

## HSVMA at the 2019 SAVMA Symposium

HSVMA will be at Booth #72 in the exhibit hall at the 2019 SAVMA Symposium hosted by University of Georgia on March 9-11. Come by to say hi and pick up some HSVMA swag! We will be raffling off some books and scrub tops, as well, so don't forget to stop by and sign up. This year HSVMA is excited to sponsor a lecture given by our HSVMA District of Columbia Representative, Dr. Gail Hansen. Her talk, **Superbugs, Super Problems: Antibiotic Resistance and One Health**, will be given on Sunday, March 10, at 3 pm in the Classic Center. Anne Marie McPartlin, LVT, RAVS Program Manager, will also be giving a lecture. Her talk, **Anesthesia and Analgesia in the Field: Keeping Patients Happy in a Bus Garage**, will be held Monday, March 11, at 3 pm in the Classic Center. Student Outreach Program Manager, Heather Schrader, will be at the HSVMA table and is looking forward to meeting new members and any students who she hasn't met in person!



Dr. John Rossi, HSVMA PA State Representative, at our 2018 HSVMA booth  
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## Calling All Students Interested in Attending the 2019 Animal Care Expo!

The 2019 [Animal Care Expo](#), the largest international educational conference and trade show for animal welfare professionals, will be held at the New Orleans convention center April 15-18. Educational sessions feature a new veterinary issues track as well as a variety of presentations on shelter and community medicine topics. HSVMA is offering a limited number of \$500 student travel stipends and complimentary registrations on a first-come, first-serve basis. These complimentary registrations include participation in the Learning Labs on Monday, April 15 (an extra \$50 for regular attendees!). Email Heather Schrader at [hschrader@hsvma.org](mailto:hschrader@hsvma.org) if you are interested in receiving a stipend and comp registration. Don't forget to stop by the HSVMA table in the exhibit hall and mingle with HSVMA staff and members. See you in New Orleans!



## 2019 Compassionate Care Scholarships are Open for Applications

The application for our [HSVMA 2019 Compassionate Care Scholarships](#) is now open! Students who are currently in their first, second or third year of veterinary school at an AVMA accredited university within the United States or Canada (including Ross and St. George's) are eligible to apply. [Applications](#) will be judged on financial need, dedication to animal welfare, letters of recommendation and academic standing. Due to very generous donations from our leadership, we will be offering \$3,000 to our first place recipient, \$2000 to our second place recipient and \$1,500 to our third place recipient. The application deadline is May 31, 2019 and applicants will be notified by July 31, 2019. Please contact Heather at [hshrader@hsvma.org](mailto:hshrader@hsvma.org) with any questions. Read about last year's recipients on our [webpage](#) to see the amazing achievements of this group of students. We can't wait to read about this year's applicants!



2018 Compassionate Care Scholarship first place recipient, Jacquie Cobb  
Photo credit: Jacquie Cobb

## Round Three of Spayathon™ for Puerto Rico

HSVMA's Program Manager of Student Outreach, Heather Schrader, traveled to Puerto Rico January 31 to help spay/neuter and vaccinate thousands of pets owned by the island's residents. [Spayathon™](#), a coalition of over 25 national and international groups, was established by the HSUS in response to a growing animal welfare crisis made worse by Hurricane Maria. Not only will Spayathon™ address the large number of pets without access to care, the initiative will also train local veterinary teams so they can continue to serve the island's pets long term. Stationed with an amazing team from [Emancipet](#), the HSUS and [Humane Society of Puerto Rico](#) in the municipality of Cidra, Heather (also a licensed RVT in California), helped prepare hundreds of pets for surgery during the seven day long clinic. At the end of seven days, 1417 pets had been vaccinated and spayed or neutered by the Cidra team! Round four is scheduled for May 2019 and Heather has no doubt that the volunteers who participate will find it as rewarding as she did.



Surgery area at the Spayathon™  
Cidra site  
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