



College of Veterinary Medicine

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2019 HSVMA Animal Welfare Symposium

— Agenda —

Saturday, October 5, 2019: Symposium

Location: Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine, G Building

Table with 3 columns: Time, Topic, Location. Rows include 8:00-9:00 am (Light breakfast and registration), 9:00-9:30 am (Welcome by Dean Puschner), and 9:30-9:50 am (HSVMA Intro and Housekeeping).

TRACK 1

Table with 3 columns: Time, Topic, Location. Row: 10:00-10:50 am, Three Dog Night: A Hard Life Made Harder, G150. Includes presenter Jon Geller and a description of the talk.

- 11:00 – 11:50 am**      ***The Art and Science of Street Medicine***      **G150**  
 Presenter: Jon Geller  
 A focus on street medicine and the challenges in delivering care, One Health outreach and opportunities for students to become involved.
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm**      **Lunch – MSU student presentation from 12:15 – 12:45 pm in G150: Megan Ahearne will present *Equine Welfare in Practice- Collaborative International Team Providing Care for Equids in Mexico***
- 1:00 – 1:50 pm**      ***Exotic Companion Mammals: The New Shelter Animal***      **G150**  
 Presenter: Antonia Gardner  
 What you need to know about the numbers of exotic companion animals that are flooding shelters, including basic husbandry and medical care. An overview of best spay/neuter methods for rabbits, guinea pigs, and sugar gliders will also be provided.
- 2:00 – 2:50 pm**      ***Wildlife Medicine***      **G150**  
 Presenter: Antonia Gardner  
 Deciding if a wild animal can be rehabilitated can be a daunting task for a veterinarian. Whether you are planning to specialize in wildlife medicine or help triage until transfer to a local rehabber, this presentation will give you the fundamentals, Intake, triage, handling, and species specific treatments are covered, as well as zoonotic diseases and what to take into consideration before release. Legal issues are also discussed.
- 3:00 – 3:50 pm**      ***Risk Versus Reunion: Emergency Response and Distemper After Hurricane Harvey***      **G150**  
 Presenter: Erin Katribe  
 Medical care plays a vital role in any emergency response. This presentation will discuss the part that medical plays in disaster response and the role of the veterinarian, using one organization's response to Hurricane Harvey and the distemper outbreak that occurred as an example. Despite the many challenges, disasters like Harvey present an opportunity for pushing the boundaries of lifesaving.

**4:00 – 4:50 pm**      ***Promoting Equine Welfare: The Veterinarian's Role in Equine Protection and Advocacy***      **G150**  
Presenter: Holly Cheever  
This presentation will focus on several timely equine welfare issues such as soring, carriage horses, racing, doping and slaughter. Several example cases of abuse and neglect will be discussed.

## **TRACK 2**

**10:00 – 10:50 am**      ***The Veterinarian's Role in Recognizing and Reporting Animal Cruelty***      **A213**  
Presenter: Pam Greenwald  
As an animal advocate and veterinary professional, one of the most important tasks you may undertake is recognizing and reporting animal cruelty. This presentation will provide guidance on recognizing animal cruelty, including abuse and neglect, and understanding the veterinary professional's responsibilities in reporting these cases to the appropriate authorities.

**11:00 – 11:50 am**      ***Veterinary Forensics and Testifying***      **A213**  
Presenter: Pam Greenwald  
An overview of what information needs to be provided for forensic analysis of cruelty, neglect and fighting cases and how to be prepared for testifying in a court of law.

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**1:00 – 1:50 pm**      ***End of Life Care in Companion Animal Medicine***      **A213**  
Presenter: Emery Engers  
Supporting pets and their families through the final stages of life is one of the most impactful and valuable contributions we make as a veterinarians. This talk will examine the growing field of hospice medicine, discuss common medical, emotional, and ethical challenges, and review best practices in providing end of life care.

**2:00 – 2:50 pm**      ***Five Freedoms for Shelter Animals: What Took So Long?***      **A213**  
Presenter: Shirene Cece  
The Five Freedoms were formalized in 1979 in response to a report on the welfare of farm animals in the United Kingdom. This presentation will go over what the Five Freedoms are and how, although they were developed for

livestock, they are now being used to improve the lives of animals in shelter situations.

**3:00 – 3:50 pm**

***Behavioral Pharmacology to Enhance Welfare  
in the Shelter Setting***

**A213**

Presenter: Marie Hopfensperger

There are numerous behavioral medications, as well as over-the-counter supplements, for use in our companion animals. How can these agents be best utilized in the shelter setting? We will review what we know - and what we don't - about use of behavioral medication and supplements in the shelter setting.

**4:00 – 4:50 pm**

***RAVS Suture Lab***

**Clinical Skills Lab**

Instructors: Erin Katribe and Emery Engers

This lab will teach the surgery techniques and suture patterns that are commonly used during RAVS clinics and other MASH-style surgery clinics. Students will also learn more about what to expect during a RAVS clinic and how to prepare for the experience. (This lab is limited to 40 participants.)