

2019 World Spay Day Grants Available!

For eight years, HSVMA has sponsored [World Spay Day](#) events at veterinary schools to help prevent overpopulation of companion animals through sterilization while at the same time providing veterinary students with training to learn these life-saving procedures. February 2019 is Spay/Neuter Awareness Month and that means HSVMA will again be offering World Spay Day grants of up to \$2,000 to schools whose veterinary students participate in a spay/neuter clinic either on campus or in conjunction with a local shelter or rescue organization during February. The funds must be received by a non-profit entity which can provide a W-9 for tax purposes. Students who are organizing a clinic at their school or with a local shelter or rescue group can contact Heather at hschrader@hsvma.org to receive a HSVMA World Spay Day Grant Application.

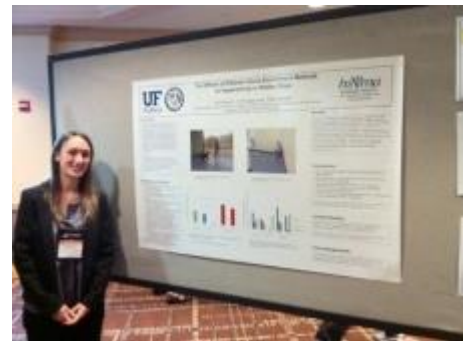


2018 World Spay Day clinic at Tuskegee University CVM

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New Poster Presentations at Animal Care Expo-Deadline for submission is January 22!

[Animal Care Expo](#) is the largest international educational conference and trade show for animal welfare professionals and volunteers. This year Expo is being held April 15-18 in New Orleans and the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has announced a new poster session which aims to showcase initiatives and research relevant to the field of animal sheltering. All are invited to submit abstracts for review. Up to 10 poster presentations will be selected for Animal Care Expo 2019. Presenting authors will be required to stand (or sit) by their poster during the poster presentation sessions, Tuesday, April 15 from 12:30pm-2pm and from 6:30pm-7:45pm, to facilitate interaction with conference attendees, answer questions and discuss the specifics of the study or project in a one-on-one or small group setting. Posters will be on display in the Exhibit Hall throughout the conference to allow attendees to view the information whenever the Exhibit Hall is open. One complimentary full conference registration will be awarded to one author of each poster chosen for presentation (provided the author has not already received a complimentary registration) and veterinary students will be able to apply for HSVMA travel stipends. If you're interested in submitting a poster for Expo, you can find more information [here](#). It would be great to have our student HSVMA members represented in this new Expo program!



Student poster presentation at University of Florida

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2018 Animal Welfare Symposium Held at Cornell University CVM

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of HSVMA Student Representatives Renee Staffeld and Andrew Bashi, along with their faculty advisor, Dr. Erin Henry, the fourth annual Animal welfare Symposium showcased several expert speakers at Cornell University CVM on Saturday, October 13. Approximately 70 attendees, including veterinary professionals and students representing 11 vet schools across the country, were present for a day of animal welfare topics ranging from street dog welfare in developing countries to street dog medicine for the homeless population. Travel stipends were provided to 17 veterinary students due to very generous sponsorship from [Maddie's Fund](#) and [New York State Humane Association](#). Additional sponsors for the symposium were Purina and Zoetis. More about this year's symposium can be found on our [webpage](#). Check back on our [website](#) in the spring of next year when we will announce the location of the fifth annual symposium!



Some of the attendees of the 2018 Animal Welfare Symposium at Cornell University CVM

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Lincoln Memorial Student volunteers at Rural One Health Clinic

Our student stories continue with a submission by Katelyn Jaqueway, a third-year student at Lincoln Memorial University-College of Veterinary Medicine. Katelyn volunteered with a summer clinic in Harrogate, Tennessee, that provided medical, dental and vision services to community members, in addition to veterinary care for their pets. [Remote Area Medical \(RAM\)](#) and [RedRover](#), along with LMU, provided all services free of cost. Katelyn was able to gain experience with surgical prep, techniques and recovery while providing services to pets who normally would not have access to preventative care. Read more about this amazing collaboration on our website. If you are planning a summer adventure that incorporates animal welfare, please contact Heather at hschrader@hsvma.org for more information about getting your story in a future student e-newsletter!



Volunteers perform and monitor surgery at the LMU Schenck Center

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