

Third Annual Animal Welfare Symposium, October 29!

Join us for the third annual [Animal Welfare Symposium](#) on Sunday, October 29, at Western University College of Veterinary Medicine! Presentations by our expert speakers will include the following topics: access to care, animal cruelty, farm animal welfare, the human-animal bond, conflicts within private practice, volunteering your time as a veterinary professional and the day will end with a panel discussion. There will also be an optional HSVMA-RAVS suture lab on the evening of Saturday, October 28 (participation is limited to 40) on the Western campus. [Registration](#) for veterinary students is FREE so save the date, Sunday, October 29 from 9am-5:30pm, for a day of animal welfare education! Please contact [Heather](#) with questions about this year's symposium



2016 Animal Welfare symposium at LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. *Photo credit: HSVMA*

HSVMA World Spay Day Grants Available!

We are accepting applications for grants to help fund World Spay Day Clinics with veterinary student participation. A limited number of \$1000 grants will be given (along with scrub tops!) to clinics taking place during the month of February. The clinics can be held at a veterinary school or at a participating non-profit with the help of local veterinary students. We ask that grant recipients provide photos of the clinic for our website and social media and two quotes from participating students on how volunteering for the event impacted them personally. Please contact Heather Schrader at hschrader@hsvma.org to request an application. Grants are awarded on a first come, first serve basis. Apply now!



World Spay Day 2016 at University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine. *Photo credit: University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine*

Show a Webinar on Your Campus!

The HSVMA website has many [archived webinars](#) on a variety of topics. Viewing these webinars is **free** for all students since [student membership](#) is free through the first year after graduation! Popular topics for students include **Veterinary Stressors: Keep the Compassion and Kick the Fatigue** and **Climbing Mt. Debt: Understanding Your Student Loans and Navigating Your Repayment Options**. If you're not a member, [join now](#) to get all the great [benefits](#) including access to all archived webinars and upcoming live webinars. Our next live webinar, [How Obesity Impacts Animal Welfare](#), is December 13th and viewing is **free** for all student members. So grab some classmates and popcorn and watch one of our timely archived or live webinars at your school today!



2018 RAVS (Rural Area Veterinary Services)

The [Rural Area Veterinary Services \(RAVS\)](#) program combines direct-care veterinary field clinics with clinical training for future veterinary professionals to improve the health and welfare of animals in remote rural communities. Each year, we provide over \$1 million in free veterinary services to more than 9,000 animals and invaluable hands-on training for hundreds of future veterinary professionals. Visit our website to read more about this popular direct care opportunity. Check back [here](#) to catch the new schedule and get your applications in for next year! If you are interested in holding a RAVS informational meeting at your school, contact Heather Schrader at hschrader@hsvma.org



2017 RAVS volunteers in Spirit Lake, ND *Photo Credit: RAVS*