

# HSVMA IN ACTION

## 2018 Year in Review

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# President's Message

**Gary Block, DVM, MS, DACVIM**  
**Ocean State Veterinary Specialists, RI**

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as President of the Board these last 3 years. As proud as I am in all that we have accomplished, the most enjoyable part of my job has been the frequency with which I have been able to meet and interact with so many dedicated HSVMA members. A brief perusal of the bios of members of the HSVMA Board of Directors, Leadership Council and State Representatives would quickly lead one to realize what an incredibly diverse, motivated and accomplished group of animal advocates we have helping the HSVMA. The majority of these people are volunteers; people with full-time jobs who feel strongly enough about the mission of the HSVMA to devote their limited free time to helping advance the initiatives of our organization. Thanks to their efforts and the incredible work of our HSVMA staff and willingness of our members to engage when asked, we have been able to make an outsized impact on the veterinary landscape since our founding only 10 years ago.

HSVMA has served as a catalyst for many of the welfare issues our profession is currently confronting such as enhancing access to veterinary care for low-income pet owners and by identifying and highlighting previously unrecognized welfare issues such as health problems associated with brachycephalic dogs. We have grown our State Rep program to 25 states plus the District of Columbia which has allowed us to marshal support for state legislative efforts and ballot initiatives on critical animal welfare measures. Student chapters and representatives as well as our active Speaker's Bureau at veterinary schools, along with our Compassionate Care Scholarship program, have helped like-minded vet students learn about the unique role HSVMA plays in our profession. HSVMA members are now routinely publishing animal welfare-related articles in prestigious journals and our online and in-person CE events focusing on animal welfare issues reach thousands of veterinary professionals annually.

We will be embarking on an effort to update the HSVMA strategic plan over the next few months and thank in advance those of you who respond to our member survey to share your thoughts as part of this process. We look forward to unveiling the plan, and our new goals, during 2019. I am excited to be turning the reigns of the Board Presidency position over to my friend and colleague, Dr. Barry Kipperman, as the HSVMA begins a new chapter and what will certainly be another decade of growth, success, and most importantly, improved lives for the animals we are charged with protecting.

**Respectfully,**  
**Gary Block, DVM, MS, DACVIM**

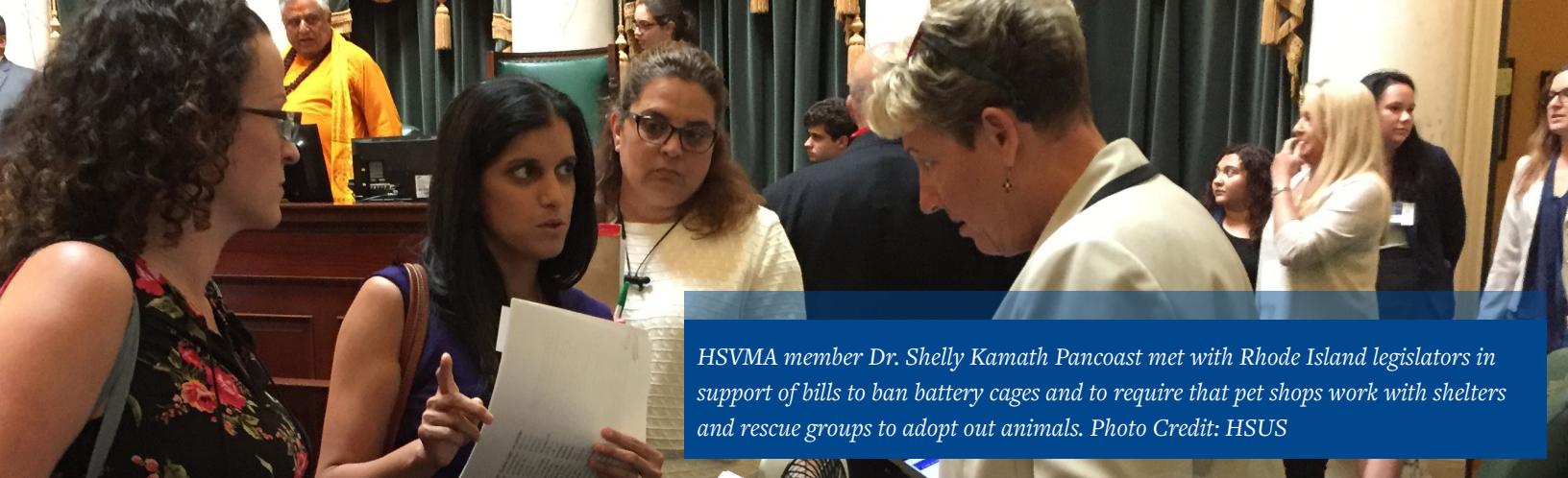


*Dr. Gary Block was HSVMA's featured speaker at VMX 2018 presenting on the topic of "Doing the Most for Our Patients with the Least: Evidence-Based Veterinary Care on the Cheap."*

*Photo Credit: HSVMA*

**COVER PHOTO: RAVS**  
volunteer veterinarian Dr. Aaron Glauberg examines a puppy on a RAVS field clinic serving the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

*Photo Credit: Daniel Heddon*



HSVMA member Dr. Shelly Kamath Pancoast met with Rhode Island legislators in support of bills to ban battery cages and to require that pet shops work with shelters and rescue groups to adopt out animals. Photo Credit: HSUS

# Advocacy

**Barbara Hodes, DVM, MBA**  
**HSVMA Veterinary Adviser**

In 2018, more than 1,000 veterinary professionals joined HSVMA in actively advocating for advancements in animal welfare nationwide. Highlights of our advocacy efforts include these statewide legislative efforts:

**In Rhode Island**, HSVMA supported a long-fought-for new law that *phases out the extreme confinement of egg-laying hens in battery cages*. Fueled by increasing consumer demand for better treatment of farm animals, RI became the sixth state to crack down on this inhumane form of animal housing.

**In Maryland**, HSVMA strongly advocated for legislation that *bans the sale of dogs sourced from puppy mills in retail pet stores*. The new law promotes partnerships with shelters and rescues as sole sources of dog and cat pet store adoptions, and aims to disrupt a major distribution pipeline through which mill animals reach the unsuspecting public.

**In Indiana**, HSVMA joined a broad coalition of organizations and animal advocates in *blocking the re-opening—for the first time in 50 years—of hunting and trapping seasons on bobcats* that had been proposed by the state's Natural Resources Commission.

**In California**, HSVMA provided veterinary support for Proposition 12, which would *ensure that egg-laying hens in the state live exclusively in cage-free environments*. It would also *require humane sourcing of all farm animal products from egg-laying hens, calves raised for veal and*

*female breeding pigs sold in the Golden State*—regardless of where these animals have been raised.

In **Florida**, HSVMA veterinarians advocated for Amendment 13, which *seeks to once and for all phase out greyhound dog racing*—already a declining industry in the Sunshine State.

In **Ohio**, legislation closely mirroring *more rigorous and humane standards of care for puppy mill dogs*—that had been proposed in a ballot measure—was signed into law. This victory came about because thousands of businesses, rescues, shelters, public officials, and HSVMA veterinarians rallied behind the cause.

## Federal Humane Lobby Day

***In July HSVMA staffers, members, and our DC Rep gathered for a day of lobbying on Capitol Hill.***

Our efforts focused on opposing the King Amendment to the FARM Bill, which aims to nullify most state and local laws regarding agricultural products, and would, by its lowest-common-denominator approach, negatively impact many animal protection measures. We lobbied in support of FARM Bill provisions that would (1) prohibit the domestic slaughter, trade and import/export of dogs and cats for human consumption, (2) extend the ban on animal fighting to all US jurisdictions, including US territories, and (3) extend current federal domestic violence protections to include pets. We also advocated in support of the Prevent All Soring Tactics (PAST) Act, which would outlaw use of inhumane techniques used by unethical trainers to achieve unfair competitive advantages in Tennessee-Walker-type horse competitions. Furthermore, we pressed legislators to preserve the integrity of the Endangered Species Act.



Dr. Sy Woon (center), HSVMA Florida State Rep, was active in advocating for a Florida ballot measure to phase out commercial dog racing in the state. Photo Credit: HSUS

# State Representative Program

**Barbara Hodges, DVM, MBA**  
**HSVMA Veterinary Adviser**

Launched in 2014, the HSVMA State Representative program now includes a talented team of 27, representing 25 states (there are two states with Co-Reps) and the District of Columbia.

The HSVMA State Rep team consists of active volunteer veterinarian liaisons who conduct outreach to their state VMAs and within the broader profession. They help with advocacy on legislative initiatives, provide expert testimony, submit opinion pieces to media outlets and publish articles in professional journals. They also assist with membership outreach at veterinary conferences, present talks at veterinary medical colleges and offer vital first-hand field perspectives from their respective states.

There is no typical background required of an HSVMA State Rep, except a strong commitment to working within the veterinary community to help advance the health and welfare of animals. In fact, we celebrate their diverse backgrounds.

Among our Reps are small animal and mixed animal practitioners, house call veterinarians, practice owners,

shelter veterinarians and a shelter consultant, a teacher of veterinary workshops for kids and advocate for special-needs pets, board-certified internists, behavior specialists, academics, a public health consultant, a veterinarian journalist, veterinarians with advanced training in forensics, animal welfare, public policy, business administration and epidemiology, a founder of a non-profit free clinic network serving pets of the homeless and indigent, a provider of MASH-style veterinary clinic services at Native American reservations, and two veterinarians who are also attorneys.



Dr. Gail Hansen (right), HSVMA Rep for the District of Columbia, and Dr. Jim Keen participated in Humane Lobby Day meetings with legislative staffers at the US Capitol in July. Photo Credit: HSVMA

Interested in representing HSVMA within your state? Please contact us at [advocacy@hsvma.org](mailto:advocacy@hsvma.org) or visit [www.hsvma.org/statereps](http://www.hsvma.org/statereps) to learn more about this vital program.



*Dr. John Rossi, HSVMA Pennsylvania State Rep, helped conduct outreach at the HSVMA booth at the SAVMA 2018 conference at University of Pennsylvania. Photo Credit: HSVMA*



*Dr. Nick Dodman, HSVMA Massachusetts State Rep, has assisted HSVMA with webinar presentations, media interviews and outreach to veterinary students, particularly as it relates to his board specialization in animal behavior. Photo Credit: Dr. Nick Dodman*

## **HSVMA State Representatives**

**Alabama:** Karen Hill Sheppard, DVM

**Arizona:** Nellie Goetz, DVM, MPH

**California:** Barry Kipperman, DVM, DACVIM, MSc

**California:** Paula Kislak, DVM

**Colorado:** Jon Geller, DVM, ABVP (Canine and Feline)

**Connecticut:** Melissa Shapiro, DVM

**District Of Columbia:** Gail Hansen, DVM, MPH

**Florida:** Sy Woon, BVSc

**Georgia:** Sharon Crowell-Davis, DVM, PhD, DACVB

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**Illinois:** Meredith Rives, DVM

**Louisiana:** Kate Maher, DVM

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**Massachusetts:** Nicholas Dodman, BVMS, DACVB, DACVAA

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**Oregon:** Katie Bahr, DVM

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**South Carolina:** Jennie Elizabeth Clark, DVM, JD

**Tennessee:** Michael Greenberg, DVM

**Texas:** Carrie Waters, DVM, MS, PhD, JD, DACVIM

## **HSVMA Leadership**

### **Board Of Directors**

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Paula Kislak, DVM

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Meredith Rives, DVM

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Gordon Stull, VMD

Liz White, RVT



More than 200 veterinarians and veterinary technicians participated in the CE sessions at Animal Care Expo 2018. Photo Credit: HSUS

# Continuing Education

**Lorna Grande, DVM**

**HSVMA Continuing Education Adviser**

## **HSVMA Webinar Series Continues to Grow!**

The HSVMA webinar series continues to break attendance records! Our members have demonstrated that viewing our CE-approved webinars is a favorite HSVMA member benefit.

HSVMA members have free access to all live (six per year) and three dozen archived webinars. Our topics focus on supporting veterinarians who want to practice animal welfare-centered medicine.

### **Featured in 2018:**

- HSVMA addressed a controversial topic and it proved to be our most popular webinar, *Medical Cannabis in Small Animal Medicine*, presented by Dr. Gary Richter.
- Popular veterinary behaviorist, Dr. Ian Dunbar, changed things up a bit and presented his webinar, *Handling Puppies and Kittens to Be Stress-Free as Adults*, via video conferencing. This format was well received by the audience.
- Feline topics are always a hit and this behavior webinar was no exception. *Multi-Cat Households: Why Can't They Just Get Along?* was presented by Dr. Ilona Rodan. Dr. Rodan shared practical information on this problem seen in homes with multiple cats.

**For more information on upcoming and archived webinars visit [hsvma.org/webinars](http://hsvma.org/webinars).**



*Dr. Melinda Merck presented several sessions on animal abuse reporting for HSVMA during 2018. Photo Credit: HSUS*

## **HSVMA Expands In-Person Continuing Education Offerings in 2018**

**Providing Veterinary Care to Low-Income Families**

In February, HSVMA hosted our ninth annual evening presentation at the VMX conference in Orlando, Florida. Presented by HSVMA Board President Gary Block, DVM, MS, DACVIM, this year's talk was entitled, "Doing the Most for Our Patients with the Least: Evidence-Based Veterinary Care on the Cheap" and included tips for treating common medical conditions with protocols that optimize care while minimizing costs. An online version of this presentation is available at [www.hsvma.org/webinars](http://www.hsvma.org/webinars).

### **Animal Abuse Reporting**

In February, HSVMA co-sponsored a presentation by forensic expert Dr. Melinda Merck with the specialty hospital, Pet+E.R. in Baltimore to train Maryland veterinarians to comply with the state's new mandatory reporting law. And in May, HSVMA partnered with the Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association to co-sponsor a day-long session on mandatory reporting in Massachusetts with presenters Dr. Lorna Grande (HSVMA's continuing education adviser) as well as Drs. Melinda Merck and Martha Smith-Blackmore. HSVMA has achieved several webinars on this subject at [www.hsvma.org/webinars](http://www.hsvma.org/webinars).

### **Some feedback from our webinar attendees ...**

"This was my first one and it was great."  
—Rachel Abrams, DVM

"Dr. Dunbar was a joy to listen to. His enthusiasm and knowledge is incredible. I very much enjoyed this webinar." —Andrea Reese, DVM

"Thought provoking and practical."  
—Joanne Morrison, DVM

"I thoroughly enjoyed the program and thought it was well organized. I was actually asked a question about Cannabis and seizures the next day at work from a client and felt confident answering her questions."  
—Anne Hicks, DVM

"I would recommend this to many of my associates."  
—Tana Alms, CVT



*Dr. Kate Hurley was one of the presenters of veterinary CE sessions at Animal Care Expo 2018. Photo Credit: HSUS*

### **Shelter and Community Medicine**

In May, HSVMA sponsored more than 15 hours of CE at Animal Care Expo 2018 in Kansas City. Sessions addressed topics such as managing community cats, disease prevention, community-based medicine, shelter housing and dog relocation programs. Handouts from many of these sessions are available at [www.animalsheltering.org/expo](http://www.animalsheltering.org/expo).

# Volunteer

Pam Runquist, HSVMA Senior Director,  
Veterinary Outreach

## Volunteerism: A Critical and Rewarding Role for Veterinary Professionals

Veterinary professionals have the skills and expertise to fill so many crucial volunteer roles in the animal protection arena, which means there are also lots of opportunities to select the volunteer experience(s) most rewarding to you.

Below are just a few opportunities available through the Humane Society of United States (HSUS) programs, sanctuaries and affiliates. Also, remember to check with your local shelters, rescue groups and sanctuaries for volunteer needs in your own community.

### Rural Area Veterinary Services (RAVS)

The Fund for Animals Rural Area Veterinary Services (RAVS) program provides opportunities for both veterinary students and veterinary professionals to help underserved rural communities throughout the United States.

RAVS teams work primarily with Native American communities to set up MASH-style mobile field clinics where they provide a range of services, including spay/neuter, preventive



*Volunteer veterinary students examine a dog during a RAVS clinic on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation.*  
Photo Credit: Daniel Heddon

wellness and emergency care for more than 8,000 animals every year. The clinics offer rewarding educational experiences for hundreds of veterinary students annually and give dedicated professional volunteers who generously share their time and expertise the opportunity to receive up to 30 hours of RACE-approved continuing education credit. [www.ruralareavet.org](http://www.ruralareavet.org)

### Pets for Life, Multiple US Locations

The HSUS Pets for Life program extends the reach of animal services and resources within underserved urban areas in the United States by providing basic wellness services and vaccination clinics. Pets for Life operates in Los Angeles and Philadelphia as well as dozens of other cities through its mentorship program. [www.petsforlife.org](http://www.petsforlife.org)

### HSUS Animal Rescue Team (ART)

The HSUS Animal Rescue Team rescues thousands of animals every year from puppy mills, animal fighting operations, natural disasters, and other situations where animals suffer life-threatening cruelty and neglect. To learn more about volunteering with ART visit [www.hsvma.org/volunteering](http://www.hsvma.org/volunteering).

### Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch, Murchison, TX

The Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch is home to around 1,000 rescued animals, including bison, cattle, horses, apes, reptiles and tigers. The ranch offers externship and volunteer opportunities for students and veterinary professionals. [www.fundforanimals.org/blackbeauty/](http://www.fundforanimals.org/blackbeauty/)

### South Florida Wildlife Center, Ft. Lauderdale

The South Florida Wildlife Center rescues and rehabilitates more than 12,000 animals a year, most of whom are native species. The center offers an externship for fourth-year veterinary students as well as volunteer opportunities for veterinary professionals. [www.southfloridawildlifecenter.org](http://www.southfloridawildlifecenter.org)

### Fund for Animals Wildlife Center, Ramona, CA

The Fund for Animals Wildlife Center rehabilitates about 400 animals every year. Coyotes, bobcats, cougars, hawks, owls and eagles are the most frequent patients, receiving expert care until they can be returned to their natural habitats. [www.humanesociety.org/ffawildlifecenter](http://www.humanesociety.org/ffawildlifecenter)

### Duchess Sanctuary, Oakland, OR

The 1,120-acre Duchess Sanctuary, south of Eugene, Oregon, was established in 2008 as a safe haven for 200 abused or abandoned horses. [www.humanesociety.org/duchess](http://www.humanesociety.org/duchess)

For more volunteer options and information, visit [www.hsvma.org/volunteering](http://www.hsvma.org/volunteering).

# Humane Achievement Awards

Pam Runquist, HSVMA Senior Director,  
Veterinary Outreach

## HSVMA Recognizes Veterinarians Committed to Animal Welfare with Humane Achievement Awards

During the past year the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association recognized four veterinarians for their outstanding commitment to aiding and advocating for animals in need with the HSVMA Humane Achievement Awards. They include:

- **Dr. Christina Cable of New York** for her ongoing efforts in providing veterinary care to animals in need in her state while serving as the medical director for Shelter Outreach Services, which has been key to ensuring that thousands of cats and dogs receive much-needed medical care and sterilization services.
- **Dr. Christi Camblor of California** who was recognized for her longtime commitment to aiding animals in need in Mexico through her group, Compassion Without Borders, as well as for her recent establishment of a sanctuary in California called Muttopia.
- **Dr. Sherstin Rosenberg of California** for her substantial commitment to aiding the animal victims of intensive farming practices, including founding the Happy Hen Chicken Rescue as a sanctuary for “spent hens” from factory farms as well as hogs, goats and cattle.
- **Dr. Hank Wietsma of Rhode Island** for his leadership role in the establishment of the Rhode Island Companion Animal Foundation, which has provided over \$750,000 in subsidized veterinary care to thousands of animals, as well as for helping establish the Rhode Island Pets in Need clinic, a joint venture between the Rhode Island VMA and the Rhode Island SPCA.

Read more about these and previous HSVMA Humane Achievement Award winners at [hsvma.org/awards](http://hsvma.org/awards).



Dr. Eileen Jefferson, HSVMA's New York State Representative (right), presents the Humane Achievement Award to Dr. Christina Cable at the Cornell Shelter Medicine Conference. Photo Credit: Laura Nelson/ASPCA



A team of HSVMA representatives traveled to the Muttopia Sanctuary in Northern California to present Dr. Christi Camblor (second from right) with the Humane Achievement Award. Co-founder Moncho Camblor (right) was also present for the award presentation. Photo Credit: HSVMA



Dr. Sherstin Rosenberg received the Humane Achievement Award from colleague Dr. Brenda Forsythe, member of the HSVMA Leadership Council. Photo Credit: HSVMA



Dr. Hank Wietsma received the Humane Achievement Award for his role in helping pets in need in Rhode Island. Photo Credit: Dr. Hank Wietsma



*Dr. Paul Breckenridge instructing at a UC Davis RAVS suture lab.  
Photo Credit: HSVMA*

## 2018 Student Program

**Heather Schrader, RVT**

**Program Manager, Student Outreach**

HSVMA's Student Outreach Program continued to provide veterinary students with ways to advocate and advance animal welfare. Whether it was with educational talks through our Speaker's Bureau, opportunities to represent with the student chapter and representative programs on veterinary school campuses, or hands-on care programs such as Rural Area Veterinary Services (RAVS), students continued to learn and educate others throughout 2018.

### **HSVMA Student Chapter and Student Representative Program**

HSVMA thanks the many veterinary students who volunteered to help us spread the word about our animal welfare advocacy and direct care programs. In 2018, HSVMA sponsored student chapters at 9 veterinary schools as well as student representatives at an additional 15 schools. Our chapter officers and representatives were involved in a number of activities in 2018 including:

- Coordinating World Spay Day events at Auburn University, Tuskegee University, Midwestern University, University of Wisconsin-Madison and Western University
- Organizing talks given by our HSVMA Speaker's Bureau on a variety of animal welfare topics
- Helping coordinate the fourth annual Animal Welfare Symposium at Cornell University College of Veterinary medicine
- Organizing RAVS informational sessions on campuses to teach students about this popular field service opportunity
- Representing HSVMA at campus and community events
- Lobbying for humane animal legislation at Humane Lobby Days

For more information on the HSVMA Student Chapter and Representative programs, go to [hsvma.org/students](http://hsvma.org/students).

## Education on Animal Welfare Topics

**Speakers Bureau:** In 2018, HSVMA hosted 24 presentations on a variety of animal welfare-related topics at vet school campuses across the country. Students heard experts present on topics such as shelter medicine, access to care, recognizing and reporting animal cruelty, disaster response and caring for pets of the indigent. Suture labs were also organized at University of Pennsylvania, Louisiana State University and University of Wisconsin-Madison in order to bring an overview of the RAVS program to students interested in taking advantage of this field service program.

**Webinar Screenings:** Several HSVMA student chapters and representatives hosted screenings of one of the popular HSVMA webinar series on their campuses during 2018. Topics featured in campus screenings included the value of shelter/private veterinary practitioner collaboration and impacts of cost of care.

## Skills Development Opportunities Offered by HSVMA

HSVMA promotes skills development opportunities through direct care devoted to animal care and welfare. Some of the 2018 training opportunities included:

- RAVS clinics held on Native American reservations across the western United States
- Suture labs offered at University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Pennsylvania, UC Davis and Louisiana State University
- Veterinary student externships at South Florida Wildlife Center in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
- Volunteer opportunities to participate in Pets for Life wellness clinics

## Student Animal Welfare Symposium

In October, HSVMA hosted the fourth annual Animal Welfare Symposium at Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine. Experts spoke on topics such as recognizing and reporting animal cruelty, street dog medicine, controversies in wildlife research, management of global dog populations and community cat management. Attendees had the option to participate in a RAVS suture lab and in a Street Dog Coalition clinic to serve pets of the homeless.



Attendees of the 2018 Animal Welfare Symposium at Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine. Photo Credit: HSVMA



University of Wisconsin vet students in action during Spay/Neuter Awareness Month. Photo Credit: Dr. Susan Krebsbach



*Midwestern University students learning surgical skills at a World Spay Day clinic. Photo Credit: Dr. Rachael Kreisler*

# World Spay Day

**Heather Schrader, RVT**

**Program Manager, Student Outreach**

## **HSVMA Supports Veterinary Student Involvement in World Spay Day**

For eight years, HSVMA has sponsored World Spay Day events to prevent overpopulation of companion animals through sterilization and provide veterinary students with training to learn these life-saving procedures.

Launched in 1995, World Spay Day aims to encourage people to save animal lives by spaying and neutering companion animals and feral cats. World Spay Day is

celebrated annually on the fourth Tuesday in February, but events take place throughout the month of February, which is recognized as Spay/Neuter Awareness Month.

HSVMA encourages veterinary students to participate in World Spay Day events because it is a great opportunity to help animals in their communities while also gaining hands-on training in surgical and anesthesia skills. For many students, the events inspire them to continue to help address animal overpopulation during their veterinary school years and beyond.

In 2018, HSVMA supported World Spay Day events involving veterinary students from five different schools. These events provided sterilization surgeries for more

than 300 animals in need! In addition, the students were provided with hand-on training in surgical prep, anesthesia induction and monitoring, and surgical assistance. Thank you to everyone who helped make these events possible!

- Auburn University kicked off the HSVMA supported clinics with a group of third-year veterinary students traveling to Birmingham, AL to help with surgeries at Alabama Spay/Neuter.
- University of Wisconsin-Madison vet students and Madison College veterinary technician students partnered with the Madison Cat Project to spay and neuter community cats from the Madison, WI area.
- Veterinary students at Tuskegee University provided a free clinic for pets in their community with the help of university faculty and staff.
- The Shelter Medicine and Feline Clubs at the Midwestern University College of Veterinary Medicine facilitated a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) event with Maricopa County Animal Care and Control and Animal Defense League of Arizona.
- A group of veterinary students from Western University in Pomona, California, traveled to the Santa Maria Valley Humane Society for a day of cat spays and neuters.



Auburn University vet students and clinicians at World Spay Day clinic. Photo Credit: JD Longorio



Western University HSVMA chapter officers at World Spay Day clinic. Photo Credit: Santa Maria Valley Humane Society



Vet students at Tuskegee University participating in World Spay Day. Photo Credit: TUCVM

# Student Awards

## Meet the Recipients of the 2018 HSVMA Compassionate Care Scholarship!

The HSVMA Compassionate Care Scholarship was launched three years ago in partnership with Dr. Gary Block, co-owner of Ocean State Veterinary Specialists in Greenwich, Rhode Island, and HSVMA board member president. Since then, Dr. Paula Kislak and Dr. Barry Kipperman, both HSVMA board members and California State Representatives, and Dr. Carrie Waters, our HSVMA Texas State Representative, have all added their support to recognize these outstanding students.



### JACQUIE COBB - 1st Place

*Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine, Class of 2019*

Jacquie's dedication to helping dogs find their forever homes cannot be overstated. Prior to veterinary school, she was involved with personally fostering over 112 animals, her work as the Executive Director of the Humane Society of Henderson County, KY, and ultimately starting her own non-profit, Second City Canine Rescue, which adopts over 500 dogs annually in the Chicago area. Jacquie continues to act as President of Second City while in vet school, and uses her resources to help the good Samaritan program at the Auburn teaching hospital.



### KELLY DULLI - 2nd Place

*University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine, Class of 2020*

Kelly's passion for helping community cats has been a theme in her time as a volunteer, a CVT and veterinary student. In technical school, she began volunteering at Dane County Friends of Ferals (now Madison Cat Project). This organization works with area rescues and shelters to offer adoptions and care for feral cats and any others who need help finding homes. Kelly's participation in many monthly spay days led to her involvement as veterinary student coordinator once enrolled in vet

school. Her leadership in this position has increased awareness and education of community cat issues at her school and has fostered a strong, ongoing relationship between the University of Wisconsin, Madison Cat Project and HSVMA.



### MONTANA DIABO - 3rd Place

*Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, Class of 2021*

Although she hasn't yet completed veterinary school, Montana has already made an incredible difference to the lives of pets and people in her community. As a student in the Animal Health Technology program at Vanier College, she brought together her resources from school and her connections on the Kahnawake Mohawk Territory. With the help of her veterinary professors and the Kahnawake Animal Protection department, Montana set up a low-cost spay/neuter clinic in Kahnawake. Since then, over 700 animals in her community have been sterilized! She also started a microchip clinic in Kahnawake. These clinics are the only available health care for pets in Kahnawake. Her initiation of services has made a huge impact on animal welfare.



### RENEE STAFFELD - 3rd Place

*Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, Class of 2020*

"My philosophy of veterinary work and animal welfare is simple. Every life is equal, and suffering should be eliminated wherever possible." - Renee Staffeld  
Renee has been a Class 1 New York State licensed wildlife rehabilitator with a rabies vector species endorsement since 2011, and works as a Veterinary Student Technician in the CUCVM Janet L. Swanson Wildlife Health Center. She also finds the time to volunteer at the Tompkins County SPCA and was the Lead Veterinary Assistant at the Chemung County SPCA Shelter Outreach Services (SOS) clinics. SOS is a non-profit organization that provides high quality/high volume spay and neuter services to the Finger Lakes region of New York with the Cornell vet school.

To read more about the accomplishments of these four scholarship recipients, go to [hsvma.org/scholarship](http://hsvma.org/scholarship).

# HSVMA in Action



HSVMA Veterinary Adviser Dr. Barbara Hodges conducts outreach at the HSVMA booth at Animal Care Expo in Kansas City in May.  
Photo Credit: HSVMA



HSVMA Connecticut State Representative Dr. Melissa Shapiro and her dog Piglet visit with a group of third grade students. Piglet, who is blind and deaf, is an ambassador for special needs dogs and Dr. Shapiro talks with students about overcoming challenges like Piglet has during her school visits. Photo Credit: Dr. Melissa Shapiro



HSVMA Colorado State Representative Dr. Jon Geller at a Street Dog Coalition clinic. Dr. Geller founded the organization to provide free medical care to animals of the homeless.  
Photo Credit: Dr. Jon Geller



HSVMA veterinary student members from the University of Wisconsin participate in an HSVMA-sponsored World Spay Day event at the school. Photo Credit: Dr. Susan Krebsbach



Dr. Gail Hansen, HSVMA's representative for the District of Columbia, conducts outreach at the HSVMA booth at the AVMA conference in Denver.  
Photo Credit: HSVMA

Celebrating 10 years



# HSVMA Featured Member Benefits

## VETERINARY INSURANCE

Members of the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association can take advantage of insurance coverage through Safehold Insurance. Safehold's exclusive veterinary insurance program provides access to exceptional, cost-effective proprietary insurance coverage including:

- License defense
- Animal bailee
- No settlement clause

For more information, visit [hsvma.org/insurance](http://hsvma.org/insurance).

## PAYMENT PROCESSING

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