Dr. Henwood has specific expertise in improving care for adults experiencing homelessness and serious mental illness, as well as in the integration of primary and behavioral health care. His research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health (including the National Institute of Mental Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse, and National Institute on Aging), the National Science Foundation, and the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute. He has served as the methodological lead for the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count since 2017, which is the largest unsheltered count in the United States. He is a co-author of a book on Housing First published by Oxford University Press, and is the co-lead the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare's Grand Challenge to End Homelessness. Dr. Henwood is a Professor at the University of Southern California Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work and the Director of the Center for Housing, Homelessness, and Health Equity Research.



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JANET HOY-GERLACH, LISW-S, PhD

Professor, Social Work Program, The University of Toledo



I am a social worker, educator, and researcher seeking to improve the well-being of people and (non-human) animals through recognition and support of the human-animal bond (HAB) in health/mental health care and human services. Toward that end, I authored *Human-Animal Interaction: A Social Work Guide* along with my colleague Scott Wehman; this book was published by NASW Press in 2017. I present and train internationally on therapeutic animal roles and health and mental health benefits of human-animal interaction. I have served as an expert witness on Emotional Support Animals for the U.S.

Department of Justice Civil Rights Division and recently completed a study detailing the benefits of ESAs that can be accessed for free here:

["Exploring Benefits of Emotional Support Animals \(ESAs\): A Longitudinal Pilot Study with Adults with Serious Mental Illness \(SMI\)"](#)

Please feel free to connect with me and stay in touch on LinkedIn:

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BRINDA JEGATHEESAN, MEd, PhD

Associate Professor, University of Washington

Vice President Development, International Association of Human-Animal Interaction Organizations (IAHAIO)

Dr. Brinda Jegatheesan is Associate Professor in Human Development and Learning Sciences at the University of Washington, Seattle. Her teaching and research centers on family and community effects on child development and learning, effects of human-animal interactions and animal-assisted interventions among refugee children, children with autism, PTSD and medical conditions, and the Link between family violence, child abuse and animal abuse. Dr. Jegatheesan addresses national and global issues in her areas of research.



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PATRICK KWAN

Senior Advisor, Community Affairs Unit, New York City Mayor's Office

Patrick Kwan is Senior Advisor, NYC Mayor's Office Community Affairs Unit. His portfolio includes Asian American and Pacific Islander, LGBTQIA+, and animal welfare community affairs. Prior to joining the NYC Mayor's Office, Patrick served in advocacy and communication leadership roles, including as Director of NYC Smoke-Free, national Director of Grassroots Organizing for The Humane Society of the United States, and Field Organizer for Amnesty International. He currently serves as a board member of the New York State Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Advisory Board, a Sterling Network fellow on economic mobility at the Robert Sterling Clark Foundation, and on the Stonewall Quarter Share Leadership Council at the Stonewall Community Foundation.

KELSEY MADIGAN

Director of Interim Housing, LA Family Housing

Kelsey Madigan is the Director of Interim Housing for LA Family Housing. Kelsey has received her Master's degree in Social Work from University of Michigan and is licensed as a Clinical Social Worker in the state of California. She oversees the programmatic operations and program development at all 11 of LAFH's family and individual adult interim housing sites. Kelsey provides consultation in best practices for design and program implementation for interim housing sites nationwide, which includes advocacy and implementation of pet policy. She also utilizes her clinical background to assist LAFH's Real Estate Development Department in taking a trauma informed care approach when informing design and build of new interim housing sites.



HEIDI MARSTON

Executive Director, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

Heidi Marston is the Executive Director of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority where serves as a leader in the effort to reduce homelessness across Greater Los Angeles. She sits on the Leadership Alliance for the National Alliance to End Homelessness and served on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Agency Review Team for the Biden/Harris Presidential Transition. Heidi joined LAHSA in February 2019 after serving for over a decade at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in several roles, including Director of Community Engagement and Reintegration and Special Assistant to the VA Secretary under President Obama. Heidi lives in Los Angeles with her partner, her two rescue dogs and a rotating door of foster dog guests.

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BECKY MO

Program Manager, California Department
of Housing & Community Development

Becky Mo is a program manager for the California State Department of Housing & Community Development. She is passionate about making an impact and resolving homelessness issues. She started her career at HCD in 2017 and joined the Homelessness Branch in 2020. Becky is also a mom of two dogs.



JILL PABLE, Ph.D., WELL AP

Project lead, Design Resources for Homelessness
Professor and Chair, Department of Interior Architecture & Design,
Florida State University



Jill Pable is a professor and chair of the Interior Architecture & Design Department at Florida State University and a fellow and past national president of the Interior Design Educators Council. She holds B.S. and M.F.A. degrees in Interior Design and a Ph.D. degree in Instructional Technology with specialization in architecture. She is a CIDQ-certified and WELL accredited interior designer. Her research focuses on the design of environments for people in crisis and she facilitates *Design Resources for Homelessness*, a non-profit resource offering resource-informed practical design strategies. These ideas have been featured in NBC News Online, FastCompany, the Conversation, the Independent, KCRW Public Radio, Los Angeles and KQED Public Radio, San Francisco. She is a TEDxFSU speaker, recipient of the ASID national Luminary Award and was noted by DesignIntelligence as one of the 30 Most Admired Design Educators in the U.S. Her co-authored book *Homelessness and the Built Environment: Designing for Unhoused Persons* was awarded the 2022 Interior Design Educators Council National Book Award. She believes that design can make life more interesting, fulfilling and humane.



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COLLEEN PARKER, BSW, MS

Technical Assistance and Training Coordinator
People and Animals Living Safely, Urban Resource Institute

Colleen Parker is the Technical Assistance and Training Coordinator at the Urban Resource Institute's People and Animals Living Safely (PALS) program in New York, New York. She supports the PALS program's mission by developing and implementing education initiatives and providing direct support for both human and animal-facing service providers looking to support domestic violence survivors with pets in their communities.

Colleen's career so far has spanned emergency veterinary medicine, social work, and public policy, giving her a deep appreciation of the importance of the human-animal bond. She is proud to use these dynamic experiences in her work to promote the wellbeing and dignity of at-risk individuals and families-- including the animals they love.



DAVID PATTERSON, PhD, MSW

Cooper-Herron Endowed Professor
of Mental Health Research and Practice,
University of Tennessee College of Social Work

David A. Patterson, Ph.D., M.S.W., is the Cooper-Herron Endowed Professor of Mental Health Research and Practice in the College of Social Work at UTK as well as an adjunct professor in the UT Graduate School of Medicine. Dr. Patterson is the PI/Director of the federally and

locally funded Knoxville Homeless Management Information System (KnoxHMIS), a community outreach research endeavor of the College of Social Work. The primary teaching focus of Dr. Patterson's 31-year academic career has been on clinical social work practice. A major focus of his scholarship in recent years has been on homelessness and the application of information technology in service delivery individuals and families experiencing homelessness. He is the author of *Personal Computer Applications in the Social Services* (Allyn & Bacon, 2000), *Data Analysis with Spreadsheets* (Allyn & Bacon, 2006), as well as numerous peer reviewed journal articles and book chapters.



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TIM PERCIFUL

Disaster Response Manager, ASPCA

Tim Perciful has been the Manager, Disaster Response with the ASPCA since 2018, but has been assisting with animals impacted by disaster for several years. He is also the current chair for NARSC (National Animal Rescue & Sheltering Coalition), on the Steering Committee for the Best Practices Working Group which has white papers on how to animal rescue before, during, and after disasters.

Tim has responded to multiple types of disasters including wildfires, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, mud slides and more in the both the fire service and in animal rescue. His experience has also allowed him to teach

across the country with a variety of topics including emergency animal response, technical large animal rescue, pet first aid, wildland firefighting, swift water rescue, communications, etc.

Tim Perciful works full time helping communities, states, and federal partners better prepare for animals impacted by disasters.

When Tim is at home outside of Seattle, WA, he spends time with his wife, and rescue dog working on their property with a view of the Cascade Mountain Range.

ANDREW J. PERLMAN

Program Manager, Human Services Unit, New York City Emergency Management



Andrew Perlman has worked at New York City Emergency Management (NYCEM) since 2016 and serves as Program Manager in the Human Services Unit. As an Operations Liaison, Andy responds to large-scale incidents, maintaining situational awareness between NYC's Emergency Operations Center and field response personnel. Andy also chairs NYC's Animal Planning Task Force, a working group of animal welfare organizations and City agencies that plan for the needs of companion and service animals

before, during, and after emergencies. He also chairs NYCEM's Access & Functional Needs Working Group, a consortium of disability service providers, governmental and non-governmental agencies, as well as advocate agencies that provide services to individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs. Prior to joining NYCEM, Andy was a career firefighter in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia.

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ROXANA PETZOLD

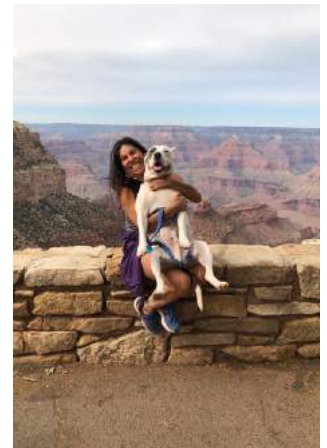
Disaster Program Manager, American Red Cross

Roxana Petzold is a Disaster Program Manager for the American Red Cross. Based in New York City, she works closely with volunteers, elected officials, schools, animal welfare organizations, VOADs, and other community groups to provide information and education on disaster planning and preparedness, home fire prevention, and safe and effective disaster response. In a volunteer role, she has supported disaster evacuees and political refugees in Africa, India & Sri Lanka. Her love for animals motivated her to respond during Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy to support animal needs, and to later deploy as a member of the ASPCA's FIR team. In response to the number of pets and pet owners impacted by home fires in NYC, in 2018 she was asked to assemble and lead the Companion Animal Task Force for the Red Cross of Greater New York to determine need, identify resources and develop training for the regional workforce. She currently serves on the national Red Cross pet task force responsible for building and implementing a national pet program for the organization and on the New York City Animal Planning Task Force. Roxana continues to deploy nationally during disasters.

DIANNE PRADO

Executive Director & Attorney, HEART L.A.

Dianne Prado is the Founder and Executive Director of the Housing Equality & Advocacy Resource Team (HEART L.A.), a legal non-profit that helps ensure people and their pets remain housed. Dianne started her career as a staff attorney with the Eviction Defense Network, and later joined Inner City Law Center in 2012 where she defended tenants in evictions and sued slumlords in affirmative litigation suits. Dianne is an appointed public member of the CA Veterinary Medical Board, trainer and consultant for the Stay Housed Los Angeles (SHLA) eviction defense program, and Lecturer in Law for UCLA Law School teaching Los Angeles Housing Law and Policy.



VICKIE RAMIREZ

Clinic Coordinator/Research Manager, One Health Clinic & Center for One Health Research, University of Washington

Vickie Ramirez is the University of Washington (UW) Coordinator for the One Health Clinic and Senior Research Coordinator/Center Manager of the UW Center for One Health Research. As a Medical Anthropologist, Vickie is always looking at ways to improve health access and outcomes to those communities often marginalized. She helps support and manage the One Health Clinic through outreach, evaluation and dissemination of key findings to support other organizations who would like to use a One Health lens in clinical care.

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MARLON REIS

First Gentleman of Colorado

Colorado's First Gentleman Marlon Reis has admired and respected animals since he was a child. From First Pup Gia, his beloved Cairn Terrier mix of 12 years, to his family's five cats, 4 llamas, and 7 goats at their microsanctuary in rural Colorado, Marlon is happiest when in the company of animals. He hopes through his advocacy as First Gentleman to bring animal issues to the forefront of every major policy decision impacting our planet, and the countless lives--human and nonhuman--who call it home.



SUSAN LEA RIGGS

Senior Director for Housing Policy Policy, Response and Engagement, ASPCA

Susan Riggs is the senior director of housing policy for the ASPCA's Government Relations department. In this role, she directs the ASPCA's legislative and advocacy for its pet-friendly housing initiatives.

Prior to joining the ASPCA, Susan had an extensive history in policy work, most notably around the complex issue of housing. She previously served as the Executive Director of the San Diego Housing Federation and as the Acting Director for the California State Department of Housing and Communities Development. Most recently she served as the Deputy Secretary for Housing Policy in the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency.

Susan graduated from the University of Georgia with a B.A. in Spanish and earned her law degree from Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, Calif. Susan currently resides in North Carolina with her rescued pitbull, Bella.



JORDYN ROZENSKY

Communications Strategist, National Immigrant Justice Center

Jordyn Rozensky is the Communications Strategist for the National Immigrant Justice Center's Communications team. She holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy from Brandeis University. She is the co-founder of Mascotas para Migrantes and lives on the border in El Paso, Texas, with three dogs and three cats.

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KURT SASS

Administrative Coordinator and Facilitator of Pet Access program, Community Access

Kurt Sass is a lifelong New Yorker. Born in Brooklyn in 1957, he subsequently moved to Queens and now resides in The Bronx. He worked in the banking and mortgage industry for almost 20 years until suffering a 2 year-long psychiatric episode. After recovery, he decided to help other mental health consumers and has been doing so for Community Access Inc. for over 20 years. Community Access is a pioneer of supportive housing and social services in NYC and leading advocate in human rights, social justice, and economic opportunities for people with mental health concerns. Kurt's cat, Pookie, is his psychologist and his physical therapist.



ANDY SCHWARTZ

Volunteer and Street Outreach Coordinator
HOPE, Homeless Outreach



After volunteering with various homeless support organizations and soup kitchens throughout my adult life I am privileged to have a job in that field. My career in banking and my interest in volunteering began in Los Angeles before moving to the New York City area. After 25 years raising my family there the opportunity arose to move to Colorado, a place I've been regularly visiting since the 1990's. I moved here with the purpose of working in human services. Homelessness and the human condition have been of great interest to me as long as I can remember and I just feel lucky to be able to work in a field where I am able to make a difference to people that need it the most

ALEAH SIMPSON

Program Manager of Marketing and Communications,
Pets for Life, Humane Society of the United States

Aleah Simpson is the Program Manager of Marketing & Communications for the Pets for Life Program within the Humane Society of the United States. She is an avid cheerleader for the human-animal bond and socially conscious animal sheltering. Her 15 years of experience in animal welfare has given her an in-depth perspective of the underlying systemic issues in communities that can create challenges for both animals and humans alike. Throughout her career, she has worked with various animal welfare organizations to develop and advocate for programs that improve pet owners' access to care and promoting DEI initiatives within animal welfare.



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COLE THALER, JD

Co-Founder and President, Paws Between Homes
Co-Director, Safe & Stable Homes Project, Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers
Foundation

Cole Thaler is an attorney in Atlanta who represents low-income tenants in their landlord disputes. He helps run Paws Between Homes, an animal rescue that provides temporary foster homes to the pets of people who are being evicted.

CATY TOWNSEND, MUD, BArch

Project Manager, AnimalArts

Building and Facility Working Group lead, Human Animal Support Services

Caty was drawn to working for Animal Arts by her love of animals and her over eight years of volunteering as a foster to litters of puppies. As a result of her volunteer experiences, Caty has a comprehensive understanding of the complexities of animal housing and the operations of animal welfare organizations. Holding degrees in architecture and urban design, Caty seamlessly combines her love of architecture and animal welfare together on every project.

Her project experience with Animal Arts ranges in scale and complexity from the 110,000 square-foot Dumb Friends League renovation and addition in Denver, Colorado, to the award-winning, 25,000 square-foot The PARC Animal Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas. She manages projects from initial programming to move-in with a special focus on client communications and interior design planning. Caty has also worked on projects for Mountain Humane in Hailey, Idaho; Loudoun County Animal Services in Leesburg, Virginia; and Arizona Humane Society in Phoenix, Arizona.



ED TRAVIS

Engagement Steward, Mobile Loaves & Fishes



Ed Travis serves as the Engagement Steward at Mobile Loaves & Fishes. Having been on staff since March of 2015, Ed has held a variety of roles from Genesis Gardens Assistant (farm program), to Commissary Assistant (food truck ministry), to Community Cinema Director (running our outdoor movie theater). Today Ed still leads the Cinema program and also heads up public tours of Community First! Village, as well as fielding speaking engagement opportunities. Ed loves connecting the wider community to the ongoing work of Mobile Loaves & Fishes.

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EMILY TRONETTI, MS, CTC, CPDT-KA, FFCP(Trainer), UW-AAB
Co-Founder, Humane Alliance of Rescue Trainers
EdD Student, Antioch University
Owner, Coexistence Consulting

Emily Tronetti (she/her) is a co-founder of the Humane Alliance of Rescue Trainers, a nonprofit that matches shelter and rescue organizations with behavior support at no cost. She also owns Coexistence Consulting which offers animal behavior and welfare consulting as well as humane education to animal guardians, professionals, and organizations. Emily is currently pursuing her Doctor of Education (EdD) in Educational and Professional Practice with a specialization in humane education through Antioch University.



MICHELLE VILLAGOMEZ, MPA
Senior Director NYC Legislation, ASPCA

Michelle Villagomez serves as the ASPCA's Senior Director in New York City, where she serves as the ASPCA's principal point of contact with the Mayor's Office, City Council, and other key governmental stakeholders. She initiates and manages legislative efforts and assists with other non-legislative anti-cruelty efforts including our community veterinary clinic work to increase access to affordable veterinary care in NYC. In this role he supports the work of Community Medicine, Community Engagement, and Real Estate and Facility Operations by providing expert guidance on local government and communications. Her advocacy work includes policies to keep pets and people together by increasing access to pet-friendly housing, co-sheltering, increasing support for NYC ACC, including animals in the City's emergency responses, and supporting more humane procurement.

Before joining the ASPCA, Michelle worked in the Government and Community Affairs department of the Queens Library, where she served as a liaison among the 63 branches of the library, local elected officials and community groups. Michelle graduated with honors from St. John's University in 2002 with a B.A. in Government and Politics, and then earned a Master's Degree in Government and Politics & Public Administration. She served as an Adjunct Professor at St. John's University for ten years. She is a born and bred New Yorker and is currently raising her family in the city she loves.

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RILEY YATES, BS, MS Student

Animal Welfare Coordinator, Grace Marketplace

Riley Yates, the Animal Welfare Coordinator for GRACE Marketplace, graduated with a B.S in Entomology from Oklahoma State University and shortly after moved to Gainesville to earn her master's degree from the University of Florida. She has always had a passion for helping animals and has worked in a variety of animal shelters and veterinary clinics prior to her time at GRACE. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her wonderful girlfriend and their three rescue pets: Nellie, Riddle, and Paisley.

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STEPHANIE AUGUELLO

Storytelling Coordinator, My Dog Is My Home

Stephanie Augello is a New York City dwelling photographer, whose clients include Brooklyn Vegan, Kerrang! Magazine, Live Nation, Shutterstock, and Stereogum. Stephanie studied at the Savannah College of Art & Design and got her start in photography shooting local bands in Savannah, GA. She has a soft spot for punk rock, thinks metal fans are the best ever, and gets really excited when she learns Beatles tunes on the guitar. She has been working with My Dog Is My Home since 2019. Stephanie currently lives a nice life in Astoria, Queens with her fiancé and two cats.



KRISTEN BALTRUM

Founder, Annie & Millie's Place

Kristen is the founder of Annie and Millie's Place is a nonprofit seeking to fill the gaps in services for people experiencing homelessness with pets in her community. Her effort comes from a deeply personal place of walking alongside her sister Annie while Annie was homeless. Previous to this work, Kristen spent twenty-seven years serving congregations in the ELCA through Children's Youth and Family Ministry. She and her husband have two adult children and two bulldogs who energize their lives in Longmont, CO.



ANNE CASTIGLIONI, PhD Student

Volunteer, My Dog Is My Home



Current University of Wolverhampton PhD student, interested in the intersection between animal behavior and social justice. My background includes dog shelter volunteering, canine behavior research, dog training and behavior consultation, advanced certifications in dog behavior, and current volunteer work for several homeless and at-risk community outreach programs in the city of Philadelphia. My MS project focused on the cortisol levels of juvenile giant pandas in a reintroduction program in Sichuan Province, China. My PhD project will examine the hidden costs of human-wildlife conflict focusing on economic trade-offs and epidemiological risks. I enjoy volunteering for organizations that strive to improve the life experiences of marginalized communities and work to improve animal welfare on a national and global scale.

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DANIELLE EMERY, MPA

PALS (People and Animals Living Safely) Director
Urban Resource Institute

Danielle Emery is the Director of the People and Animals Living Safely (PALS) program at Urban Resource Institute. In this role she is responsible for the day-to-day operations of PALS at URI's domestic violence shelters, along with program development, outreach, training & technical assistance and advocacy to promote supportive, trauma-informed programs for survivors of domestic violence and their pets. Danielle is a graduate of Tufts University and NYU's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. Her dog Pork Chop is a constant source of comfort and her inspiration in helping people and their animals.



ANN ENGLISH

Board Member, My Dog Is My Home

Ann believes strongly in the impact of storytelling for personal transformation and community change. She has been developing and leading innovative programs for over two decades in the Los Angeles Homeless Services Sector for many of the largest providers of Supportive Housing. In her current role, at the Corporation for Supportive Housing, she designed and manages the Speak Up! Initiative which empowers individuals impacted by homelessness to challenge a dominant narrative that misrepresents and stigmatizes their experiences. Speak Up! Supports participants to shift this narrative by telling their own stories of housing and its fundamental connection to their capacity to thrive. Ann regularly provides technical assistance related to- ethical engagement with individuals impacted by homelessness, fostering collaborative partnerships between those 'receiving' and those 'providing' services, and dismantling oppressive power dynamics which hinder necessary connection and healing. A lifelong animal lover, Ann heard heartbreaking stories from countless unhoused community members who were faced with the unreasonable choice to give up their companion animals in order to access housing and shelter. In 2008, while working as the Hollywood Area Director for PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) and in partnership with PAWS LA, she opened the first companion animal program within an interim housing facility. PATH Hollywood's PetCo Place, was the first formally sanctioned companion animal program within a homeless shelter in Los Angeles.

Ann is honored to be a founding Board Member of My Dog Is My Home and served as the Board Chair for it's first four years.

Ann lives in Los Angeles, on the unceded ancestral lands of the Tongva/Chumash peoples, with her best friend – a 20-year-old cat named Rudy and his little sister, the precious Sula.

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Sarah Hernandez

Communications Fellow, My Dog Is My Home

After graduating from Loyola Marymount University's film school, Sarah worked as a writers' assistant, script coordinator, and freelance writer in television before her heart told her it was time to change. Sarah has worked for the Do Good Bus, which deepened her understanding of homelessness in Los Angeles, and volunteered with many organizations related to companion and farmed animal welfare. She recently completed UCLA Extension's Sustainability and Food Studies programs, which solidified her passion for the connection between human and animal rights. She appreciates the mission of My Dog Is My Home because she believes everyone has the right to housing and to remain with their beloved animals, especially during life's challenges. Sarah is grateful to be the sidekick in the life story of her rescue dog, Marley, who serves as daily motivation to find ways to help both human and non-human animals.



CHRISTINE KIM, MSW

Board Member, My Dog Is My Home

Christine Kim is the founder of My Dog Is My Home. She also served as the first director of the NYC Mayor's Office of Animal Welfare under Mayor Bill de Blasio, the first office of its kind in the country. Christine is the recipient of the ASPCA's 2021 Public Service Humane Award for effectively uniting the animal welfare community and city government to tackle animal welfare issues in public policy, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Christine received her Master of Social Work from University of Pennsylvania and currently lives in New York City.



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SHELBY E. McDONALD, PhD, MSW

Director of Research, Department of Research & Strategy, ASPCA



Shelby E. McDonald, PhD, is Director of Research in the Department of Strategy and Research at the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). Prior to joining the ASPCA she was employed as a tenured Associate Professor in the School of Social Work at Virginia Commonwealth University, where she also served as a core faculty member at the Clark-Hill Institute for Positive Youth Development, a CDC-funded research center for violence prevention. To date, Dr. McDonald's research has centered on the role of the human-animal bond in human health and wellbeing, particularly during the developmental periods of childhood and emerging adulthood. Dr. McDonald's research has been funded by the

National Institutes of Health and the Human-Animal Bond Research Initiative. She has published more than 50 peer-reviewed articles and several book chapters on topics including the intersection of family violence and animal cruelty and the role of pets in coping with victimization and minority stressors (i.e., LGBTQIA+ and Latinx communities).

KEVIN MORRIS

Queens Borough Director, NYC Mayor's Office, Community Affairs Unit



Kevin Morris has spent much of his career in government and the public sector working in community engagement and outreach. Kevin currently serves as the Queens Borough Director for the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit. He previously worked as a Community Coordinator for the Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence, providing outreach and education into the resources available for victims of abuse. As a Community Affairs Director, Kevin works citywide to coordinate resources and services for New Yorkers. Kevin was born and raised in Queens, where he continues to live and work to help the citizens of New York City stay connected to their city and their public servants.



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SARAH ROSENBERG, JD

Co-Founder, Paws Between Homes
Volunteer, My Dog Is My Home

My professional history includes practicing corporate law at a fancy New York law firm, bartending in Faneuil Hall, producing a live surfing competition on a 6000-gallon portable wave machine, co-founding a non-profit safety-net organization that fosters pets of people in imminent danger of housing loss, acting as interim CEO for a start-up mobile food pantry, producing (writing/

proofreading/editing) content for websites and blogs, canvassing to register and mobilize voters, managing a 65-unit multifamily housing project with a mix of affordable and market-rate units in Downtown Atlanta, and resourcing members of my local community to help eliminate barriers to access.

I am deeply devoted to fair and affordable housing as a right, to supporting people with resources and information in ways that meet them where they are, and to creating and protecting avenues for loving companionship among all living beings regardless of size, shape, type of body covering, number (or presence) of legs, or phototropist tendency.

My academic education was formalized at the University of Michigan (Go Blue) where I studied French language and literature and English and spent a year in the dulcet French town of Aix-en-Provence at the Faculté des Lettres. My law degree is from Emory University Law School where I was an executive editor of the law review and published an academic note on illegal searches and seizures under the Fourth Amendment which solidified my determination to advocate for the rights of those forced to the margins of our society.

The menagerie that comprises my household includes myself, my 17-year-old non-binary human offspring, an 11-year-old mixed-breed velcro creature named Padme (in photo), and our six (soon maybe seven?!) feline masters ranging in age from 1 to 9 years old, several of whom were either born in our home or have lived here since they were a day old. We're a family of keepers.



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CAROL M. SAINTHILAIRE, MS

Chief Executive Officer, Community Enterprises Corporation
Board Chair, My Dog Is My Home

Carol M. Sainthilaire is the Chief Executive Officer of Community Enterprises Corporation, a New Jersey nonprofit organization that manages supportive housing for very low- and extremely low-income adults with disabilities.

Carol is a homeless policy advocate, with over a decade of experience working on low income housing and homelessness issues. Throughout her career, Carol has initiated three Frequent Users Systems Engagement (FUSE) pilot programs in Hudson County, NJ; Philadelphia, PA; and Chattanooga, TN.

These pilot programs serve vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness who are in need of supportive housing and are frequent users of public systems, especially the local jail and behavioral health services.

Carol earned a master's degree in Urban Policy Analysis from the New School and a bachelor's degree from Boston University.



KRISTI SCHULENBERG, JD

Director, Center for Capacity Building,
National Alliance to End Homelessness

Kristi Schulenberg is the Director of the Center for Capacity Building, where she oversees the Capacity Building team's efforts to help communities implement solutions to end homelessness by providing training, technical assistance, and tools to providers and public agencies nationwide. Prior to her role as Director, Ms. Schulenberg served as a Senior Technical Assistance Specialist at the Alliance, where she developed and delivered training and technical assistance on best practices on ending homelessness, including

re-designing emergency shelter, diversion, rapid rehousing, system performance measures, and redesigning and building capacity for coordinated crisis response systems. Immediately prior to joining the Alliance, Ms. Schulenberg served as the Staff Attorney/ Project Manager for the Veterans Legal Assistance Project at the Neighborhood Legal Services Program in DC, where she provided legal services to veterans experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness. From 2014 to 2016, Ms. Schulenberg served as the Deputy Director, Federal Programs and as a Staff Attorney at HomeBase, The Center for Common Concerns, a national nonprofit public interest law firm dedicated to combating and ending homelessness. She holds a B.A. in Religious Studies from the University of Dayton, and a J.D. from Golden Gate University School of Law.

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ABBIE STEINBACK, AMSW

Operations Fellow, My Dog Is My Home

Abbie has lived and worked in communities throughout Chicago, Wisconsin, Florida, and Nicaragua. She worked as a school social worker supporting students and families in circumstances of homelessness and later as a social service director for an organization providing veterinary care, social work services, and human-animal advocacy with human-animal families experiencing homelessness. Abbie earned an undergraduate degree in

Family, Youth, and Community Sciences with a minor in Nonprofit Leadership from the University of Florida and a MA in Social Work from the University of Chicago. Abbie feels very lucky to have the support and love of her family, including her recently adopted senior pup Syd and her two incredible dogs Leah and Toby who have since passed on. "When all that is left of me is love, give me away."



HYEYOON SUNG

Volunteer, My Dog Is My Home; NYU Animal Studies Masters student

I was born and brought up in the United States for 7 years until I went to Korea and lived there until my graduation from high school. Afterwards, I got accepted to PEAK, an international 4-year degree program offered by the University of Tokyo to major in Japan in East Asia. Having lived in various places has led me to not only wonder and learn about myself, but also how people view the world. Eventually, I

realized my academic interests lie in analyzing the impact of media on human-animal relations, which has led me to pursue my master's degree in Animal Studies at New York University.

PHILIP TEDESCHI, LCSW MSSW

Clinical Professor, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver

Founder and Director Emeritus, Institute for Human-Animal Connection, University of Denver



Philip Tedeschi is the Director Emeritus and Founder of the Institute for Human-Animal Connection and a clinical professor at the Graduate School of Social Work and an affiliated faculty with the University of Denver's Animal Law Program. He teaches in the Human-Animal-Environmental Interaction Certificate for Master of Social Work students, examining the intricate relationship between people, domestic and wild animals, and the natural world. Tedeschi's research, scholarship, teaching and community practice work have focused on issues of social and interspecies justice, global

perspectives of human-animal interactions, conservation social work and human ecology. He specializes in the bio-affiliative connection between people and animals, the health promoting potential of human-animal and nature interaction, trauma informed care and causes of violence including assessment and intervention with cruelty to people and other animals.

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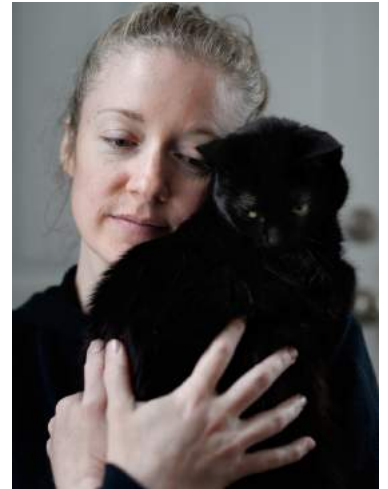
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DANA TEEL, MS

Animal Care Liaison and Co-Sheltering Collaborative Administrator,
My Dog Is My Home

Dana has worked in various professional roles in non-profit human and animal welfare focused organizations, including her current positions as the Animal Care Liaison and Co-Sheltering Collaborative Administrator at My Dog Is My Home. She has earned a Master of Science in Anthrozoology from Canisius College, with particular interest in animal behavior and animal sheltering. She is passionate about promoting programs and best-practices that support the well-being of animals and the humans that care for them. Dana currently lives in Richmond, VA with her fiancé, Khue and their four wonderfully unique feline family members: Special One Six, Mochi, Yo-Yo Ma, and Lucy.



Melinda "Mel" Trueblood Stimpson, BS, CET, CAATP

Consultant for Ludar Animal Behavior
Executive Director for Adopt Ohio

Mel ("Melinda"; they/them) is a scientist, consultant, charity director, educator and professional disruptor focused on decolonization of all things science. They are a first generation college graduate that attended The Ohio State University for their undergraduate studies. Currently, they are working towards a master's degree in Psychology and hope to pursue a joint MD/Ph.D. program focusing on Neuropsychiatry. Mel identifies as Romani, Indigenous, Jewish, Queer/2S and Neurodivergent. Due to the fact their lived experiences intersect in several ways, they have become passionate about diversity, equity, and inclusion within all aspects of animal welfare. Currently Mel's special interest is helping unhoused and housing insecure pet parents.



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Jennifer White-Reid is the Senior Vice President of Domestic Violence Residential and Legal Programs at Urban Resource Institute. In this role, she is responsible for the strategic direction, design, implementation, and operation of URI's domestic violence emergency and transitional shelter programs, and legal services. Jennifer has over 20 years of leadership, management and advocacy experience working for the advancement of underserved children, individuals and families. She has extensive experience with project

management, program development, community engagement and education, policy analysis and staff development. Prior to joining URI, she served as a Senior Staff Attorney at South Brooklyn Legal Services where she represented survivors of domestic violence in matrimonial, family court and immigration proceedings. Jennifer has spoken publicly about intimate partner violence throughout her career, and has served on various boards and committees, including the Steering Committee of the NYC Coalition of Domestic Violence Residential Providers, and the NYS Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Jennifer obtained her Juris Doctorate (JD) from Fordham University School of Law, where she was a Stein Scholar. She also obtained her Bachelor's degree in psychology and a Certificate in Executive Leadership in the Not-for-Profit Sector from New York University.



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To promote an understanding that accommodating human-animal families in homeless services is both necessary and possible, the Co-Sheltering Collaborative - a national network of homeless services providers, government agencies, and animal welfare organizations that are actively working on the implementation of co-sheltering - has been developed to share expertise and showcase examples of innovative programs that address integrated human and animal sheltering needs.

Co-Sheltering Collaborative 2022 Quarterly Meeting Dates

All meetings are held 12:30 - 2:00 PM PST / 3:30 - 5:00 PM EST via Zoom.

February 17, 2022 | May 19, 2022 | August 25, 2022 | November 17, 2022

The Co-Sheltering Collaborative provides members with opportunities to:

- Share expertise
- Exchange resources
- Showcase examples of innovative programs
- Participate in cooperative problem solving and troubleshooting
- Develop collaborative goals
- Identify and promote effective practices

We remain committed to working together toward providing safe and equitable access to social services for community members in need.

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