2020 SAVMA at Cornell University CVM

HSVMA will have a table at this year’s SAVMA Symposium at Cornell University CVM March 14-16. Please stop by to say hello and meet Heather Schrader, Program Manager of Student Outreach, and our HSVMA Cornell Student Representative, Sarah Wright. You can also pick up a copy of our 2019 Year in Review and enter our raffle to win a copy of Wildlife Care Basics and a HSVMA t-shirt or scrub top. While you’re in the exhibit hall, we also encourage you to visit the table for Total Planning Veterinary Services. TPVS and HSVMA have partnered to offer discounted disability insurance for members who are graduating. Find out more at the SAVMA Symposium and we’ll see you in Ithaca!

HSVMA table at UPenn SAVMA 2018

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Animal Care Expo Stipends for Veterinary Students

This year’s Animal Care Expo will be held in San Antonio, Texas, May 6-9. Animal Care Expo is the largest and lowest-priced international educational conference in the animal welfare field. Experts from all aspects of animal welfare come together from across the globe to learn about the latest programs, share best practices, gain inspiration and build lasting connections. Presentations include a "learning lab" on best practices for transport protocols, behavior medicine sessions led by Dr. Marty Becker, forensics training by Dr. Melinda Merck, and sessions focusing on hospice care, shelter medicine protocols and community outreach. HSVMA will again be offering a limited number of $600 travel stipends to HSVMA
student members. In addition, we will be offering complimentary registrations which include the “Best practices for transport” learning lab (normally $50 in addition to the registration fee). If you’d like to attend Expo this year, email Heather Schrader at hschrader@hsvma.org to reserve your travel stipend and comp registration. These are limited and offered on a first-come, first-serve basis so don’t wait, email today!

**Stipends Available for Puppy Mill Research**

The HSVMA Student Animal Welfare Scholars Program provides veterinary students at schools throughout the U.S. and Canada with an opportunity to undertake animal welfare research projects, including developing objective and quantifiable ways of measuring animal welfare, identifying and understanding animal welfare issues, and identifying possible solutions to resolve animal welfare problems. This year the program has two $7000 stipends for research related to puppy mills. These stipends will be given to veterinary students attending AVMA-accredited veterinary schools in North America, with the bulk of their research carried out over summer break. We still have these stipends available for research to be performed this summer. Please email Heather Schrader at hschrader@hsvma.org if you have a qualifying research project or if you’d be interested in planning a project this summer. All students will be expected to work full time (40 hours or more per week) for a 10-week period, as well as write up and present their results in poster format at the HSVMA Animal Welfare Symposium, held during the fall term of the academic year. In order to apply for the stipends, students will have to identify a faculty member at their school (or at another accredited school) willing to endorse the project and mentor the student during the active project period.
2020 HSVMA Compassionate Care Scholarships for Veterinary Students

Applications for this year’s Compassionate Care Scholarships are now open! These scholarships are awarded to veterinary students who have demonstrated an interest in and commitment to animal welfare, animal rights, or animal protection issues in veterinary medicine. They will be awarded to three students ($3,000, $2,000 and $1,500 levels) and are open to those 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). Students must fill out the online application and provide two letters of recommendation and an unofficial transcript. Applications will be open through May 31, 2020. More information and a link to the application are on our webpage. Read about last year’s amazing recipients here!

Caitlyn Rize, 2019 First Place Recipient

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