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Student Discounts for Animal Care Expo!

Animal Care Expo is going virtual again in 2021! Expo is the world's largest international training conference and trade show for animal welfare professionals and volunteers. **And a 50% discount on registration is being offered to students!** Animal Care Expo features 40 professional development sessions on topics such as disaster preparedness, non-surgical sterilization, housing policies and eviction response, veterinary telehealth, transport protocols, access to veterinary care issues, dog and cat behavior, employee wellness plans and much more. And like last year's online event, attendees will be able to interact live, via chat or video, with sponsor and program representatives, including HSVMA staff, in the virtual exhibit hall. Those wishing to take advantage of the student discount must email expo@humanesociety.org **from their student email** and they will be given a discount code to use at registration. Learn more about Expo [here](#).



Register for Animal Care Expo 2021 [here](#).

Animal Sheltering Magazine Goes Digital: HumanePro News

As a student member, you may have opted into receiving the award-winning *Animal Sheltering* magazine as a benefit of HSVMA membership. This popular publication has covered timely topics related to animal sheltering and the rescue community for more than four decades, including important veterinary topics such as shelter medicine, access to veterinary care and spay/neuter policies. As so many aspects of our lives move online, the magazine will now be distributed digitally with the new name, *HumanePro News*, to reflect its broader coverage of the humane movement. The cutting-edge content included in *HumanePro News* will be featured on a revamped website, HumanePro.org, and will bring you innovative ideas and lifesaving insights from animal welfare organizations around the country and even the globe. *HumanePro News*



It's easy to access online content via [HumanePro News](#).

is distributed biweekly. You can sign up for a free subscription [here](#).

Well-Being in the Veterinary Profession

School can be incredibly stressful. While you are navigating classes and clinics, dealing with personal issues, and looking toward your future and life as a veterinary professional, you inevitably end up calling upon your moral compass to guide you through tough decisions. While there are far too many scenarios to use as examples, ethical dilemmas will remain a part of your professional path. What is taught in school can sometimes conflict with your own sense of morality, ultimately leading to cognitive dissonance. As a result, many veterinary professionals suffer from depression, compassion fatigue, and some even question whether they want to remain in practice. There are many resources to help individuals connect with others who have gone through the same anguish. HSVMA has a [mentorship directory](#) of leadership who are willing to discuss their own career paths and support students who are concerned with animal welfare. [MightyVet](#), an online community which offers support, mentorship, and resources, was formed as a response to the incredibly high rate of suicide within the veterinary profession. It also offers CE addressing issues that are not part of a typical veterinary curriculum, such as maintaining a work-life balance and negotiating financial compensation. [Our Honor](#) is a new organization which aims to offer support to veterinary professionals who have experienced marginalization as the result of challenging unethical norms within veterinary medicine. This network of professionals come together to speak out against practices that cause undue suffering for animals and the people that have taken an oath to protect them. Please reach out to any of these networks for support.



HSVMA Representation on Veterinary Campuses

Are you passionate about animal welfare? If so, we need you to represent HSVMA on your vet school campus! We are looking for enthusiastic veterinary students at schools that do not already have a student representative or student

chapter. This opportunity will connect you with like-minded students at your school and provide activities that promote animal welfare in the veterinary community. Benefits include grant money for activities, access to speakers bureau presentations and suture labs, and advance notice of travel stipends and RAVS clinic information. Visit our website to learn more about the benefits of being an HSVMA student representative or starting a student chapter at your school. Schools where we are currently looking for students include University of Tennessee, University of Florida, Colorado State University, Oklahoma State University, Ross University, St. George's University, and Washington State. Questions can be sent to Heather Schrader, Program Manager of Student Outreach at hschrader@hsvma.org



Western University student chapter volunteering at World Spay Day clinic (2018)

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