

HSVMA IN ACTION

2019 Year in Review



*Compassionate
Care Scholarships*

Helping Support the Next Generation of Humane Leaders

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President's Message

Barry Kipperman, DVM, DACVIM, MSc, DACAW

HSVMA Board President

It has been an honor to serve as President of the Board of the HSVMA this year. I am continually amazed at how much we accomplish on behalf of animal welfare because of the commitment and advocacy of our veterinary professional members and devoted staff. Our members represent many subsets of our profession, and your qualifications and credentials are extremely impressive. As a result, our impact in advancing animal welfare far surpasses our financial resources.

During 2019, more than 1,200 veterinary professionals joined HSVMA in actively advocating for animal welfare nationwide. You can read more about HSVMA's achievements in the article on page 3, "Veterinary advocacy in action." Other opportunities to contribute to our goals are outlined in the article on volunteerism. Our State Rep program has expanded to include 32 members representing 29 states. We offer complimentary continuing education to members in the form of 6 RACE-approved CE events annually on welfare-related topics, as well as dozens of archived on-demand lectures. At the upcoming VMX 2020 conference, we are sponsoring a lecture on "Honoring Our Oath by Increasing Access to Veterinary Care."

Student participation and outreach are pivotal to our future success. We have HSVMA chapters at 11 veterinary schools and representatives at 17 schools, including in the United Kingdom and the Caribbean. In 2019, HSVMA provided 30 presentations on a variety of animal welfare-related topics on vet school campuses across the country. In October, we hosted our fifth annual Animal Welfare Symposium at Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine. This year, HSVMA recognized four veterinary students with Compassionate Care Scholarships for their amazing accomplishments in animal welfare. It's so inspiring for the sponsors of this program to learn about the efforts of our profession's future leaders.

Based on feedback from our members, we are actively working on developing a 3-year and 5-year strategic plan. Some of these initiatives include: building a stronger HSVMA, mitigating the health and welfare issues associated with purebred breeding of dogs and cats, expanding the veterinary role in recognizing and reporting animal abuse, and increasing access to veterinary care.

The HSVMA is the only VMA with a commitment to advancing animal welfare as our primary mission. In addition to knowing that your membership directly contributes to this mission, members also receive numerous tangible benefits outlined in the Membership Benefits article. I hope you take pride in reading about our accomplishments. Thank you for your contributions, and I look forward to continued success in improving our stewardship of all animals.

Sincerely,



Dr. Barry Kipperman and fellow HSVMA Board member Dr. Paula Kislak advocate for a ban on trophy hunting at the Capitol in Sacramento. Photo Credit: HSVMA

COVER PHOTO: Caitlyn Rize, this year's 1st place recipient of the Compassionate Care Scholarship. Photo Credit: Maegan Bartell, Gracie Mae Photography.



An HSVMA team participated in California Humane Lobby Day including (l to r) Heather Schrader, RVT, Elisa Martin, RVT, Paula Kislak, DVM, Barbara Hodges, DVM, Barry Kipperman, DVM, and Pam Runquist. Photo Credit: HSVMA

Advocacy

Pam Runquist, MS
Executive Director

During 2019, more than 1,200 veterinary professionals joined HSVMA in actively advocating for animal welfare nationwide.

Highlights of our advocacy efforts in 2019 include:

Puppy mills/Pet shops:

HSVMA and our members supported increased regulation of large-scale commercial dog breeding operations (i.e. puppy mills).

- Nearly 300 veterinary professionals joined HSVMA in support of a (pending) USDA ruling that would increase veterinary care and require higher humane standards for dogs living in large-scale breeding facilities.
- HSVMA members supported bills in New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania (SB44), and Maine which required pet stores to work with rescue groups and animal shelters to adopt out animals rather than selling dogs and cats from breeders.

Wildlife Protection:

Advocating for wildlife protection was also a top organizational priority.

- Nearly 400 veterinary professionals joined HSVMA in signing a statement opposing the (pending) delisting of gray wolves from protections under the Endangered Species Act.
- In Oregon, HSVMA State Representative, Dr. Katie Bahr, testified in support of a bill to ban the use of M-44s and other devices that rely on cyanide to kill predators (SB 580). The bill was signed into law by OR Gov. Kate Brown.
- In California, an HSVMA team traveled to Sacramento to advocate for a bill to ban the sale and manufacture of fur products (AB 44) as well as a bill to ban bobcat hunting (AB 1254). Both bills were signed into law by CA Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Companion Animal Protection:

HSVMA's advocates were also successful in the companion animal arena.

- In New York, after several years of building support, AB 1303 to ban cat declawing was signed into law by NY Governor Andrew Cuomo. HSVMA State Representative Dr. Eileen Jefferson was instrumental in the success of this landmark legislation, the first of its kind in the U.S., helping to recruit more than 110 NY veterinarians to support the effort along with bill sponsor, The Paw Project.
- In Louisiana, a bill (HB 454) to limit the transfer of animals from shelters to research institutions was signed into law. HSVMA LA State Representative, Dr. Kate Maher, submitted support testimony for this legislation.

Humane Lobby Days

HSVMA representatives participated in several Humane Lobby Day events during 2019, bringing the positive impact of the veterinary voice to those advocacy efforts.

HSVMA veterinary professionals traveled to statehouses in California, Florida, Maryland, Rhode Island and Oregon for Humane Lobby Day events. In addition, a team of HSVMA veterinarians gathered in Washington, DC to participate in an Equine Lobby Day in September. The group lobbied for: the PAST Act (H.R.693/S.1007), to end the cruel practice of horse soring; the SAFE Act (H.R.961/S.2206), to end horse slaughter and the export of horses for slaughter; and the Horseracing Integrity Act (H.R.1754/S.1820), to end the practice of race day doping. For more information on these pending bills, go to

www.hsvma.org/advocate_animals.



New York veterinarians, including HSVMA NY State Rep Dr. Eileen Jefferson (far right), participate in Animal Advocacy Day and lobby on behalf of the cat declaw ban. Joining Dr. Jefferson are (l to r), Drs. Gretchen Cawein, Jennifer Conrad (founder of The Paw Project), Holly Cheever (HSVMA Leadership Council member), and Susan Whittred. Photo Credit: The Paw Project

State Representative Network Extends HSVMA's Outreach

Barbara Hodges, DVM, MBA

Director of Advocacy and Outreach

Launched in 2014, the HSVMA State Representative program has connected the organization with a talented team of volunteer veterinarians who substantially expand our outreach and our impact in advancing animal welfare reforms nationwide.

The HSVMA State Rep team assists with outreach to their state VMAs and within the broader profession. They help with advocacy on legislative initiatives, provide expert testimony, submit opinion pieces to media outlets and publish articles in professional journals. They also assist with membership outreach at veterinary conferences, present talks at veterinary medical colleges, and offer vital first-hand field perspectives from their respective states.

There is no typical background required of an HSVMA State Rep, except a strong commitment to working within the veterinary community to help advance the health and welfare of animals. In fact, we celebrate their diverse backgrounds.

Among our Reps are small animal and mixed animal practitioners, house call veterinarians, practice owners, shelter veterinarians and consultants, a teacher of veterinary workshops for kids and advocate for special-needs pets, board-certified animal welfare specialists,

internists, behavior specialists, academics, a public health consultant, a veterinarian journalist, veterinarians with advanced training in forensics, animal welfare, public policy, business administration and epidemiology, a founder of a non-profit free clinic network serving pets of homeless and indigent people, a provider of MASH-style veterinary clinic services at Native American reservations, and two veterinarians who are also attorneys.

The HSVMA State Representative program now includes a talented team of 32 Reps, representing 29 states (there are four states with Co-Reps) and the District of Columbia.

Interested in representing HSVMA within your state? Please contact us at advocacy@hsvma.org or visit www.hsvma.org/statereps to learn more about the program.



HSVMA Director of Advocacy and Outreach Dr. Barbara Hodges and HSVMA Maryland and Massachusetts State Rep Dr. Nick Dodman participate in Equine Lobby Day in Washington, DC. Photo Credit: HSUS



HSVMA Florida State Representative Dr. Sy Woon (left) participated in the Humane Lobby Day at the Statehouse in Tallahassee. Photo Credit: Sy Woon



HSVMA Arkansas State Representative Dr. Eric Jayne trains veterinary students during a Spay Arkansas clinic. Photo Credit: Dr. Eric Jayne

HSVMA State Representatives

Alabama: Karen Hill Sheppard, DVM

Arizona: Nellie Goetz, DVM, MPH

Arkansas: Eric Jayne, DVM

California: Barry Kipperman, DVM, DACVIM, MSc, DACAW
Paula Kislak, DVM

Colorado: Jon Geller, DVM, DABVP

Connecticut: Melissa Shapiro, DVM

District Of Columbia: Gail Hansen, DVM, MPH

Florida: Sy Woon, BVSc

Georgia: Sharon Crowell-Davis, DVM, PhD, DACVB
Michael Good, DVM

Hawaii: Lisa Labrecque, DVM

Illinois: Meredith Rives, DVM

Louisiana: Kate Maher, DVM

Maryland: Nicholas Dodman, BVMS, DACVB, DACVAA

Massachusetts: Nicholas Dodman, BVMS, DACVB, DACVAA
Christine Schlupf, DVM

Michigan: Pamela Greenwald, DVM, MS

Minnesota: Karen Arras, DVM, MBA
Amos Deinard, DVM, PhD

Missouri: Anna Delabar, DVM

New Jersey: Patricia Zinna, DVM, MS

New York: Eileen Jefferson, DVM

North Carolina: David Stansfield, BVSc, MRCVS

North Dakota: Lori Gossard, DVM

Ohio: Lee Schrader, DVM, DACVIM

Oregon: Katie Bahr, DVM

Pennsylvania: John Rossi, VMD, MBioethics

Rhode Island: Gary Block, DVM, MS, DACVIM

South Carolina: Jennie Elizabeth Clark, DVM, JD

Tennessee: Michael Greenberg, DVM

Texas: Carrie Waters, DVM, PhD, JD, DACVIM

Virginia: Josette Phillips Richmond, MS, DVM

West Virginia: Josette Phillips Richmond, MS, DVM

HSVMA Leadership

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Equine behavior was the focus of one of the HSVMA webinars during 2019. The webinar is archived at www.hsvma.org/webinars. Photo Credit: Istock photo

HSVMA Webinar Series Launches Some Firsts!

Lorna Grande, DVM
Veterinary Adviser

Our welfare-focused webinar series remains a favorite HSVMA member benefit.

Members have free access to all live (six per year) and three dozen archived webinars. HSVMA RACE-approved CE presentations are unique and offer topics not usually available in other online veterinary CE forums.

In 2019 we once again expanded our program. This year, we held our first equine welfare webinar. Learning about low-stress and fear-free handling of small animal patients is becoming more mainstream and we wanted to offer that option to equine practitioners as well. *Equine Veterinary Procedures Without the Dust-Up*, presented by Robin Foster, PhD, CAAB was very well received.

Another first this year was coordinating our webinar *Cost of Cuteness* with the launch of our *Cost of Cuteness*

Campaign. This HSVMA campaign addresses the health and welfare issues associated with brachycephalic dog breeds. Our webinar, presented by one of the UK's animal welfare leaders, Sean Wensley, BVSc, MSc, MRCVS, is archived as an evergreen resource to support the campaign.

Featured in 2019:

- ***Access to Veterinary Care: A National Family Crisis***
Presented by Michael Blackwell, DVM, MPH, and Susan Krebsbach, DVM, Center for Pet Health Equity, University of Tennessee
- ***Before the Rehabilitator Arrives: How to Stabilize Emergency Wildlife Patients***
Presented by Renata Schneider, DVM, and Lynn Miller, PhD, CWR

- *The Optimal Age for Spay/Neuter*
Presented by Philip Bushby, DVM, MS, DACVS

For more information on upcoming and archived webinars, visit www.hsvma.org/webinars.

HSVMA Provides Welfare-Related CE at Animal Care Expo

As the largest U.S. conference for the animal welfare community, Animal Care Expo is becoming an increasingly popular draw for veterinary professionals who are looking for opportunities to earn CE credits on welfare-related topics. For the sixth year in a row, HSVMA hosted 15+ hours of RACE CE credits for veterinary professionals at Animal Care Expo 2019 on topics related to shelter and community medicine. New in 2019, HSVMA also hosted a day-long Learning Lab for veterinary professionals with presentations related to collaborative efforts between the veterinary and shelter/rescue communities.

Animal Care Expo 2020 will be held May 6-9 in San Antonio, TX. Veterinary CE will cover shelter medicine protocols, animal cruelty investigations, geriatric and hospice care, low-cost effective medical protocols for common conditions, and fear-free handling. There will also be a special day-long Learning Lab on best practices for transporting rescue and shelter animals between regions of the U.S. For more information on Animal Care Expo, go to www.animalsheltering.org/expo.

VMX Presentation Highlights Timely Welfare Topics

HSVMA continued its tradition of hosting an evening presentation on a timely welfare-related topic at VMX 2019 with Dr. Sean Wensley of the UK presenting on, “The Cost of Cuteness: How Veterinarians Can Help Improve the Health and Welfare of Brachycephalics.” As noted above, Dr. Wensley also presented a similar session in



HSVMA Leadership Council Chair Dr. Joann Lindenmayer (left) and HSVMA Florida State Representative Dr. Sy Woon attend a session at Animal Care Expo 2019. Photo Credit: HSUS

Some feedback from HSVMA webinar attendees ...

“I loved the speaker and her approach to behavior by starting with compassion.”

—Lori Bierbrier, DVM

“One of the best webinars I have attended.”

—Noelle Klocke, Veterinary Technician

“Excellent presentation. I appreciate the discussion of moral responsibility as a profession. As a brachy owner (via rescue), I also feel that the presentation was sensitive to the owners’ lack of education but did not blame or finger point. Great job!”

—Kristen Talbott, DVM

“It was the right amount of info in an easy-to-comprehend format.”

—Jean Hofve, DVM

“I really enjoyed this presentation, especially the focus on addressing brachy imagery in marketing and social media.”

—Julie Levy, DVM, PhD, DACVIM, DABVP

the HSVMA webinar series which is archived and free to HSVMA members. Go to www.hsvma.org/brachycephalics to access this webinar.

At VMX 2020, HSVMA will be hosting a presentation entitled, “Honoring Our Oath by Increasing Access to Veterinary Care.”

HSVMA Board Members Dr. Michael Blackwell and Dr. Gary Block will discuss ways that veterinarians

can help provide access to care through community-based programs and other innovative resources. For more information, visit www.hsvma.org/events.



HSVMA Board Member Dr. Michael Blackwell presented several sessions at Animal Care Expo 2019 relating to access to veterinary care issues. Photo Credit: HSUS



University of Illinois veterinary students participating in a RAVS suture lab hosted by HSVMA. Photo Credit: Emma Whitmore

HSVMA on Campus in 2019

Heather Schrader, RVT

Program Manager, Student Outreach

HSVMA Student Chapter and Student Representative Program

HSVMA works with many veterinary students who volunteer to serve as officers in our chapters or as a representative. In 2019, HSVMA sponsored student chapters at 11 veterinary schools as well as student representatives at an additional 17 schools, including Universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh! Our chapter officers and representatives have been involved in many activities in 2019 including:

- Coordinating World Spay Day events at Cornell University, Auburn University, and University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Organizing talks given by our HSVMA Speakers Bureau on a variety of different animal welfare topics
- Helping coordinate the fifth annual Animal Welfare Symposium at Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine

- Organizing RAVS informational sessions and suture labs on campuses to teach students about this popular field service opportunity
- Representing HSVMA at campus and community events
- Lobbying for humane animal legislation at Humane Lobby Days

For more information on the HSVMA Student Chapter and Representative program, go to hsvma.org/students.

Education in Animal Welfare Topics

Speakers Bureau: In 2019, HSVMA hosted 30 presentations on a variety of animal welfare-related topics at vet school campuses across the country. Students heard experts present on topics such as wildlife medicine, access to care, antibiotic resistance/One Health, puppy mills, exotic companion mammals, and caring for pets of the indigent.



Dr. Antonia Gardner with Tuskegee veterinary students following a presentation at the vet school. Photo credit: Sheree Deadrick



A veterinary student giving Dr. Jon Geller a tour of the Tufts Wildlife Clinic. Photo credit: Siena Mitman

Additional teaching options: Several HSVMA student chapters and representatives hosted screenings of one of the popular HSVMA webinars or invited a speaker to present remotely using an online platform. Topics featured include fish behavior/sentience and controversies in wildlife research. These options offered a more flexible schedule for the speakers and/or students and reduced the carbon footprint that often accompanies long-distance travel.

Skills Development Opportunities Offered by HSVMA

HSVMA promotes skills development through training opportunities and partnership with several direct care programs. Some of the 2019 opportunities included:

- RAVS clinics held on Native American reservations across the western United States
- Suture labs offered at University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Illinois, Louisiana State University, Washington State University, and University of Missouri
- Veterinary student externships at South Florida Wildlife Center in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
- Volunteer opportunities to participate in Pets for Life wellness clinics



Dr. Antonia Gardner lecturing on exotic companion mammals at Auburn University. Photo Credit: Krista Wood

Student Animal Welfare Symposium

In October, HSVMA hosted the fifth annual Animal Welfare Symposium at Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Lectures were presented on topics such as recognizing and reporting animal cruelty, street dog medicine, equine welfare, disaster response, and shelter medicine. Attendees also had the opportunity to volunteer at a wellness clinic for animals of the homeless in Detroit. This symposium was generously sponsored by the Kislak Family Foundation and our benefit partner, Total Planning Veterinary Services.

Volunteerism: A Critical and Rewarding Role for Veterinary Professionals

Pam Runquist, MS
Executive Director

Veterinary professionals have the skills and expertise to fill many crucial volunteer roles in the animal protection arena. There are also lots of opportunities to pick the volunteer experience(s) most rewarding to you.

Below are just a few opportunities available through the Humane Society of United States (HSUS) programs, sanctuaries, and affiliates. Your contribution will be much appreciated!

Rural Area Veterinary Services (RAVS)

The Fund for Animals Rural Area Veterinary Services (RAVS) program provides opportunities for both veterinary students and professionals to help underserved rural communities throughout the United States.

RAVS teams work primarily with Native American communities to set up MASH-style mobile field clinics where they provide a range of services for more than 7,000 animals every year. Volunteers who generously share their time and expertise can receive up to 30 hours of RACE-approved continuing education credit. www.ruralareavet.org



HSUS Animal Rescue Team (ART)

The HSUS Animal Rescue Team rescues thousands of animals every year from puppy mills, animal fighting operations, natural disasters, and other situations where animals suffer life-threatening cruelty and neglect. www.hsvma.org/volunteering

Pets for Life, Multiple US Locations

The HSUS Pets for Life program extends the reach of animal services and resources within underserved urban areas in the United States. Pets for Life operates in Los Angeles and Philadelphia as well as dozens of other cities through its mentorship program. www.petsforlife.org

Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch, Murchison, TX

The Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch is home to around 1,000 rescued animals, including bison, cattle, horses, burros, antelope, apes, reptiles, and tigers. The ranch has a newly constructed veterinary hospital able to accommodate all the sanctuary's species for medical or surgical care. www.fundforanimals.org/blackbeauty.

Street Dog Coalition, Multiple Locations

The Street Dog Coalition offers opportunities for veterinary professionals to help provide care for animals of the homeless and other indigent families in communities nationwide. Founded by HSVMA Colorado State Rep. Dr. Jon Geller, the Street Dog Coalition sets up pop-up clinics in areas of need to provide wellness and preventive care for dogs

and cats. HSVMA is partnering with Dr. Geller to hold Street Dog Coalition clinics in partnership with veterinary students near various U.S. veterinary school campuses. www.streetdogcoalition.org

For more volunteer options and information, visit www.hsvma.org/volunteering.



Photo Caption: Veterinary students from Michigan State University participate in a Street Dog Coalition clinic in Detroit. Photo Credit: HSVMA



Auburn University veterinary student volunteers at a World Spay Day clinic. Photo credit: Krista Wood

World Spay Day

Heather Schrader, RVT

Program Manager, Student Outreach

For nine years, HSVMA has sponsored World Spay Day events involving veterinary and veterinary technician students. These clinics help reduce overpopulation of companion animals in addition to providing students with the training necessary to perform these important surgical procedures. HSVMA also encourages students to participate because it is a great opportunity to help animals in their communities and connect with local welfare organizations. For many students, the events inspire them to continue to help address animal overpopulation during their veterinary school years and beyond.

In 2019, HSVMA supported World Spay Day events involving students from four different schools. These events provided sterilization surgeries for more than 150 animals in need!



Students observing a cat neuter at a World Spay Day clinic at University of Wisconsin. Photo credit: Dr. Susan Krebsbach



Cornell veterinary students being supervised during surgery at a World Spay Day clinic. Photo credit: Patrick Connelly

- Veterinary students from Cornell University partnered with FARVets to sterilize feral cats in the Finger Lakes region of New York State.

- A team of Auburn University vet students participated in a clinic serving the Cherokee Humane Society in Acworth, Georgia.
- Veterinary students attending University of Wisconsin-Madison and veterinary technician students from Madison College collaborated with local organization, Madison Cat Project.

We commend all the volunteers who helped set up and run these clinics and thank everyone who offered their support!

Student Awards

Heather Schrader, RVT

Program Manager, Student Outreach

Meet the Recipients of the 2019 HSVMA Compassionate Care Scholarship

This year's HSVMA Compassionate Care Scholarship applicants inspired us with their fortitude and their achievements. Due to ongoing support from our leadership—Dr. Barry Kipperman, HSVMA Board President and California State Co-Representative,

Dr. Gary Block, HSVMA Board member, RI State Representative and owner of Ocean State Veterinary Services in Greenwich, RI, Dr. Paula Kislak, HSVMA Board member and California State Co-Representative and Dr. Carrie Waters, HSVMA Texas State Representative—we are proud to be able to award these outstanding students and recognize all they are doing to advance animal welfare in the veterinary field.

1st Place

CAITLYN RIZE

*University of Minnesota
College of Veterinary
Medicine, class of 2021*

Caitlyn's first career was in social work. Although she could not have predicted her career switch, she says she has “found that merging social work and veterinary medicine inherently enhances animal welfare through promotion of the human-animal bond.” She intends to use her veterinary training to help provide access to affordable veterinary care along with other social services needed by pet owners. In line with these ideals, Caitlyn currently serves as the co-president of the student organization Veterinary Treatment Outreach for Urban Community Health (VeTouch). VeTouch holds no-cost clinics every month for low-income citizens of the Twin Cities area. These clinics also provide veterinary students first-hand experience with basic vet care skills. Caitlyn used her social services savvy to collaborate with social work students so that pet owners can obtain other services at the monthly clinics, as well. In addition to her work with the free clinic, Caitlyn also works as a veterinary technician at Midwest Animal Rescue and Services (MARS), a rescue organization that also provides low-cost veterinary care at its non-profit clinic.



2nd Place

FARIDA (FAYE) VARIAS

*Western University of
Health Sciences College
of Veterinary Medicine,
class of 2021*

Faye also started her working life in a different field before attending veterinary school. Although a successful journalist and writer, her volunteer work at Guam Animals In Need (GAIN), the island's only animal shelter, awakened a sense of passion for animals in need. Knowing she could do more for them, Faye joined the staff of GAIN and started working with local organizations to expose herself to veterinary opportunities. She became the Team Leader at Haggan Watch Sea Turtle Recovery Program, volunteered as the Chairwoman for the American Cancer Society's Bark for Life on Guam, which honors the canine companions of cancer patients, and was Founding Chairwoman for Project Dog Park Guam. Ultimately, Faye became the surgery technician at GAIN and became involved with Humane Society International's efforts to bring a low-cost spay/neuter clinic to the island. All of these activities (and more!) inspired Faye to develop her Guam Spaycation project. The pilot program, which she launched this summer, will bring vets and veterinary technicians to the island to perform spay/neuter services and will also allow students to gain hands-on experience.



About the HSVMA Compassionate Care Scholarship

The HSVMA Compassionate Care Veterinary Student Scholarship is awarded to veterinary students who have demonstrated an interest in and commitment to animal welfare, animal rights, or animal protection issues in veterinary medicine. Scholarships are awarded to three students (\$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,500 levels). The scholarship is open to students who are currently in their first, second, and third years at U.S. or Canadian AVMA-accredited veterinary schools (including Ross and St. George's).

If you're interested in donating to support this program, email students@hsvma.org.

Visit the website to learn more about how to apply: hsvma.org

3rd Place (tie)

ABBIE KNUDSEN

*University of Missouri
College of Veterinary
Medicine, class of 2022*

Abbie's commitment to animal welfare started when she was an undergraduate. She completed an internship at National Tiger Sanctuary (NTS), a non-profit in Missouri that provides refuge to exotic and domestic animals along with education on conservation. After graduation, she was hired as staff and her subsequent dedication and hard work led to her ultimately becoming the Executive Director at NTS. Outside of her job there, Abbie was also an active District Leader for the Humane Society of the United States. This volunteer position involves grassroots work with legislative advocacy. She applied these skills to her work at NTS and furthered the sanctuary's mission to include animal advocacy at the legislative level. It also led her to work with other organizations to help develop the first Big Cat Sanctuary Alliance in this country. This alliance works on issues affecting big cats such as the exotic pet trade, advancing standards of care, and big cats used for entertainment.



3rd Place (tie)

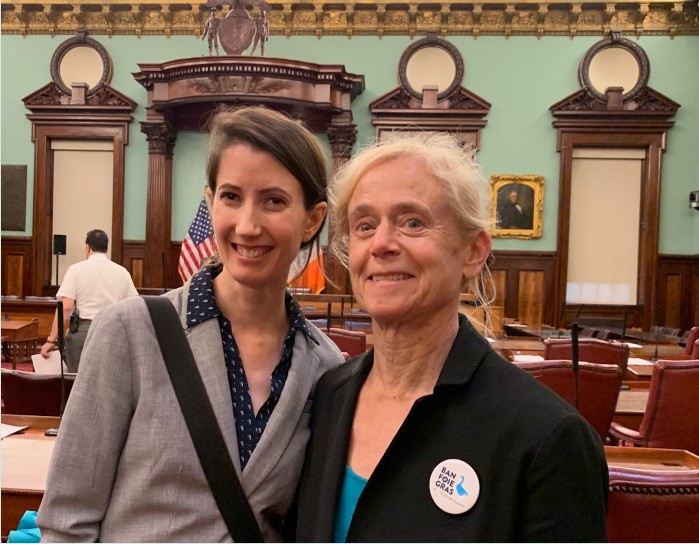
RON ORCHARD

*Kansas State University
College of Veterinary
Medicine, class of 2022*

Ron has been involved in shelter medicine for many years, first as Veterinary Services Supervisor at Denver Dumb Friends League where he managed an animal hospital which performed an average of 10,000 surgeries per year. Ron is a licensed Veterinary Technician and has also worked in this role at Seattle Humane and as the Shelter Medicine Manager at Oregon Humane Society. It is because of this extensive background that he was hired to help set up the Shelter Medicine Program at the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. R. Bradley Crauer, Assistant Clinical Professor of Shelter Medicine at KSU affirms, "Over the last four years, [Ron] has been instrumental in the successful roll out of a service-based mobile surgery unit teaching fourth-year students about all aspects of veterinary shelter medicine. This course is consistently rated highest by students and has received multiple awards for community impact. Much of the program's accolades are due directly to Ron Orchard's involvement." In addition to maintaining his employment within the shelter medicine program, he gained admittance to veterinary school and is also pursuing a Masters in Public Health.



HSVMA in Action



HSVMA New York State Representative Dr. Eileen Jefferson (left) and HSVMA Leadership Council Member Dr. Holly Cheever testified in support of a proposed New York City ban on foie gras and increased standards of care for the city's carriage horses. Photo Credit: Dr. Eileen Jefferson



HSVMA member Dr. Shelly Pancoast speaks to attendees at the Rhode Island Humane Lobby Day regarding a bill to restrict sales of “puppy mill” dogs at pet stores in the state. Photo Credit: HSUS



HSVMA Student Chapter Officers at Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine (left to right) - Jenny Nguyen, Ashley MacDonald and Courtney Senkewitz - coordinated the 5th Annual HSVMA Animal Welfare Symposium hosted at Michigan State in October 2019. Veterinary students from 12 different schools attended the event. Photo Credit: HSVMA

Cost of Cuteness Campaign



HSVMA launched our Cost of Cuteness campaign during 2019 to help address the significant health and welfare issues impacting brachycephalic breeds. Campaign efforts included a presentation at VMX 2019, a webinar (which is archived on the HSVMA website), and a fact sheet that provides related resources for veterinary professionals. More campaign information is available at www.hsvma.org/brachycephalic. Photo credit: Istock Photo.

HSVMA Membership Benefits

Piper Crussell, Program Manager

Membership and Marketing

A key benefit of HSVMA membership is knowing you are supporting a leadership role for veterinary professionals in the animal protection movement. HSVMA is the only veterinary medical association focusing on animal welfare, and your membership ensures that veterinary voices are at the forefront of the most important animal welfare initiatives facing our profession and our communities today.

HSVMA also provides a variety of membership benefits that are designed to directly help you in your professional career. Featured among these benefits are:

Continuing Education

HSVMA Webinar Series

HSVMA members can earn RACE-approved continuing education credit—free of charge—by accessing any of our live webinars (six per year) and 35+ archived online on-demand webinars, all on welfare-related topics.

Animal Care Expo

HSVMA members enjoy discounted registration rates for Animal Care Expo, which offers 15+ hours of continuing education credit on animal welfare topics annually. Animal Care Expo 2020 will be held May 6-9 in San Antonio, TX.

Insurance and Financial Services

Professional Liability Insurance

HSVMA partners with Safehold Special Risk to offer HSVMA members a cost-effective professional liability insurance program.



Individual Disability Insurance

HSVMA partners with Total Planning Veterinary Services to offer HSVMA members a discounted individual disability insurance product from Principal Life Insurance. Graduating veterinary students can purchase this insurance without medical screening.



Credit Card Processing

A trusted partner of HSVMA, Gravity Payments guarantees to meet, or beat, your current credit card processing rates. They will also donate a portion of their profits back to HSVMA and cover the cost of your HSVMA membership while you are a Gravity customer.



Publications and Subscriptions

Free Copy of HSVMA Wildlife Care Handbook for Veterinary Hospitals

Since interest in animal welfare is on the rise, clients will often seek out the aid of a veterinarian when they see perceived injured or orphaned wildlife. Many times they will transport animals directly to vet clinics for treatment. This guide provides vital information on intake and triage, temporary care, and safe transport of injured animals to rehabbers.



Free Subscription to Animal Sheltering Magazine

This award-winning magazine covers topics related to animal shelters and rescues, including shelter and community medicine. It is a valuable resource as well as a popular item in clinic waiting rooms.

Free Subscription to HSVMA News

Our monthly e-newsletter provides updates about advocacy efforts, volunteer opportunities, member discounts and resources, and the latest in animal welfare news.

For more information about these and other valuable HSVMA membership benefits, visit www.hsvma.org/benefits.

An HSVMA team participated in an Equine Lobby Day in Washington, DC, including (left to right), Drs. Nicholas Dodman, Kate Maher, Patricia Zinna, Barbara Hodges, Holly Cheever and David Stansfeld. Photo Credit: HSVMA

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