

Animal Law Symposium

Fall 2017

Uniting Legal, Law Enforcement, Veterinary and Shelter Professionals

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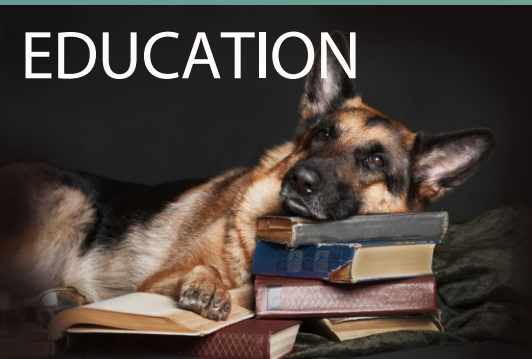


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Conference Agenda

September 20 - 21, 2017

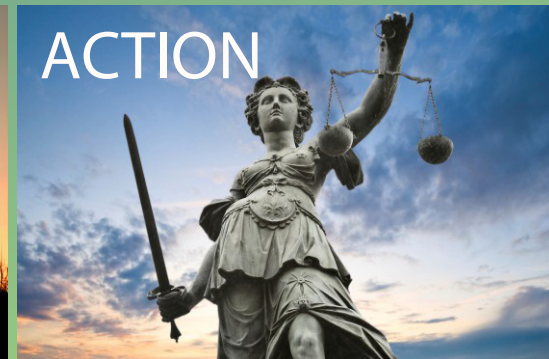
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Where:

State Bar of Georgia, 104 Marietta Street NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303

When:

Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Thursday, September 21, 2017, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM - Onsite Registration on both September 20th and September 21st (ONLY if space is available)

DAY 1, September 20, 2017

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Auditorium (all)

Welcome and Announcements**Introduction to Animal Law Source and Animal Law Overview**

Presenter: Claudine Wilkins & Jessica Rock, Attorneys, Founders of Animal Law Source and animallawsource.org
Atlanta, Georgia

- Website introduction - resource for Georgia professionals and the public related to Animal Law & Enforcement
- Navigating through site, cases, case law, and more
- Types of animal cases and the courts that hear those cases
- Ordinances, misdemeanors, felonies, & regulations
- Difference between Animal Laws located under Title 4 and Title 16
- The role of a Regulatory Agency - Department of Agriculture, Companion Animal Division
- Review of the Georgia Animal Cruelty Law

KEYNOTE: John Thompson, Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer for the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) and Founder of the National Coalition on Violence Against Animals (NCOVAA), Washington, DC

9:30 AM – 10:40 AM

Auditorium (all)

Mock Trial of an Animal Cruelty Case

Experience a simulated trial based on a real Georgia Animal Cruelty Case from the perspective of a Judge, Prosecutor, Investigator, and Defense Attorney

10:40 AM to 10:55 AM

Break

10:55 AM to 12:05 PM

Auditorium (all)

Creating a Task Force

Presenter: Mike Duffey, Animal Crimes Investigator at Humane Society of Southern Arizona/Animal Cruelty Task force of Southern Arizona

- Engaging all organizations/entities within your county/city to establish a task force
- Structure and operations of a task force
- Public relations and community benefits
- Cost benefits

12:05 PM to 1:25 PM

Lunch and Networking in the Auditorium (all)

Animal Law Source presents awards to outstanding organizations/individuals who show compassion, courage, and a desire to help animals and their community

1:25 PM to 2:35 PM

Auditorium – Legal

Link Between Animal Cruelty and Other Forms of Family Violence

The Importance of Police/Animal Control Involvement in Animal Cases

Presenter: John Thompson, Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer for the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) and Founder of the National Coalition on Violence Against Animals (NCOVAA), Washington, DC

- The Dynamics of Domestic Violence
- The connection between Animal Abuse and Family Violence – Domestic Violence, Elder Abuse and Child Abuse
- Power and Control
- Cross Reporting Animal Abuse and Human Abuse
- Police working with Animal Control Officers
- Prosecutors working with Police and Animal Control Officers
- Formation and purpose of the National Coalition on Violence Against Animals

Room 3 - Vets

Reporting Animal Cruelty and Animal Law for Veterinarians

Presenter: Claudine Wilkins and Jessica Rock, Attorneys, Founders of Animal Law Source and animallawsource.org, Atlanta, Georgia

2:35 PM to 2:45 PM

Break

2:45 PM to 3:55 PM

Auditorium - Legal

A New Day for Law Enforcement & Animal Control: Be a Resource, Not the Enemy

Presenter: Lieutenant Timothy Deck, Animal Services Division of the Office of the Sheriff, Durham, NC and Rachel Thompson, HSUS, Pets for Life, Atlanta, GA

- Are you tired of issuing warrants or writing tickets and taking animals with no end in sight and no real change on the horizon?
- As advocates, are you looking for ways to encourage law enforcement and animal control agents to approach underserved communities from a different perspective?
- If you answered “yes”, join us to learn how to make the shift from a strictly punitive approach to a more balanced focus on community support and collaboration

Room 3 – Vets

Low Cost but Top-Quality Vet Care, Providing Access to Care for *All* Pet Owners Irrespective of Their Financial Resources

Presenter: Brian Forsgren, DVM, Chief of Staff at Gateway Animal Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio

Room 5 – Shelter

10 Things Shelters Should Be Doing & Increasing Adoptions, Changing Perceptions, Innovative Outreach, Avoiding Liability, and more

Presenter: Panel Discussion

DAY 2, September 21, 2017

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Auditorium (all)

Welcome and Announcements

Keynote: Victoria Stilwell, VSPDT, APDT, Celebrity Dog Trainer and Behavior Expert, Trainer and creator of It's Me or the Dog (Animal Planet), Bestselling Author and Founder of Victoria Stilwell Positively, Inc. and the Victoria Stilwell Academy of Dog Training and Behavior

9:30 AM – 10:40 AM

Auditorium (all)

Puppy Mills and Backyard Breeders

Presenter: Madi Hawkins, Director of Habersham County Animal Care & Control and Susan Garcia, Director at Cherokee County Animal Shelter

- Nuts and Bolts & Dos and Don'ts of a real puppy mill case
- Roles of Prosecutors, Police, Animal Control, Veterinarians, Shelter and Rescues in Large Impound cases
- Search Warrants and Inspection Warrants
- Evidence collection & codification
- What to do with all those animals
- Disposal actions under Title 4 or relinquishment
- Cost of Care
- Separating evidence animals from adoptable animals in shelter
- Preparing for court
- Adoption of the animals once part of a Puppy Mill

10:40 AM to 10:55 AM

Break

10:55 AM to 12:05 PM

Auditorium

Case Preparation for all Parties Involved in a Case, Courtroom Presentation, Control of Evidence, Tools to Remove Cost of Impound and Holding Evidence

Keynote Speakers: Claudine Wilkins and Jessica Rock, Attorneys, Founders of Animal Law Source and animallawsource.org, Atlanta, Georgia

Room 5 – Shelter & Animal Trainers

Increasing Shelter Adoptions Through Training and Enrichment, Training Dogs in Shelters

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Auditorium – Legal

Dog Fighting

Presenter: Chris Schindler, Humane Society of the United States, Manager of Animal Fighting Investigations, Animal Rescue Team

- Dog Fighting Law review
- Investigations
- Evidence collection and impound
- Difference between valid dog weight pulling vs. dog fighting and these tools they use
- Collateral crimes
- Additional agencies involvement
- Convictions

Room 5 – Vets, Shelter & Animal Trainers

A Neuroscientist and His Adopted Dog Decode the Canine Brain; How Dogs Think

Presenter: Gregory S. Berns, MD, PhD, Distinguished Professor on Neuroeconomics and Director of the Center for Neuropolicy and Facility for Education and Research in Neurosciences, Professor of the Psychology Department, Emory University and Mark Spivak, owner and founder of Comprehensive Pet Therapy, Inc. (CPT) and co-owner and co-founder of Dog Star Technologies, LLC

- Take a trip into the fascinating research in understanding the neurobiological basis for individual preferences and how neurobiology places constraints on the decisions that people (and animals) make -- a field now known as neuroeconomics
- Dr. Berns reveals things we never knew about the way a dog thinks

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Auditorium – Legal

Law Enforcement and Dog Encounters

Presenter: Senior Patrol Officer Amy Soeldner, Atlanta Police Department

Room 3 - Vets

Dog Fighting for Veterinarians and Vet Techs

Presenter: Mike Duffey, Animal Crimes Investigator at Humane Society of Southern Arizona/Animal Cruelty Taskforce of Southern Arizona

Room 5 – Shelter

Social Media 101

Presenter: Nichole Dandrea, Best Friends Animal Society

- Growing your social media audience
- Creating dynamic content
- Best practices
- Measuring success
- Best platforms to use
- How to be resourceful when you have limited resources
- How to take great photos when you don't have a photographer.

YLD Presidents Room – Animal Control Officers

Many Hats of the Professional Animal Control Officer

Presenter: Assistant Division Manager Cindy Wiemann, Gwinnett County Animal Welfare and Enforcement, Atlanta, GA

- Duties of a Georgia Animal Control Officer
- 10 things every ACO needs to know
- Are We First Responders?
- Tools an ACO should have on your person and in your vehicle

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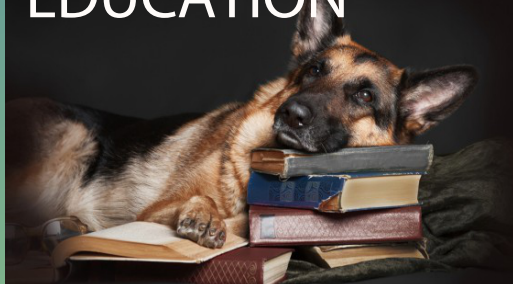


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