



**Renaissance Long Beach Hotel**  
**March 11 – 13, 2018**

**Saturday, March 10**

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| 8:00 am – 9:00 am  | <p><b>Pre-Conference Workshop Registration</b><br/>The Loft</p>  |
| 8:30 am – 4:30 pm  | <p><b>Pre-Conference Workshop #1</b><br/>Pike Ballroom 1<br/><i>Breakfast and Lunch Provided</i></p> <p><b>Presentation:</b> Fundamentals of Animal Sheltering</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Kate Hurley, DVM, MPVM, Program Director, UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program</li> <li>• Dr. Cynthia Karsten, DVM, Shelter Medicine Alumnae, Outreach Veterinarian, UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program</li> <li>• Dr. Denae Wagner, DVM, MPVM, Chief of Service, UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program</li> </ul>   |
| 8:30 am – 4:30 pm  | <p><b>Pre-Conference Workshop #2</b><br/>Pike Ballroom 2 - 3<br/><i>Breakfast and Lunch provided</i></p> <p><b>Presentation:</b> Field Services Case Studies</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Captain Cesar Perea, Director of Animal Protection Services, spcaLA</p> <p><b>8:30 AM – 10:00 AM: Case Study #1:</b> A Puzzle of Many Pieces<br/>Speaker: Detective Jeremy Hoffman, Fairfax County Police Department</p> <p><b>10:30 AM – 2:30 PM: Case Study #2 &amp; #3:</b> Operation Bite Back<br/>Speaker: Mark Barnhart, Special Agent, USDA</p> <p><b>3:00 PM – 4:30 PM: Case Study #4:</b> Zoophilia: When Sexual Deviancy Falls Short of Bestiality.<br/>Speaker: Serena Ramirez, Humane Officer, Central California SPCA</p> |
| 8:30 am – 5:00 pm  | <p><b>Exhibitor Check-In</b><br/>The Loft</p>  |
| 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm | <p><b>Exhibitor Set-Up</b><br/>The Bixby Ballroom &amp; Farrell’s Lounge</p>   |

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**Sunday, March 11**

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| 6:00 am – 8:00 am   | <b>Exhibitor Set-Up</b><br>The Bixby Ballroom & Farrell's Lounge  |
| 7:30 am – 4:15 pm   | <b>Registration &amp; Information Desk Open</b><br>The Loft   |
| 8:00 am – 9:00 am   | <b>Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors</b><br>Bixby Ballroom & Pre-Function Area  |
| 9:00 am – 10:00 am  | <b>General Session with Keynote Speaker</b><br>Bixby Ballroom<br><br><b>Presentation:</b> Invisible, but <b>Unforgettable</b><br><br><b>Speaker:</b> Kevin Corcoran, Jr., M.A.<br>Professor, San Diego State University, TEDx Speaker, Author<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=loaVQyzKgC0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=loaVQyzKgC0</a>  |
| 8:00 am – 6:00 pm   | <b>Exhibit Hall Open</b><br>Bixby Ballroom  |
| 10:00 am – 10:15 am | <b>Break with Exhibitors</b><br>Bixby Ballroom & Pre-Function Area  |
| 10:15 am – 11:45 am | <b>Breakout Sessions</b>  |
|                     | <b>Behavior &amp; Training</b><br>Broadlind Ballroom  |
|                     | <b>Cats in Cages: Better Understanding for Better Lives – Part #1</b><br><br><b>Speaker:</b> Dr. Tony Buffington, DVM, DACVN, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine  |
|                     | <b>Community Outreach</b><br>Wilmore  |
|                     | <b>Revenue-Generating Humane Ed Programs</b><br><br><b>Moderator:</b> Gina Knepp, Shelter Manager, Front Street Animal Shelter<br><br><b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Darlene Blackman, Director of Community Engagement, Marin Humane Society</li><li>● Erin Ellis, Volunteer and Humane Education Program Manager, Humane Society Truckee Tahoe</li><li>● Marsa Hollander, Program Manager, Pets in Need</li><li>● Amelia Curtis, CVA, Education Manager, San Diego Humane Society</li></ul> |



**Sunday, March 11 Continued**

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|  | <p><b>Field Services</b><br/>Pike 1 &amp; 2</p>   |
|  | <p><b>Guard Dog Company Animal Cruelty Case</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Captain Cesar Perea, Director of Animal Protection Services, spcaLA</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Shelter Management</b><br/>Dawson</p>   |
|  | <p><b>Help Me Help You Says The Shelter Veterinarian</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Maria Sabio-Solacito, DVM, Senior Veterinarian, LA County Animal Care and Control</li> <li>• Dr. Cristie Kamiya, Chief of Shelter Medicine, Humane Society Silicon Valley</li> </ul>                                      |
|  | <p><b>Shelter Medicine</b><br/>Pike 3</p>   |
| <p>Sponsored by</p>  <p><b>Western University</b><br/>OF HEALTH SCIENCES<br/><i>The discipline of learning. The art of caring.</i></p> | <p><b>Basic Care of Exotic Species in a Shelter</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Diane McClure, DVM, DACLAM, Western University of Health Sciences</li> <li>• Dr. Curtis Eng, DVM, Western University of Health Sciences</li> <li>• Dr. Kyle Lucero, LA County Department of Animal Care and Control</li> </ul> |
| <p>12:00 pm – 1:00 pm</p>  | <p><b>Lunch with Exhibitors</b><br/>Bixby Ballroom &amp; Pre-Function Area</p>  |
| <p>1:15 pm – 2:45 pm</p>   | <p><b>Breakout Sessions</b></p>   |
|  | <p><b>Behavior &amp; Training</b><br/>Broadlind Ballroom</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Cats in Cages: Better Understanding for Better Lives – Part #2</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Dr. Tony Buffington, DVM, DACVN, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine</p>   |
|  | <p><b>Community Outreach</b><br/>Wilmore</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Program Evaluations: Measuring More Than Attitudes Towards Animals</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Darlene Blackman, Director of Community Engagement, Marin Humane Society</li> <li>• Dr. Afshin Gharib, Professor, Dominican University of California</li> </ul>   |

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|   | <p><b>Field Services</b><br/>Pike 1 &amp; 2</p>   |
|   | <p><b>Val Verde Cockfighting Seizure</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Captain Cesar Perea, Director of Animal Protection Services, spcaLA</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Deputy Charles Friedland, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department</li> <li>● Dr. Amy Raines, DVM, MS, County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care &amp; Control</li> <li>● Danny Ubario, County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care &amp; Control</li> </ul>  |
|   | <p><b>Shelter Management</b><br/>Dawson</p>   |
|   | <p><b>Maximizing Volunteer Engagement: Using Volunteers for Special Programs or in Unique ways.</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Kim Soto, San Diego Humane Society</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Laura Birdsall, Animal Care Manager, Humane Society Silicon Valley</li> <li>● Janice Wagaman, CVA, Program Analyst, Front Street Animal Shelter</li> <li>● Erin Ellis, Volunteer and Humane Education Program Manager, Humane Society Truckee Tahoe</li> <li>● Jesse King, Volunteer Engagement Manager, San Diego Humane Society</li> </ul> |
|   | <p><b>Shelter Medicine</b><br/>Pike 3</p>   |
| <p>Sponsored by</p>  <p><i>The discipline of learning. The art of caring.</i></p> | <p><b>Quarantine Principle and Protocols</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dr. Emily Beeler, Zoonosis Veterinarian, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health</li> <li>● Dr. Rachele Saelor, Veterinarian, Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control</li> </ul>  |
| <p>2:45 pm – 3:00 pm</p>  | <p><b>Break with Exhibitors</b><br/>Bixby Ballroom &amp; Pre-Function Area</p>  |

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| 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm  | <b>Breakout Sessions</b>  |
|  | <p><b>Behavior &amp; Training</b><br/>Broadlind Ballroom</p> <p><b>Relinquishment &amp; Return in the Shelter: What We Know &amp; Future Directions for Possible Interventions</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Lisa Gunter, MA, CPDT-KA title of: Doctoral Candidate, Department of Psychology at Arizona State University</p>       |
|  | <p><b>Community Outreach</b><br/>Wilmore</p> <p><b>Everyone is an Advocate: Using Shared Goals and a Unified Messaging to Create a Culture of Advocacy Among Staff and Volunteers</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Elkie Wills, San Diego Humane Society</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Field Services &amp; Shelter Medicine</b><br/>Pike 1 &amp; 2</p>  |
| <p>Sponsored by</p>  <p><b>Western University</b><br/>OF HEALTH SCIENCES<br/><i>The discipline of learning. The art of caring.</i></p> | <p><b>Whistler Sled Dog Cull</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eileen Drever, Senior Animal Protection Officer, British Columbia SPCA</li> <li>• Dr. Melinda Merck, DVM, Veterinary Forensics Consulting, LLC</li> <li>• Shawn Eccles, Senior Manager, Cruelty Investigations</li> </ul> |
|  | <p><b>Shelter Management</b><br/>Dawson</p>   |
| <p>Sponsored by</p>  <p><b>Finding Rover</b><br/>Protecting our best friends</p>   | <p><b>Do it for the Gram! – Advanced Instagram Training</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zayn Silmi, Founder, People of Sacramento</li> <li>• Bobby Mann, Communications Manager, Front Street Animal Shelter</li> </ul>  |
| 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  | <p><b>Networking Reception &amp; Raffle w/Exhibitors</b><br/>Bixby Ballroom &amp; Pre-Function Area</p>   |




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**Monday, March 12**

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| 7:30 am – 4:15 pm  | <b>Registration &amp; Information Desk Open</b><br>The Loft  |
| 7:30 am – 2:30 pm  | <b>Exhibit Hall Open</b><br>Bixby Ballroom   |
| 7:30 am – 8:30 am  | <b>Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors</b><br>Bixby Ballroom & Pre-Function Area   |
| 8:30 am – 10:00 am | <b>Breakout Sessions</b>   |
|                    | <b>Behavior &amp; Training</b><br>Broadlind Ballroom   |
|                    | <b>Play Group Case Studies - Part #1</b><br><br><b>Moderator:</b> Sara Taylor CPDT-KA, Director of Animal Behavior & Training, spcaLA<br><br><b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Kelley Bollen, MS, CABP, Owner and Director, Animal Alliances, LLC</li><li>● Jenn Barg, MS, ACAAB, CDBC, Director of Operations, Larimer Humane Society</li><li>● Aimee Sadler, Founder, Dogs Playing for Life</li><li>● Renee Harris, Animal Sheltering &amp; Behavior Consultant, Owner, Top2Cats Consulting</li></ul> |
|                    | <b>Community Outreach</b><br>Wilmore   |
|                    | <b>Words Matter: The Impact of Our Language on Animal Welfare</b><br><br><b>Moderator:</b> Roger Haston, Ph.D., Chief of Analytics, PetSmart Charities<br><br><b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Brenda Barnette, General Manager, LA Animal Services</li><li>● Al Mollica, CFRE, Executive Director, Pets In Need</li><li>● Dan DeSousa, Director, Department of Animal Services</li><li>● Melanie Sobel, General Manager, Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter</li></ul>                                   |
|                    | <b>Field Services</b><br>Pike 1 & 2  |
|                    | <b>When Dogs Attack</b><br><br><b>Speaker:</b> Jamie Simmons, Supervisor, Animal Control Officer, Fontana Police Department  |
|                    | <b>Shelter Management</b><br>Dawson  |
|                    | <b>Tips for Working Your Way to the Top</b><br><br><b>Speaker:</b> Nancy McKenney, MNPL, CAWA, CEO/President, Marine Humane  |


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|  | <p><b>Shelter Medicine</b><br/>Pike 3</p>   |
| <p>Sponsored by</p>  <p><b>Western University</b><br/>OF HEALTH SCIENCES<br/><i>The discipline of learning. The art of caring.</i></p> | <p><b>Antibiotic Resistance in Animal Shelters</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Dr. Jane Sykes, BVSc, Academic Administrator and Professor, UC Davis Veterinary Medicine</p>  |
| 10:00 am – 10:15 am  | <p><b>Break with Exhibitors</b><br/>Bixby Ballroom &amp; Pre-Function Area</p>  |
| 10:15 am – 11:45 am  | <p><b>Breakout Sessions</b></p>   |
|  | <p><b>Behavior &amp; Training</b><br/>Broadlind Ballroom</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Play Group Case Studies - Part #2</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Sara Taylor CPDT-KA, Director of Animal Behavior &amp; Training, spcaLA</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kelley Bollen, MS, CABC, Owner and Director, Animal Alliances, LLC</li> <li>● Jenn Barg, MS, ACAAB, CDDBC, Director of Operations, Larimer Humane Society</li> <li>● Aimee Sadler, Founder, Dogs Playing for Life</li> <li>● Renee Harris, Animal Sheltering &amp; Behavior Consultant, Owner, Top2Cats Consulting</li> </ul> |
|  | <p><b>Community Outreach</b><br/>Wilmore</p>  |
|  | <p><b>People Need Love Too: Extending our Compassion to the Other End of the Leash<br/>Building Resilience in Ourselves and Others</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Janet Childs, Director of Education and Critical Incident Stress Response, Centre for Living with Dying Program, Bill Wilson Center</p>   |
|  | <p><b>Field Services &amp; Shelter Management</b><br/>Pike 1 &amp; 2</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Out of Control</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Chief Steve MacKinnon, Humane Law Enforcement, San Diego Humane Society</p>  |

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|  | <b>Shelter Medicine</b><br>Pike 3  |
| Sponsored by<br><br> | <b>Heartworm Disease: A Shelter Emerging Disease</b><br><b>Speakers:</b> Dr. Steven Jones, DVM, American Heartworm Society   |
| 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm   | <b>Lunch with Exhibitors</b><br>Bixby Ballroom & Pre-Function Area   |
| 1:15 pm – 2:45 pm  | <b>Breakout Sessions</b>   |
|  | <b>Behavior &amp; Training</b><br>Broadlind Ballroom   |
|  | <b>Are Behavior Assessments Dead - Part #1</b><br><br><b>Moderator:</b> Melanie Sobel, General Manager, Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter<br><br><b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kelley Bollen, MS, CABC, Owner and Director, Animal Alliances, LLC</li> <li>● Lisa Gunter, MA, CPDT-KA, Department of Psychology at Arizona State University</li> <li>● Jenn Barg, MS, ACAAB, CDBC, Director of Operations, Larimer Humane Society</li> <li>● Renee Harris, Animal Sheltering &amp; Behavior Consultant, Owner, Top2Cats Consulting</li> </ul>                                   |
|  | <b>Community Outreach</b><br>Wilmore   |
|  | <b>When Crisis Strikes, Will You Be Ready? A Workshop on Communicating During Challenging Times</b><br><br><b>Speakers:</b> Michael Baehr, Principal, Baehr Strategic Marketing; Marketing/PR Instructor, UC San Diego Extension   |
|  | <b>Field Services/Shelter Management/Shelter Medicine</b><br>Pike 1 & 2  |
| Sponsored by<br>   | <b>Animals and Disasters: What We Have Learned from the Napa and Sonoma Fires-Part #1</b><br><br><b>Moderator:</b> Nancy McKenney, CEO, Marin Humane<br><br><b>Speakers</b><br><b>Shelter Directors:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● John Skeel, Director, Sonoma County Animal Services</li> <li>● Cindy Roach, Executive Director, Sonoma Humane Society</li> <li>● Wendi Piscia, Executive Director, Napa Humane</li> <li>● Erika Gamez, Shelter Manager, Napa County Animal Shelter</li> <li>● Pip Marquez de la Plata, Executive Director, Forgotten Felines of Sonoma County</li> </ul> |



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| 2:45 pm – 3:00 pm  | <b>Break with Exhibitors</b><br>Bixby Ballroom & Pre-Function Area   |
| 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm  | <b>Breakout Sessions</b>   |
|  | <b>Behavior &amp; Training</b><br>Broadlind Ballroom<br><br><b>Are Behavior Assessments Dead - Part #2</b><br><br><b>Moderator:</b> Melanie Sobel, General Manager, Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter<br><br><b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kelley Bollen, MS, CABC, Owner and Director, Animal Alliances, LLC</li> <li>● Lisa Gunter, MA, CPDT-KA, Department of Psychology at Arizona State University</li> <li>● Jenn Barg, MS, ACAAB, CDBC, Director of Operations, Larimer Humane Society</li> <li>● Renee Harris, Animal Sheltering &amp; Behavior Consultant, Owner, Top2Cats Consulting</li> </ul>   |
|  | <b>Community Outreach</b><br>Wilmore<br><br><b>Old Dogs, New Tricks: Leveraging Technology to Maximize Public Safety and Officer Efficiency</b><br><br><b>Speaker:</b> Jace Huggins, Animal Control Officer, Front Street Shelter  |
|  | <b>Field Services/Shelter Management/Shelter Medicine</b><br>Pike 1 & 2  |
| Sponsored by<br><br> <p>The discipline of learning. The art of caring.</p> | <b>Animals and Disasters: What we Have Learned from the Napa and Sonoma Fires-Part #2</b><br><br><b>Moderator:</b> Nancy McKenney, CEO, Marin Humane<br><br><b>Speakers</b><br><b>Veterinarians:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dr. Shari O'Neill, DVM, Chief Shelter Veterinarian, San Francisco Animal Control</li> <li>● Dr. Natalie Zdimal, DVM, IVCA, Veterinarian, Circle Oak Equine</li> <li>● Dr. Claudia Sonder, DVM, President and Board Member, Napa Community Animal Response Team</li> <li>● Dr. John Madigan, MS, DVM, DACVIM, DACAW, Founder, UC Davis Veterinary Emergency Response Team (VERT)</li> <li>● Carolyn McMullen, M.P.A., The McMullen Company, Inc.</li> </ul> |
| 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm  | <b>Legislative Discussion</b><br>Wilmore<br><br><i>The ACC legislative roundtable is a forum for presentations and discussion of current and proposed legislation that affects, or could affect, the animal shelter community.</i>   |

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**Tuesday, March 13**

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| 7:00 am – 3:00 pm   | <b>Animal Care Conference Office</b><br>Alford   |
| 7:30 am – 12:00 pm  | <b>Registration &amp; Information Desk Open</b><br>The Loft  |
| 7:30 am – 8:30 am   | <b>Continental Breakfast Available</b><br>Bixby Ballroom & Pre-Function Area   |
| 8:30 am– 12:00 pm<br><br>Sponsored by<br><br> | <b>Tuesday Panel Discussion</b><br><br><b>Presentation:</b> People Experiencing Homelessness and Their Pets<br><br><b>Moderator:</b> Roger Haston, Ph.D., Chief of Analytics, PetSmart Charities<br><br><b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Lori Weise, Founder &amp; President, Downtown Dog Rescue</li><li>● Allison Cardona, Deputy Director, Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control</li><li>● Jonathan Chi, MSW, Manager, Quality Standards &amp; Special Projects, Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority</li><li>● Dr. Frank Bossong, DVM, Western University of Health Sciences</li><li>● Lisa Johnson, Animal Care Technician, Front Street Shelter</li><li>● Sima Thakkar, Regional Relationship Manager, PetSmart Charities</li></ul> |