

MARCH 2 - 4, 2021



# MY DOG IS MY HOME'S CO-SHELTERING CONFERENCE

**LEARN. COLLABORATE. IMPACT.**

Sheltering people and animals together  
to preserve the human-animal bond.

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Welcome to the first Co-Sheltering Conference, convened by My Dog Is My Home with the generous support of our sponsors. Together, we hope to advance practices in homeless services and animal welfare that will preserve the human-animal bond in circumstances of homelessness. This conference gathers a community of providers, academics, people with lived experience, policymakers, and advocates who share a vision for a future where all families have access to a home, no matter their composition.

### Conference Goals:

- Exchange practices currently being implemented to shelter people experiencing homelessness and their animals together.
- Connect principles in human services and animal welfare to create strong partnerships and blended programs which meet the needs and priorities of both fields.
- Develop compassionate, humane policies on the macro and mezzo levels of practice that keep people experiencing homelessness and their animals together.

### This program is composed of the following types of activities:

- **Keynotes:** principal talks given by celebrated individuals in the field
- **Session Blocks:** organized by topic, each containing several presentations and time for Q&A
- **Breakout Sessions:** creates small groups for interactive group discussion after each session block
- **Storytelling:** featuring the voices and expertise of people with lived experience of homelessness.
- **Poster Presentations:** an interactive presentation of research vis-a-vis a paper poster and Q&A with the presenter.

### Special thanks to the following volunteers:

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Kacie Kerrigan Raymeil Davis Al Rosenberg

## MY DOG IS MY HOME

**OUR MISSION** is to increase access to shelter and housing for people experiencing homelessness with companion animals. By securing their ability to maintain their most important relationships and find adequate shelter, we ensure every family's right to build a home.



**My Dog Is My Home is a 501(c)(3) national nonprofit dedicated to** expanding access to shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness and their companion animals. We work to assist service providers like homeless shelters expand their programming to allow humans and their companion animals to remain together.

### How We Work Towards Our Mission

My Dog Is My Home provides technical assistance to homeless service organizations and supports the transition to pet-friendly policies. We focus our time on helping other services build their capacity to serve human-animal families. Our activities normally fall within one of the following categories: research, technical assistance and consultation, and training and education.



MY DOG IS MY HOME

### OUR VISION

We envision equitable access to home for all people and all families.

# OUR PROGRAMS

## TELL STORIES.

Expertise isn't just about knowing the data and trends. It's also about the lived experience. The people who have the most to gain have the most to share and are our greatest sources of information.

## SHARE DATA.

Community collaboration is key to change. Open source and access to information are integral to any effective social justice movement.

## CHANGE SYSTEMS.

Systematic approaches that are creative and grounded in evidence are not only possible but necessary to address complex and intersecting social problems.

## CHANGE LIVES.

Animals and people share a social environment. Helping animals helps people, and helping people helps animals.

## The Conference + The Collaborative

The Co-Sheltering Conference was birthed out of our Co-Sheltering Collaborative.

**The Collaborative is a national community of homeless service providers and government organizations that are actively working on the implementation of co-sheltering.** The collaborative was developed to share expertise and showcase examples of innovative programs that address integrated human and animal sheltering needs. The collaborative provides members with an opportunity to engage in dialogue, improve co-sheltering methods, and create a road map for making co-sheltering a part of standard practice. Members also work together to establish other collaborative goals and are given opportunities to participate in leadership roles within working groups.

For more info, visit: [www.co-shelteringcollaborative.org](http://www.co-shelteringcollaborative.org)  
To join, email: [collaborative@mydogismyhome.org](mailto:collaborative@mydogismyhome.org)



# SCHEDULE INFORMATION

## DAY 1: TUES, MARCH 2, 2021



# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

## TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021

### Welcome

9 AM - 9:30 AM PT / 10 AM - 10:30 AM MT / 12 PM - 12:30 PM ET

### Storytelling

9:30 AM - 9:45 AM PT / 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM MT / 12:30 PM - 12:45 PM ET

### Keynote: Why Access to Resources is a Social Justice Issue

9:45 AM - 11 AM PT / 10:45 AM - 12 PM MT / 12:45 PM - 2 PM ET

### Breakout

11 AM - 11:30 AM PT / 12 PM - 12:30 PM MT / 2 PM - 2:30 PM ET

### Break

11:30 AM - 11:45 AM PT / 12:30 PM - 12:45 PM MT / 2:30 PM - 2:45 PM ET

### Storytelling

11:45 AM - 12 PM PT / 12:45 PM - 1 PM MT / 2:45 PM - 3 PM ET

### Session Block: Emerging Practices in Co-sheltering

12 PM - 1:45 PM PT / 1 PM - 2:45 PM MT / 3 PM - 4:45 PM ET

### Breakout

1:45 PM - 2 PM PT / 2:45 PM - 3 PM MT / 4:45 PM - 5 PM ET

### Break

2 PM - 2:15 PM PT / 3 PM - 3:15 PM MT / 5 PM - 5:15 PM ET

### Keynote: James Bowen, author of *A Street Cat Named Bob*

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### Closing

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## TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021

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10 AM - 10:30 AM MT  
12 PM - 12:30 PM ET

### Welcome

- Alen Amini, Executive Director of My Dog Is My Home
- Dani La Giglia, Community Grants Manager at PetSmart Charities

9:30 AM - 9:45 AM PT  
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM MT  
12:30 PM - 12:45 PM ET

### Storytelling

9:45 AM - 11 AM PT  
10:45 AM - 12 PM MT  
12:45 PM - 2 PM ET

### Keynote: Why Access to Pet Resources is a Social Justice Issue

- Amanda Arrington, Senior Director of Pets for Life, The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)
- Aleah Simpson, Pets for Life Marketing and Communications Program Manager, HSUS
- Philip Tedeschi, Clinical Professor, Executive Director of the Institute for Human-Animal Connection, University of Denver

# SCHEDULE

## TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021

12 PM - 1:45 PM PT  
1 PM - 2:45 PM MT  
3 PM - 4:45 PM ET

### Session Block: Emerging Practices in Co-Sheltering

- Co-Sheltering Findings from the Field - Lisa Lunghofer, Executive Director of Making Good Work
- Animal Care Guidelines for Emergency Co-Sheltering - Dr. Michelle Lem, Founder and Director of Community Veterinary Outreach
- Welcoming Animals into Interim Housing for Healing and Hope - Steve Fiechter, Senior Director of Metro LA Programs at PATH LA

1:45 PM - 2 PM PT  
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### Breakout

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### Break

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11:45 AM - 12 PM PT **Storytelling**  
12:45 PM - 1 PM MT  
2:45 PM - 3 PM ET



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## TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM PT **Keynote: From the Grimy Streets of London to the Hotel Suites of Tokyo**  
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM MT  
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James Bowen, author of *A Street Cat Named Bob*

3:15 PM - 3:30 PM PT **Closing**  
4:15 PM - 4:30 PM MT  
6:15 PM - 6:30 PM ET  
Alen Amini, Executive Director of My Dog Is My Home



# SCHEDULE INFORMATION

## DAY 2: WED, MARCH 3, 2021



# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021

### **Welcome Back**

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### **Storytelling**

9:15 AM - 9:30 AM PT / 10:15 AM - 10:30 AM MT / 12:15 PM - 12:30 PM ET

### **Keynote: Lessons Learned from Homeless Pet Owners**

9:30 AM - 10:15 AM PT / 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM MT / 12:30 PM - 1:15 PM ET

### **Breakout**

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM PT / 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM MT / 1:15 PM - 1:45 PM ET

### **Break**

10:45 AM - 11 AM PT / 11:45 AM - 12 PM MT / 1:45 PM - 2 PM ET

### **Session Block A: Co-Sheltering in Domestic Violence Services**

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### **Session Block B: Animal Welfare and Homeless Service Partnerships**

11 AM - 1:15 PM PT / 12 PM - 2:15 PM MT / 2 PM - 4:15 PM ET

### **Breakout**

1:15 PM - 1:30 PM PT / 2:15 PM - 2:30 PM MT / 4:15 PM - 4:30 PM ET

### **Break**

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### **Storytelling**

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### **Poster Session & Tabling**

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## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021

### Exclusive Sneak Peak at Documentary *Stray*, Q&A with Director

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### Closing

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A scene from STRAY, a Magnolia Pictures release. Photo courtesy of Magnolia Pictures.



# SCHEDULE

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021

9 AM - 9:15 AM PT

10 AM - 10:15 AM MT

12 PM - 12:15 PM ET

### Welcome Back

- Carolyn Mullin, Board Member of My Dog Is My Home
- Aimee Gilbreath, President of PetSmart Charities

9:15 AM - 9:30 AM PT

10:15 AM - 10:30 AM MT

12:15 PM - 12:30 PM ET

### Storytelling

9:30 AM - 10:15 AM PT

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM MT

12:30 PM - 1:15 PM ET

### Keynote: Lessons Learned from Homeless Pet Owners

Dr. Leslie Irvine, University of Colorado Boulder, author of *My Dog Always Eats First*

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM PT

11:15 AM - 11:45 AM MT

1:15 PM - 1:45 PM ET

### Breakout

10:45 AM - 11 AM PT

11:45 AM - 12 PM MT

1:45 PM - 2 PM ET

### Break

# SCHEDULE

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021

11 AM - 1:15 PM PT  
12 PM - 2:15 PM MT  
2 PM - 4:15 PM ET

### **Session Block A: Co-Sheltering in Domestic Violence Services**

- Sheltering Animals & Families Together (SAF-T): A Life Saving Initiative - Allie Phillips, Founder & CEO of Sheltering Animals & Families Together
- Don't Forget the Pets - Bryna Donnelly, Vice President of Pet Programs at GreaterGood & Katie Campbell, Director of Collaboration and Outreach at RedRover
- Beyond Survival: How PALS and Co-living Help Recovering Families Thrive - Danielle Emery, PALS Director, Lina Cohen, PALS Supervisor & Colleen Parker, PALS Training and TA Coordinator, Urban Resource Institute

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## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021

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### **Session Block B: Animal Welfare and Homeless Service Partnerships**

- Innovation and Protecting the Human-Animal Bond: the WisCARES Way - Niki Albridge, Practice Manager and Lead CVT at WisCARES; Levi Sable, Operations Manager and Outreach Coordinator at WisCARES
- Building Great Pet Owners from the Ground Up - Kristi Schall, President of Good Sense Dogs
- Bark Avenue's On-Site Pet Wellness Clinics and Support in Homeless Shelters, Housing Programs and Humane Service Agencies - Christy Schilling, Executive Director of Bark Avenue Foundation
- We Couldn't Do It Without You – Community Partners and Humane Advocacy Programs - Melissa Robinson, Manager of Humane Advocacy at East Bay SPCA

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## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021

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### Breakout

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### Storytelling

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### Poster and Tabling Session

- Supporting Both Ends of the Leash through Partnerships - Lauren Rogers, Community Initiatives Specialist at San Diego Humane Society
- Building Great Pet Owners from the Ground Up Poster - Kristi Schall, President of Good Sense Dog Training

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### Poster Session

- 2-1-1, how can we help you? Implementing a review of resources available to pets of people experiencing homelessness in Colorado - Katrina Weschler, Director of Operations & Creative Strategies at Street Dog Coalition; Isabella Mazariegos, MPH, MS, DVM candidate, 2022 | Colorado State University
- Street Outreach Animal Response Initiative: A One Health Approach to Addressing Homelessness & Crisis - Leslie Brooks, One Health Outreach Veterinarian at Street Outreach Animal Response Initiative
- East Bay SPCA's No-Barrier Pet Food Pantry - Melissa Robinson, Manager of Humane Advocacy at East Bay SPCA

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## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021

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### Poster Session

- Homeless? - Genevieve Frederick, Founder and President of Pets of the Homeless
- Positive Tails: Helping Pets + Families - Beth Gould, Board Member of Positive Tails; Erica Kubersky, Board Member of Positive Tails
- Creating a Safe Space for Pet Owners and Their Pets Through Grooming - Terryl Daluz, founder of Loving Paws

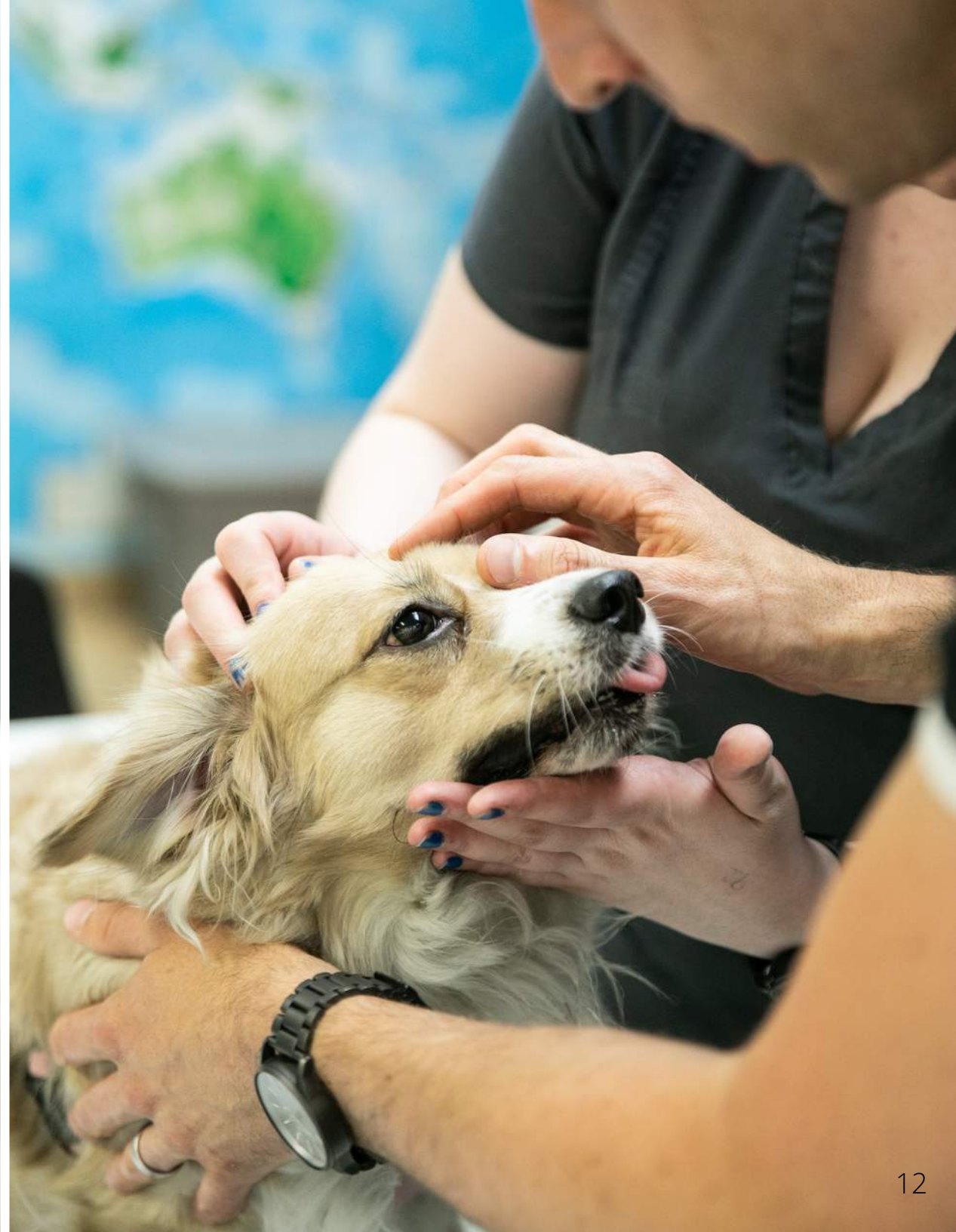
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**Exclusive sneak peek at award-winning documentary film *Stray* and Q&A with director Elizabeth Lo**

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### Closing

Carolyn Mullin, Board Member of My Dog Is My Home



# SCHEDULE INFORMATION

## DAY 3: THURS, MARCH 4, 2021



# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

## THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021

### **Welcome Back**

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### **Keynote: Unleashing Creative Strategies to End Homelessness for Pet Owners**

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### **Session Block: Policy & Legislation**

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### **Break**

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### **Storytelling**

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### **Session Block A: International Perspectives on Co-Sheltering**

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### **Session Block B: Lowering Barriers for Emotional Support Animals**

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### **Breakout**

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### **Storytelling**

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### **Closing**

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# SCHEDULE

## THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021

9 AM - 9:05 AM PT  
10 AM - 10:05 AM MT  
12 PM - 12:05 PM ET

### Welcome Back

- Carol Sainthilaire, Board Member of My Dog Is My Home
- Mary Ippoliti-Smith, Executive Leadership Team of Maddie's Fund

9:05 AM - 9:45 AM PT  
10:05 AM - 10:45 AM MT  
12:05 PM - 12:45 PM ET

### Keynote: Unleashing Creative Strategies to End Homelessness for Pet Owners

Tashmia Bryant, Senior Technical Assistance Specialist at the National Alliance to End Homelessness



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## THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021

9:45 AM - 11:30 AM PT  
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### Session Block: Policy & Legislation

- Pre-Recorded Message - Hilda Solis, Los Angeles County Supervisor
- Animal Accommodations within the Los Angeles Coordinated Entry System - Jonathan Chi, Associate Director of Performance Management at Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority; Jeffrey Proctor, Associate Director of Performance Management at Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority; and Tonja Boykin, Chief Operating Officer at Weingart Center
- Senator Robert Hertzberg, California State Senate Majority Leader

11:30 AM - 11:45 AM PT  
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### Breakout

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### Break

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## THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021

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### Storytelling

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### Session Block A: International Perspectives on Co-Sheltering

- Management of the Interspecies Bond in Situations of Vulnerability - Noe Terrassa, Companion Animal Advisor at Fundació para el Asesoramiento y Acción en Defensa de los Animales (FAADA; Barcelona, Spain); Thais Sanchez, Volunteer at FAADA (Barcelona, Spain)
- Low Barrier Access to Shelter and Support. Supporting People and Pets - Stephanie LeBlanc, Director of Housing Operations at YouthLink (Toronto, Canada)
- Paws for Thought - Hugh Hill, Director of Services and Development at Simon Community Scotland (Glasgow, Scotland)

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### Session Block B: Lowering Barriers for Emotional Support Animals

- Clinical Consideration for Persons Experiencing Homelessness: Pet Prescriptions and ESA Considerations - Philip Tedeschi, Clinical Professor, Executive Director of the Institute for Human-Animal Connection, University of Denver
- Dismantling Barriers for Tenants and their Companion Animals - Dianne Prado, Founder and Executive Director of Housing Equality and Advocacy Resource Team LA
- Lowering Barriers for Emotional Support Animals, Steve Wayland, Program Director of PAWS/LA

2:15 PM - 2:45 PM PT

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### Breakout

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## THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021

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### Storytelling

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### Closing

Carol Sainthilaire, Board Member of My Dog Is My Home





# KEYNOTE INFORMATION



# KEYNOTES: PRESENTATIONS AND SPEAKERS

## **Why Access to Pet Resources is a Social Justice Issue**

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

9:45 AM - 11 AM PT / 10:45 AM - 12 PM MT / 12:45 PM - 2 PM ET

Pet keeping crosses boundaries of socioeconomic, race, ethnicity, and geography; but access to pet services and information does not. Institutional discrimination and systemic inequity impact people and their pets. We will discuss the connection between animal welfare and social, racial and economic justice and have a conversation on how to increase equity in access to pet resources.



### **Philip Tedeschi, Clinical Professor, Executive Director of the Institute for Human-Animal Connection at University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work**

Philip Tedeschi is a clinical professor at the Graduate School of Social Work at Executive Director of the [Institute for Human-Animal Connection](#), an internationally recognized center for the study of the interrelationship and health of people, animals and the environment through the lens of the social sciences.

# KEYNOTES: PRESENTATIONS AND SPEAKERS

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## **Why Access to Pet Resources is a Social Justice Issue**

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

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### **Amanda Arrington, Senior Director, Pets for Life, The Humane Society of the United States**

Amanda Arrington is the senior director of the groundbreaking Pets for Life (PFL) program at the Humane Society of the United States and previously served as a lobbyist and North Carolina State Director for HSUS. With PFL, Amanda guides a social justice-driven approach to create equity in and access to pet resources and information for people in underserved communities. Under her leadership the program has been implemented in over 50 markets across the country and is working to make companion animal welfare a more just and inclusive movement. Amanda is also the founder and Executive

Director of Beyond Fences, a non-profit based in Durham, NC. The organization builds trust and relationships in communities by providing no-fee pet services and support for people living in underserved areas. Amanda currently serves as vice-chair of The Association for Animal Welfare Advancement's OnPOINT committee on increasing diversity in animal welfare, served three years as the chair of the Durham County Animal Control Advisory Committee and on the board of the Durham Interneighborhood Council. Amanda has received many awards for her community outreach work including the prestigious American Veterinary Medical Association Humane Award in 2018

# KEYNOTES: PRESENTATIONS AND SPEAKERS



### **Aleah Simpson, Pets for Life Marketing and Communications Program Manager, The Humane Society of the United States**

Aleah Simpson is the Pets for Life Marketing and Communications Program Manager. She is an avid cheerleader for the human-animal bond and her 15 years of experience in animal welfare give her an in-depth perspective of the systemic issues that can create challenges for both animals and humans alike. Throughout her career, she has worked with various animal welfare organizations to develop and advocate for programs that improve pet owners' access to care and promote DEI initiatives within animal welfare. Aleah was the founding manager of the intake and surrender prevention efforts for Animal Care Centers of NYC, focusing on equitable support and targeting resource deserts for maximum impact. She created initiatives using a human-centered framework that encouraged employees and clients to maintain a sense of agency while improving access to vet care, behavior training, supplies, and human-based services.

# KEYNOTES: PRESENTATIONS AND SPEAKERS

## **From the Grimy Streets of London to the Hotel Suites of Tokyo**

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM PT / 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM MT / 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM ET



### **James Bowen, author of *A Street Cat Named Bob***

James Bowen is the author of *A Street Cat Named Bob*, which tells his life story. James is a former drug addict who slept rough on the streets of London and sold *The Big Issue* in Islington with his feline sidekick, Bob.

Since the publication of *A Street Cat Named Bob* in 2012 it has sold millions of copies worldwide and has also been made into a film of the same name. Further books followed and a second film, *A Christmas Gift From Bob*, was released in November 2020.

James now dedicates his time to helping various charities that involve homelessness and animal welfare. During lockdown he has also been busy writing music and, since the sad passing of Bob in June 2020, has welcomed two new kittens, Bandit and Gizmo, into his home.

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## **Lessons Learned from Homeless Pet Owners**

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Life on the street poses unique challenges for pet owners and the organizations that serve them. Drawing on research conducted among homeless pet owners in five U.S. cities, this talk discusses three lessons learned about the depth and complexity of the commitment homeless people make to their animals.



### **Leslie Irvine, PhD**

[Leslie Irvine](#) is Professor of Sociology at the University of Colorado at Boulder and Director of CU's [Animals and Society Certificate Program](#). Her research focuses on the roles of animals in society. She is the author of several books, including [My Dog Always Eats First](#), which examines homeless people's relationships with their companion animals.

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## **Unleashing Creative Strategies to End Homelessness for Pet Owners**

Thursday, March 4, 2021

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Homelessness is a traumatic and ostracizing experience for many. Pets can provide much needed companionship, protection, and other support to people experiencing these hardships so much so that many will often refuse assistance if it means separating from their animal. Ending homelessness requires flexibility to be able to accommodate diverse groups of people in need, like our homeless neighbors with pets, and strategic collaborations to ensure adequate support.

Learn about building bridges between homeless service organizations/systems and animal welfare organizations and strengthening the community of support around people experiencing homelessness with pets.

**Tashmia Bryant, Senior Technical Assistance Specialist at the National Alliance to End Homelessness**



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## **Tashmia Bryant, Senior Technical Assistance Specialist at the National Alliance to End Homelessness**

Tashmia Bryant is a Senior Technical Assistance Specialist with the Center for Capacity Building at the National Alliance to End Homelessness. Previously, she developed and led CT statewide training, technical assistance, and race equity strategy as the Capacity Building and Equity Program Manager at the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness. Prior to her macro-level work to end homelessness, Tashmia worked directly with families involved with CT Department of Children and Families who were at risk of experiencing homelessness to identify safe, affordable housing and to connect with community supports as part of their stabilization plan. She also coordinated rental subsidies for single individuals at risk of experiencing homelessness funded by the CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Tashmia is proud to have worked with Hartford's youth providing workforce development support, and has taught career competency training and developed new workforce partners for the Capitol Workforce-sponsored Summer Youth Employment Program. Tashmia is a proud graduate of the University of Connecticut (BA in Psychology) and the University of Hartford (MS in Organizational Psychology).



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Low Barrier Access to Shelter and Support. Supporting People and Pets., Stephanie LeBlanc

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Clinical Consideration for Persons Experiencing Homelessness: Pet Prescriptions and ESA Considerations, Philip Tedeschi

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Dismantling Barriers for Tenants and their Companion Animals, Dianne Prado

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Lowering Barriers for Emotional Support Animals, Steve Wayland





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## Emerging Practices in Co-Sheltering

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### Co-Sheltering Findings from the Field

This session will highlight findings from an exploratory study, made possible by a grant from Maddie's Fund, that assessed animal-friendly homeless shelters' current approaches to co-sheltering, documenting challenges, key issues, and lessons learned. Using a comparative case study approach, the study included individual interviews with staff and focus groups with clients with and without animals at four homeless shelters in the U.S. and Canada. We will discuss how findings can inform development of animal-friendly policies and practices in homeless shelters.



### **Lisa Lunghofer, Executive Director of Making Good Work**

Lisa Lunghofer, Ph.D., founded Making Good Work, LLC and has 25 years of experience working with public sector and nonprofit clients in the areas of animal welfare, violence prevention, and the human-animal bond. Earlier in her career, she led national evaluation projects focused on children's exposure to violence.

Since 2008, Lisa has worked with animal welfare programs nationwide, helping to create strategic plans, write successful grant proposals, raise funds, and track outcomes. She currently serves as Executive Director of The Grey Muzzle Organization, a national nonprofit working to improve the lives of at-risk senior dogs.

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## Emerging Practices in Co-Sheltering

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### Animal Care Guidelines for Emergency Co-Sheltering

The Animal Care Guidelines for Emergency Co-Sheltering is a set of evidence-based recommendations and resources to support the care of animals within emergency shelters. In this presentation, I will share some of the information and resources in this first version of the document, but also seek feedback from the audience on how to make this resource more applicable and user-friendly for shelter workers.



### **Michelle Lem, DVM, MSW, Founder/Executive Director of Community Veterinary Outreach**

Michelle is a graduate of the Ontario Veterinary College, and the founder / director of Community Veterinary Outreach. Dr. Lem has also practiced companion animal medicine and surgery in Ottawa and New Zealand, and taught in the Vet Tech and Assistant programs at Algonquin College. In 2009, she returned to OVC to pursue research in epidemiology in the Department of Population Medicine, and obtained her MSc studying the effects of pet ownership on street-involved youth. Michelle is an active member of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association's Animal Welfare Committee and a trained member of the Canadian Veterinary Reserve. Michelle was elected as an Ashoka Fellow in 2013.

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## **Emerging Practices in Co-Sheltering**

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### Welcoming Animals into Interim Housing for Healing and Hope

Interim housing settings are spaces where rubber hits the road (or maybe we should say, paws hit the pavement!) both in terms of healing from the trauma of homelessness and building trust and hope for the future. For those with beloved accompanying animals, the acknowledgement and support of that primary relationship and the approaches taken to welcome and care for those beloved is both a mirror of our own humanity and a key for healing and hope. From providing basic space and support to offering training in a variety of areas, PATH takes a "whatever it takes" approach as we walk alongside our guests (including all from the animal kingdom) and help them make it home.



**Steve Fiechter, Director of Metro LA Programs at PATH LA**

Steve joined PATH's Veteran Services department in 2013, and in 2015 co-lead PATH's Intensive Case Management Team. Now, as Senior Director of Metro Los Angeles, Steve oversees the outreach, interim housing, and supportive service programs in metropolitan Los Angeles. Steve has long been an advocate for change, and for the application

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of theory into effective practice. or over a decade, Steve has actively worked to assist people experiencing homelessness, particularly those who also struggle with mental illness. He is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, received his MSW from CSU-Dominguez Hills, his BA in economics from Montclair State University, as well as a Master of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. If you're looking for him when he's not at work, you find him jogging somewhere in Hollywood or maybe at work in the garden.



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[Sheltering Animals & Families Together \(SAF-T\): A Life Saving Initiative](#)

With an increase in awareness in the need to house domestic violence survivors with their pets to remove a barrier to safety, Allie Phillips founded Sheltering Animals & Families Together (SAF-T)® and wrote the guidelines that has helped domestic violence shelters on how to create onsite pet housing since 2008. Research studies show that up to 65% of women will delay going to a shelter because of concerns about their pets and shelter women are nearly 11 times more likely to report their partner hurt/killed their pet. The SAF-T Program was created as a solution for when animal abuse links with domestic violence and child abuse, and to help families stay together while maintaining the human-animal bond. This webinar will feature shelters that have created one of the 4 SAF-T Housing Models, and discuss how to overcome common concerns such as allergies and fear of pets.

**Allie Phillips**  
**Founder & CEO of Sheltering Animals & Families Together**

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## **Allie Phillips, Founder & CEO of Sheltering Animals & Families Together**

Allie Phillips is an internationally recognized attorney, author, public speaker, and advocate for animals and vulnerable victims. She received the 2018 Trailblazer Award from Urban Resource Institute and was awarded as a Top Defender of Animals in 2015 for her innovative work with domestic violence pet sheltering. She is a legal expert on the linkage between violence to animals and people, therapy animals helping crime victims, and sheltering pets of domestic violence.

She has significant criminal prosecution trial experience as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Michigan and has trained prosecutors and criminal justice professionals since 1997. She has worked for National District Attorneys Association where she founded and directed the National Center for Prosecution of Animal Abuse and was Deputy Director of the National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse. She also worked for the American Humane Association as the Vice President of Public Policy and Human-Animal Strategic Initiatives where she managed the Washington D.C. office and was responsible for lobbying and advocacy on child and animal welfare legislation. Allie has been an innovator throughout her career, most notably for creating the first written guidelines on housing pets at family violence shelters (Sheltering Animals & Families Together (SAF-T)ü) and incorporating therapy animals with children in the court system (Therapy Animals Supporting Kids (TASK)™ Program). Ms. Phillips has consulted with the National District Attorney's Association, Institute of Human-Animal Connection at University of Denver and University of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine. Her work has been featured on The Today Show, by the Associated Press, and in The Washington Post, USA Today, Denver Post, Cat Fancy Magazine, National Public Radio, and national animal radio talk shows.

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#### Don't Forget the Pets

Greater Good Charities and RedRover believe that pets are family – and that no one should have to choose between their safety and their pet. Because of this shared mission, we joined forces to help human service organizations and animal shelters create community-based collaborative programs to help both people and pets in crisis. Together, we share our knowledge on fundraising, insights on human services and animal welfare, and construction expertise to help organizations welcome pets of domestic violence survivors and the unhoused populations.



#### **Bryna Donnelly, Vice President of Pet Programs for Greater Good Charities**

Dr. Bryna Donnelly, the Vice President of Pet Programs for Greater Good Charities, founded Rescue Rebuild, an animal shelter renovation program, in 2006 while a college biology professor. Before leaving her job as a professor in 2011, she traveled during school breaks with her students teaching them construction skills in an effort to bring animal shelters up to current sheltering best practices. Teaching is still her passion, and she

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has now expanded that to volunteers of all ages; showing them how to enrich the lives of animals and their caretakers with time and a little hard work. She now brings her knowledge of construction and animal welfare to helping people by building pet spaces in domestic violence and homeless shelters. Bryna and her team have renovated over 160 shelters worldwide and consulted with countless other shelters to help keep pets and people safe.



#### **Katie Campbell, Director of Collaboration and Outreach at RedRover**

Katie Campbell is the Director of Collaboration and Outreach for RedRover and has worked with nonprofits for more than 10 years. During this time she has worked with diverse communities across racial, ethnic, and economic lines in positions ranging from front line service to management roles. She has worked closely with survivors of domestic violence, as well as other individuals at risk, and with many nonprofits serving these communities. Katie is a firm believer that more can be accomplished when organizations work together and with the community rather than in silos.

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Beyond Survival: How PALS and Co-living Help Recovering Families Thrive

Urban Resource Institute's People and Animals Living Safely (PALS) program has been sheltering domestic violence survivors in NYC together with their pets since 2013. This presentation will explore the intersection of domestic violence, pets, family homelessness, mental illness, economic inequality and racism by sharing stories that illustrate the complex and varied needs of DV survivors in our program. We will share our surprising realization that the pets involved often are not the most "challenging" aspect of a family's situation, and how PALS works together within URI and with the help community partners to connect residents to services and resources. Survivor voices will be featured in this presentation.

### **People & Animals Living Safely (PALS) at Urban Resource Institute**

- **Danielle Emery, PALS Director**
- **Lina Cohen, PALS Supervisor**
- **Colleen Parker, PALS Technical Assistance Coordinator**

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## **People & Animals Living Safely (PALS) at Urban Resource Institute**

- **Danielle Emery, PALS Director**
- **Lina Cohen, PALS Supervisor**
- **Colleen Parker, PALS Technical Assistance Coordinator**



PALS Director Danielle Emery, PALS Supervisor Lina Cohen and PALS Training and TA Coordinator Colleen Parker will lead this session. Their extensive lived and work experience in the social work, animal welfare and client services fields brought them each to URI, where they are proud to be part of the innovative PALS program and to promote co-living and resources for DV survivors with pets across the nation. They and the entire PALS team are committed to providing client-centered services that encourage resiliency and healing among the PALS residents -- human and animal -- in URI's shelters.

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Innovation and Protecting the Human-Animal Bond: the WisCARES Way.

Wisconsin Companion Animal Resource, Education & Social Services (WisCARES) provides low-cost veterinary care, boarding/fostering, and social services to clients experiencing homelessness and to low-income households throughout Wisconsin. The presentation will go over the basics of how services are provided, challenges faced, and the importance of incorporating the education of veterinary, social work, pharmacy, and human medicine students into the conversation as a way of increasing access to veterinary care and reinforcing the importance of the human animal bond and keeping animals with their families.

**Niki Albridge, Lead CVT and Practice Manager  
WisCARES**

**Levi Sable, Operations Manager and Outreach Coordinator  
WisCARES**

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**Niki Albridge  
Lead CVT and Practice Manager at WisCARES**

Niki Albridge is a Certified Veterinary technician of 10 years, working in multiple niches of the profession before landing at WisCARES three years ago. Niki is currently the Lead CVT and Practice Manager of WisCARES. She resides in McFarland, WI on a small farmette with her husband, two sons and a myriad of animals.



**Levi Sable  
Operations Manager and Outreach Coordinator  
at WisCARES**

Levi Sable is the Director of Outreach and Operations at WisCARES, where he oversees the social service program. He lives in Madison Wisconsin with his two dogs, three cats, chickens, and a ball python named Peppercorn.

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[Building Great Pet Owners from the Ground Up](#)

Join Kristi Schall of Good Sense Dogs to learn about the importance of pet education and handling experience from a young age, what groups in the community are falling in between the cracks with proper animal care knowledge, and why including pet programs with under-served people is vital. Find out how Good Sense Dogs has built programs to serve at-risk youth, unhoused populations, and beyond to ensure the development of great pet owners who have everything they need to care for their pets in the best way possible.



### **Kristi Schall, Director of Good Sense Dogs**

Kristi started her passion for animal care and rescue right after high school with her first job at the Sacramento SPCA. She was later able to explore her desire for helping people as well by becoming a foster parent for Sacramento County for a decade. Kristi wanted to develop a nonprofit that helped BOTH pets and people alike, and founded Good Sense Dogs in 2016 to assist and educate the most under-served and at risk populations in the Sacramento Valley.



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Bark Avenue's On-Site Pet Wellness Clinics and Support in Homeless Shelters, Housing Programs and Humane Service Agencies,

With an increase in rents and limited housing options, many individuals and families are forced to make an impossible choice between keeping their pet or their housing. It's no surprise that difficulty finding and keeping housing is a top reason animal companions are surrendered to shelters, but many people with pets will not go into housing if they are not able to bring their beloved pet comrade therefore increasing the number of people and pets experiencing homelessness and living on the streets. The overarching goal of Bark Avenue Foundation is to help the most vulnerable people with pets in LA City/County stay together safe and healthy, housed, off the streets and out of animal shelters. This presentation will focus on how animal welfare organizations can collaborate with human service agencies and veterinarians to provide holistic care to the person and their pet companion.

**Christy Schilling**

**Executive Director of Bark Avenue Foundation**

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## **Christy Schilling, Executive Director of Bark Avenue Foundation**

Christy has always had a love for animals, people and giving back which is why she earned her BA degree in Sociology/Social Welfare. She worked and volunteered with pregnant and parenting teens, victims of domestic violence and low-income housing recipients.

Through this, her eyes were widely opened to the plight of animals, so she shifted her focus to helping pets and people through humane education, legislation, mobile adoptions, coordinating fosters, volunteers, and transports, and partnering with a variety of organizations. After over 15 years in animal welfare volunteerism she co-founded a non-profit animal welfare organization with the mission to teach, advocate, protect and support pets opening a rescue only pet store. She was awarded 2014 Woman of the Year by Congressman Adam Schiff and the 2016 Animal Activist award from Animal PAC for her animal welfare work. In 2016 Christy decided to focus her efforts on prevention, wanting to keep pets out of animal shelters and with their families and became Executive Director Bark Avenue Foundation in August 2017.



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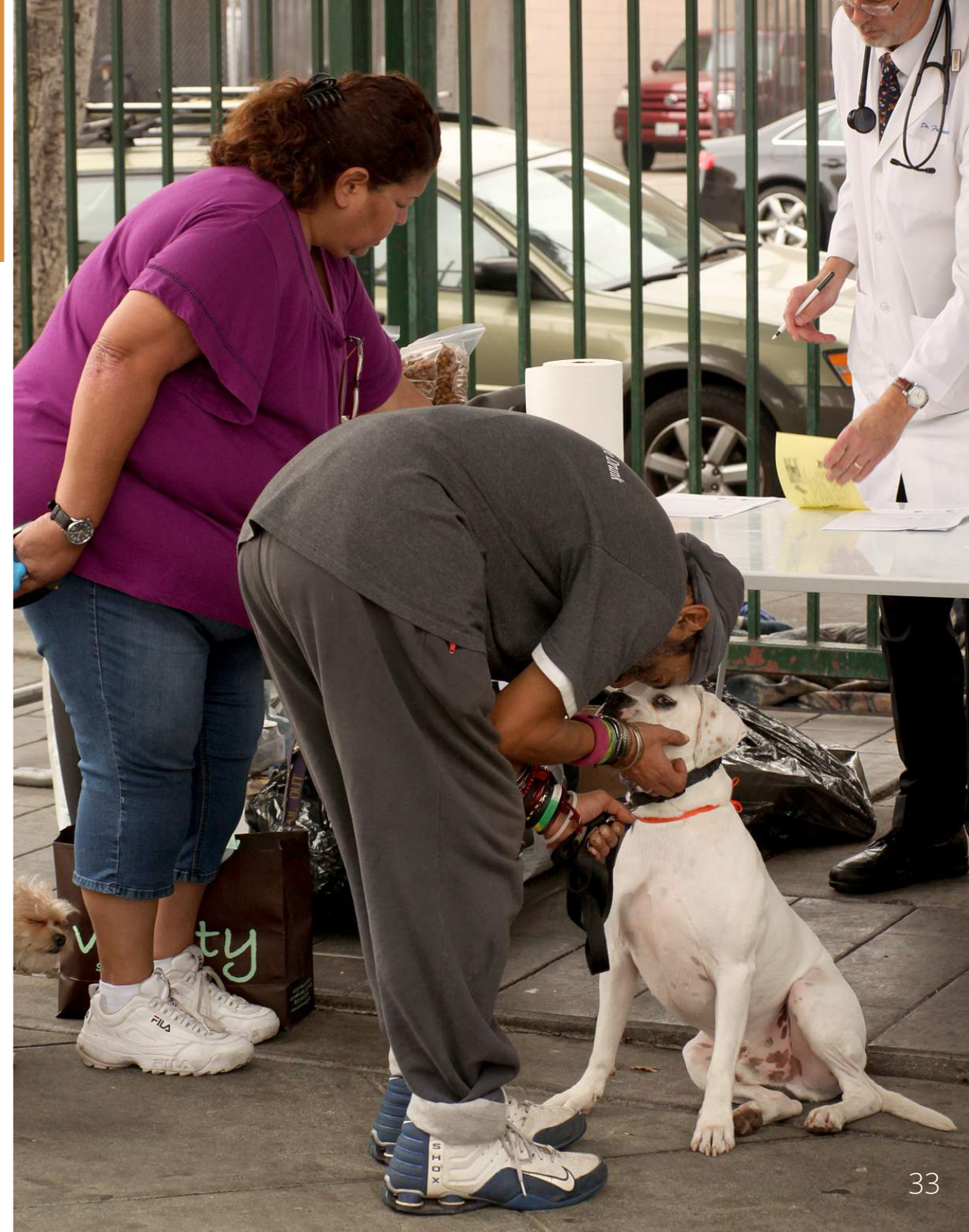
We Couldn't Do It Without You – Community Partners and Humane Advocacy Programs

Join the Manager of Humane Advocacy from the East Bay SPCA for an overview of how they cultivated and sustained community partners to better reach and serve pet owners in the East Bay Area. Their Humane Advocacy programs will be discussed, highlighting the ways in which other organizations support and refer clients.



**Melissa Robinson, Manager of Humane Advocacy at East Bay SPCA**

Melissa's passion is supporting and collaborating with people and the pets with whom they are bonded. Upon obtaining her MPH, she became more interested in advocating for equal access to services and supporting community members in need. With her animal welfare experience over the past decade, she found the ideal position working as the Manager of Humane Advocacy at East Bay SPCA, a position described as 'a social worker for both people and animals'. Melissa works directly with pet owners, utilizing a case management approach to provide guidance in times of need.



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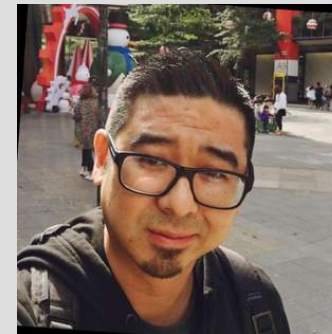
**Hilda Solis, Los Angeles County Supervisor, First District, Chair**

Supervisor Hilda L. Solis was sworn in as Los Angeles County Supervisor for the First District of Los Angeles County on December 1, 2014. She was re-elected to a new four-year term in 2018. As County Supervisor, Solis' priorities include combatting homelessness and building affordable housing, expanding County services to all residents, environmental justice, good-paying jobs, health care access, criminal justice reform, improving parks and open space, and ensuring arts equity for all. Prior to becoming Supervisor, Solis served as Secretary of Labor under President Barack Obama. Supervisor Solis was confirmed on February 24, 2009, becoming the first Latina to serve in the United States Cabinet.

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Animal Accommodations within the Los Angeles Coordinated Entry System



**Jonathan Chi, MSW, Associate Director of Performance Management at Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority**

Jonathan Chi currently works as an Associate Director of Performance Management for the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Jonathan is a social worker that has been working with populations experiencing homelessness for a little over a decade and starting in 2008 working at the largest homeless shelter in Salt Lake City Utah handing out hygiene kits and clothing. Jonathan has continued to work within homeless services in various direct service, program management, and government grant administration oversight capacities. Jonathan is responsible for overseeing the program performance of LAHSA's community based organization portfolio including individual agency performance analysis, technical assistance, and various contracting supports. Jonathan also oversees LAHSA's county-wide grievances and Quality Standards/Incident reporting teams supporting the policy implementation for LAHSA's program standards.

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### **Jeffrey Proctor, Associate Director of Performance Management at Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority**

As Associate Director of Performance Management for the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), Jeff Proctor is responsible for the oversight of LAHSA's program development, program design, and program implementation activities for the components (or programs) of the homeless service delivery system which LAHSA funds and administers. This includes coordination

with funders, non-profit service providers, stakeholders, and systems partners to turn public funding into programs and services designed to support, strengthen, and enhance the Los Angeles County Coordinated Entry System and Los Angeles Continuum of Care. Mr. Proctor has also served as LAHSA's lead on Interim Housing strategies, where he has been directly involved in many aspects of shelter transformation across the City and County of Los Angeles. With LAHSA since 2016, Mr. Proctor's previous experience includes 12 years of experience in homeless services, working in a variety of roles including direct practice, program supervision, as well as contract and grant administration.

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### **Tonja Boykin, Chief Operating Officer of Weingart Center**

Tonja Boykin joined the Weingart Center in 2016 to serve as its Chief Operating Officer. Tonja has worked 30 years as a high-performing nonprofit management executive with national and regional expertise in building and optimizing organizational processes, measurement systems, and infrastructure to maximize business results in philanthropy, resident programs and permanent and affordable housing development industries. She is a skilled strategist who transforms strategic plans into workable solutions and benchmarks performance against key operational targets/goals. Tonja is recognized as a national leader in community organizing, program development and strategic initiatives focused on the hardest to serve populations including families, youth, seniors, and individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of losing their housing. Prior to joining the Weingart Center, Tonja served as the Chief Operating Officer for Skid Row Housing Trust and the Regional Director of Philanthropy for Mercy Housing California. Tonja's career with Mercy Housing began in 2001 and she served in various regional and national capacities throughout her fourteen year career there. Her early working life began as a program liaison in Mayor Richard Riordan's office for L.A.'s Best After-School Enrichment program. She was also a Program Director at the Weingart Urban Center YMCA and a Senior Development Associate at Netzel Associates prior to joining Mercy Housing. In 2020, Ms. Boykin was recognized as one of Los Angeles's 50 Power Women in Real Estate Development by Bisnow and the recipient of the 2020 Impact-Makers to Watch Award by Stratiscope. Tonja studied at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California, Pacific Oaks in Pasadena California, and the Fashion Institute Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles, California.

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SB 344 - Legislation to Provide Care and Services to the Homeless  
Community and Their Pets

On Feb 9, 2021, Senate Majority Leader Bob Hertzberg (D-Van Nuys) introduced new legislation establishing a permanent grant program for homeless shelters to provide shelter and food to our unhoused neighbors and their animal companions – an effort lauded as “supporting both ends of the leash.” SB 344 builds on the success of the Pet Assistance and Support (PAS) Program of 2019, and requires homeless shelters to establish rules of conduct and responsibility regarding pets and their owners, provide crating or kenneling near bunks or in a separate area, and supply food for both people and their pets. Participating shelters are also required to provide access to veterinary services, including spay and neuter.



**Robert Hertzberg**  
**California State Senate Majority Leader,**  
**Representing the San Fernando Valley**

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## Robert Hertzberg

**California State Senate Majority Leader, Representing the San Fernando Valley**

Senate Majority Leader Robert Hertzberg was first elected to the California State Assembly in 1996. After unanimously elected by both parties in 2000 and 2001, he became the 64th Speaker of the California State Assembly. After his tenure as Speaker, Hertzberg set out to the private sector as a clean energy entrepreneur. In 2014, he returned to state government after being elected into the California State Senate. Hertzberg represents nearly one million people in the San Fernando Valley, and currently serves as Majority Leader.

Bob Hertzberg is known for taking on the biggest and most challenging issues facing California, and for brokering some of the toughest negotiations. In the words of one veteran Sacramento columnist, he is “an intense bundle of energy, an all-night negotiator.” The Los Angeles Daily News has said he, “has relentless dedication and indefatigable energy...he has a reputation for integrity and perseverance.” The Los Angeles Times has said: “He is a high velocity work; he loves big ideas and will flesh out every one of them if you give him a chance.”

In addition to being former Chair of the Committee on Natural Resources and Water, Hertzberg serves on the Senate Committees on Governance and Finance; Elections and Constitutional Amendments; and Energy, Utilities and Communications; along with the Joint Legislative Audit Committee and Joint Legislative Rules Committee.

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Management of the Interspecies Bond in Situations of Vulnerability.

#MejoresAmigos is a multidisciplinary project of Fundación para el Asesoramiento y Acción en Defensa de los Animales (FAADA) in Barcelona, Spain which aims to make visible the bond between people and animals in vulnerable situations, such as:

- People who sleep on the street because they are accompanied by an animal.
- Victims of domestic and gender-based violence who do not leave their homes because they do not have a place to go to with their animal.
- Lower-income people forced to ration their scarce resources to be able to cover the needs of their animals.

Any person who is in a vulnerable situation with an animal should be helped and should not be subjected to double discrimination.

**Noe Terrassa, Companion Animal Advisor at Fundación para el Asesoramiento y Acción en Defensa de los Animales (Barcelona, Spain)**

**Thaïs Sanchez, Volunteer at FAADA (Barcelona, Spain)**

# SESSION BLOCKS: PRESENTATIONS AND SPEAKERS

Management of the Interspecies Bond in Situations of Vulnerability.  
Noe Terrassa & Thaïs Sanchez



**Noe Terrassa, Companion Animal Advisor at Fundación para el Asesoramiento y Acción en Defensa de los Animales (Barcelona, Spain)**

Noe has been an animal rights activist for 30 years and is currently responsible for the #mejoresamigos project. She has a background in humanities and anthrozoology, and serves as a domestic animals technician for the FAADA Foundation in Barcelona. In this role, she provides technical advice and manages animal abuse complaints and campaigns. The #mejoresamigos project focuses on the bond between people and animals in vulnerable situations.



**Thaïs Sanchez, Volunteer at FAADA (Barcelona, Spain)**

Thaïs is a volunteer of FAADA's #mejoresamigos project in Barcelona. She has more than 17 years of experience in fundraising, communication and awareness raising in the Third Sector (equivalent to the nonprofit sector in the US). She believes in social transformation as a driver of change and improvement of our environment. She works for equal opportunities and social justice from an anti-speciesist perspective.

# SESSION BLOCKS: PRESENTATIONS AND SPEAKERS

## **International Perspectives on Co-Sheltering**

Thursday, March 4, 2021 - 1 PM PT / 2 PM MT / 4 PM ET

Low Barrier Access to Shelter and Support. Supporting People and Pets

Youth experiencing homelessness would rather stay outside than leave their animal to access a shelter. With more than 2000 youth experiencing homelessness in the Greater Toronto Area, 15% of those have animals. Opened in 2018, YouthLink is a fully equipped youth pet-friendly shelter and transitional housing program. We believe that youth and their pets deserve a safe, warm, and supportive place to be together.



**Stephanie LeBlanc**  
**Director of Housing Operations at YouthLink**  
**(Toronto, Canada)**

Stephanie Leblanc has over 20 years of experience working in the social service field. She first graduated from McMaster with a Degree in Sociology. After graduating in 2001, Stephanie returned home to Montreal and began working with a non-profit organization that serviced homeless youth and their pets. One of the very first organizations that allowed youth to access all services with their animals (cats, dogs, rats, you name it!). This experience led to her wanting to

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specialize in mental health and addiction. Stephanie started working with a Public Institution that provided rehabilitation and social reintegration services to the English-speaking population of Quebec that addressed Substance Use Disorders and behavioural addictions, as well as assessing and responding to co-occurring multi-axial problems. While working in Addiction, Stephanie returned to school and got her BSW at the University of Victoria. Stephanie possess a wide range of clinical experience working with vulnerable youth and adult groups experiencing homelessness, mental health issues, addiction and behavioral issues. Working with homeless youth has always been her passion and she experienced a full circle moment with being involved in opening a 51 bed Pet Friendly Youth Shelter and Transitional Housing Program with YOUTHLINK, a Youth Mental Health organization in Toronto, Ontario. Stephanie's desire to seek out new challenges led her to take on leadership roles and she has worked in management for over 15 years with the majority of her experience in inpatient residential treatment, transitional housing and most recently a pet friendly Youth Shelter for homeless youth. Currently, she works as the Director of Housing Operations for YOUTHLINK.



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[Paws for Thought](#)

Hugh will discuss an innovative partnership approach between Scotland's leading homeless charity and the UK's premier Dog Trust in ensuring the relationship between dog and human is recognised, valued and retained so that no one ever has to part company with their pet in exchange for a safe place to stay.



### **Hugh Hill, Director of Services at Simon Community Scotland (Glasgow, Scotland)**

Hugh is the Director of Services for Simon Community Scotland, a charity that works to address the causes and consequences of homelessness. Hugh began his career as a mental health nurse and has 30 years experience in health and social care.

He has a Masters in Business Administration, is a qualified Community Psychiatric Nurse, previously volunteered as a marriage guidance counsellor and has Diplomas in Psychosocial Interventions and Counselling. Hugh has a long standing commitment to improving services for people with multiple disadvantages and creating work environments where people flourish. Last year Hugh was recognized in the Queen's Honours list for his service to the homeless community during Covid with the British Empire Medal.



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## **Lowering Barriers for Emotional Support Animals**

Thursday, March 4, 2021 - 12:30 PM PT / 1:30 PM MT / 3:30 PM ET  
Clinical Consideration for Persons Experiencing Homelessness: Pet Prescriptions and ESA Considerations

Exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic, relational poverty, isolation and loneliness have been identified as significant risk factors for human health. Research shows that humans' connections with animals shape lives across the life span, offering social support that promotes our social, emotional, cognitive, physical, spiritual and psychological wellbeing. This workshop will explore the usefulness of Emotional Support Animals and pet prescriptions as a way to deepen our relationship with non-human animals and support vulnerable communities.



**Philip Tedeschi, Clinical Professor, Executive Director of the Institute for Human-Animal Connection at University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work**

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## **Lowering Barriers for Emotional Support Animals**

Thursday, March 4, 2021 - 1 PM PT / 2 PM MT / 4 PM ET  
Dismantling Barriers for Tenants and Their Companion Animals,

This presentation will focus on barriers in housing for tenants with pets, with a special lens on support animals. Different advocacy tools that can be used to help break down these barriers will be discussed. These advocacy tools include both community advocacy through education and tenant empowerment, and also legal advocacy through legislation at the local and state level.



**Dianne Prado, Executive Director of Housing Equality & Advocacy Resource Team**

Dianne Prado is the Founder and Executive Director of the Housing Equality & Advocacy Resource Team (HEART L.A.), a legal non-profit that helps ensure people and their pets remain housed. Dianne combines her passion and training by advocating for people and pets in underserved communities - ensuring health and safety while fighting to address and prevent homelessness.

Dianne started her career as a staff attorney with the Eviction Defense Network, where she protected the housing rights of low-income communities. Dianne later joined Inner City Law Center in 2012 where she defended tenants in evictions and sued slumlords in affirmative litigation suits. While at Inner City Law Center, Dianne helped form the Pet Resource Center in Skid Row, creating a partnership with Downtown Dog Rescue to provide both resources to the Skid Row community for their pets and counsel, advice, and representation to the Skid Row community for housing related legal issues.



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### **Steve Wayland, Program Director at PAWS/LA**

Steve Wayland is the Program Director for PAWS/LA, a non-profit organization that assists people living with disabilities and seniors keep and care for their support animals. Founded in 1989, PAWS/LA assists over 1200 individuals throughout Los Angeles County with pet food, vet care, and in-home assistance. Steve also oversees PAWS/LA's Housing Information Program, providing education, advocacy and referrals to individuals facing housing challenges because of their support animal. Steve celebrates his 29th year with PAWS/LA this year. A graduate of Occidental College, he shares his home with his rescue cats Lillian and Zoey.



# POSTER & TABLE INFORMATION

# POSTER PRESENTATIONS & TABLES



**All poster presentations and tabling  
occurs on Wednesday, March 3, 2021**

**2 PM - 3 PM PT / 3 PM - 4 PM MT / 5 PM - 6 PM ET**

## Supporting Both Ends of the Leash through Partnerships

As San Diego Humane Society began to recognize the unique connection between people experiencing homelessness and their pets in 2008, so began our mission to make pet care resources more accessible for these families. Since then we have formed partnerships with a number of agencies to offer a wide range of support services and to become more involved in the conversations surrounding homelessness in our region. Join to find out what we're doing, what we have learned along the way and what we have planned for the future.



**Lauren Rogers, Community Initiatives Specialist at San Diego Humane Society**

As the Community Initiatives Specialist at San Diego Humane Society, Lauren collaborates with human service partners and supports innovative programming to help make resources accessible for all community members. A native Californian, Lauren received her BA in Psychology from San Diego State University. She has worked in animal welfare for nine years coordinating a variety of pet retention and outreach programs and worked extensively with diverse populations including people experiencing homelessness.

# POSTER PRESENTATIONS & TABLES

## Building Great Pet Owners from the Ground Up Poster

Join Kristi Schall of Good Sense Dogs to learn about building pet education and resource programs into existing human assistance programs.



### **Kristi Schall, Director of Good Sense Dogs**

Kristi started her passion for animal care and rescue right after high school with her first job at the Sacramento SPCA. She was later able to explore her desire for helping people as well by becoming a foster parent for Sacramento County for a decade. Kristi wanted to develop a nonprofit that helped BOTH pets and people alike, and founded Good Sense Dogs in 2016 to assist and educate the most under-served and at risk populations in the Sacramento Valley.

# POSTER PRESENTATIONS & TABLES

## Street Outreach Animal Response Initiative: A One Health Approach to Addressing Homelessness & Crisis

SOAR is an organization that provides alternatives for people deciding between relinquishing their pet and getting housing or care for themselves. This poster presentation is to inform the audience of a win-win model of care that can be replicated in other cities.



### **Leslie Brooks, One Health Outreach Veterinarian at Street Outreach Animal Response (SOAR) Initiative**

Leslie Brooks is a veterinarian with a Masters in Public Health. She graduated from the University of Tennessee's veterinary school in 2012. She currently works and lives in Indianapolis, Indiana, spending much of her time with the non-profit, SOAR Initiative. Through SOAR, she advocates for a One Health approach to addressing homelessness and housing insecurity. In addition to practicing clinical medicine and doing street outreach, she enjoys writing about medical and scientific topics for broad audiences to understand. Her work with SOAR has inspired her to become more involved in public policy.



# POSTER PRESENTATIONS & TABLES

## 2-1-1, how can we help you? Implementing a review of resources available to pets of people experiencing homelessness in Colorado

With the support of a PetSmart Charities research grant, CSU veterinary student, Isabella Mazariegos, developed a database of resources for people experiencing homelessness in Colorado. Because data is useless unless shared, Isabella shared her findings with The Street Dog Coalition and United Way's 2-1-1 Call Center. Now, at-risk Colorado pet owners can call 2-1-1 in search of resources for their pet(s). This database will be continuously updated so 2-1-1 Community Navigators have useful, up-to-date information. We are also working with interested volunteers outside of Colorado to create similar resource guides for 2-1-1 programs in their states using Isabella's research as a launching pad.



### **Katrina Weschler, Director of Operations & Creative Strategies at Street Dog Coalition**

Katrina holds a B.A. in Cultural Anthropology from Duke University and a Master's in Arts Leadership and Cultural Management from the LEAP Institute for the Arts at CSU. She is a doer and a creative thinker as well as a strong advocate for the human-animal bond and the proud dog mom of a brindle mixed breed named Ferdinand. In addition to Ferdinand, she loves traveling, community building, problem solving, and family-style dining

# POSTER PRESENTATIONS & TABLES



### **Isabella Mazariegos, MPH, MS, DVM candidate, 2022 | Colorado State University**

Isabella is originally from Guatemala City, Guatemala, and moved to Colorado to pursue her dream of becoming a veterinarian. She is now completing her third year of veterinary school and holds a Masters in Microbiology and a Masters in Public Health from Colorado State University. After graduation, Isabella wishes to combine her love for veterinary emergency medicine and street medicine to provide affordable care to those who need it, with the goal of preserving the human-animal bond.



## Homeless?

Join the founder of the national nonprofit Pets of the Homeless for an overview of how they provide pet food and emergency veterinary care to pets that belong to homeless people.



### **Genevieve Frederick, Founder and President of Pets of the Homeless**

Affiliations: National Coalition for the Homeless, Association of Fundraising Professionals, National Association of Charitable Gift Planners, Carson City Rotary Club since 1996, Carson Tahoe Regional Healthcare Foundation former Board Member

Education: Attended De Anza College, San Jose State, Stanford University, Western Nevada College, and The Foundation Center

Frederick has researched homeless with pets and has spoken to homeless people about their pets. Feeding Pets of the Homeless® is the first and is one of the few national animal organizations focused on feeding and providing emergency veterinary care to pets of homeless people.

## East Bay SPCA's No-Barrier Pet Food Pantry.

Learn about how the East Bay SPCA created a no-barrier, easy-to-access Pet Food Pantry to support pet owners in need. Their Pet Food Pantry is an all volunteer-run drive through event twice monthly, and also offers appointment based on-site pick up. Additionally, this program provides free pet food to local human services organizations to distribute to their clients with pets. Tips on starting your own pet food pantry in your communities will be shared.



### **Melissa Robinson, Manager of Humane Advocacy at East Bay SPCA**

Melissa Robinson's passion is supporting and collaborating with people and the pets with whom they are bonded. Upon obtaining her Master's in Public Health, she became more interested in advocating for equal access to services and supports community members may need. Pairing public health background with her animal welfare experience over the past decade, she found the ideal position working as the Manager of Humane Advocacy at East Bay SPCA, a position described as 'a social worker for both people and animals'. Melissa works directly with pet owners, utilizing a case management approach to provide guidance for them and their animals in times of need. Melissa lives in the South Bay Area with her partner, three cats, and dog.

## Positive Tails: Helping Pets + Families,

Positive Tails helps individuals and families afford emergency and preventive veterinary care. Our services have never been in more need, due to the financial difficulties that so many New Yorkers are facing right now. We also host One Health clinics to provide one-on-one veterinary care and consultations for people experiencing homelessness and their pets. We're looking forward to continuing that work as conditions improve, and expanding to under-served neighborhoods in veterinary deserts.



### **Beth Gould, Board Member of Positive Tails**

Beth Gould was previously the cofounder and publisher of Satya Magazine. She has been on the board of Positive Tails since its founding in 2014 and is committed to the idea that financial constraints should not keep families apart.



### **Erica Kubersky, Board Member of Positive Tails**

Erica Kubersky is the founder and proprietor of the NYC vegan businesses MooShoes and Orchard Grocer. She is happily sharing her home with just the right amount of dogs and possibly too many cats. Erica is honored to have served on the Positive Tails Board since 2015, as she is a strong believer in their mission of providing veterinary care to all families.

## Creating a Safe Space for Pet Owners and Their Pets Through Grooming

Terryl will speak about creating a welcoming and safe environment for people and their pets to come and get pampered. He will address the importance of providing the services needed to maintain grooming and healthcare of pets while living in a shelter, transitional and permanent housing.



### **Terryl Daluz, Founder of Loving Paws**

Terryl is a speaker, an entrepreneur, an award winning playwright, creative being and a change agent. Some people may ask, "what is a change agent?" A change agent is someone who invests their time and energy into finding ways to create change in their life, in their community and in the world.

Terryl has dedicated most of his life working in the social service field as a case manager for families that were homeless, a counselor for at risk youth and a program director for a youth leadership program. It was while working with people that he discovered his passion and his gift of speaking and being able to connect on an intrinsic level.

Terryl is the co-owner of two dog grooming salons in Los Angeles, [Wash My Dog](#), and a non-profit, Loving Paws.

# BREAKOUT GROUP INFORMATION



# BREAKOUT GROUPS

**Day 1 - Tuesday, March 2, 2021**

**Breakout 1 (11 - 11:30 AM PT / 12 - 12:30 PM MT / 2 - 2:30 PM ET)**

- Icebreaker:
  - Name, location, organization, and role.
  - What non-human animal are you most like?
- Facilitation questions:
  - Describe something new you learned.
  - What is something that surprised you?
  - What is something that made you upset or happy?

**Breakout 2 (1:45 - 2 PM PT / 2:45 - 3 PM MT / 4:45 - 5 PM ET)**

- Facilitation questions:
  - Describe something that pushed you outside your comfort zone.
  - What is one thing you learned that you can implement in your organization?

# BREAKOUT GROUPS

## Day 2 - Wednesday, March 3, 2021

### Breakout 1 (10:15 - 10:45 AM PT / 11:15 - 11:45 AM MT / 1:15 - 1:45 PM ET)

- Icebreaker:
  - Name, location, organization, and role.
  - What is the 1 must-see spot in your hometown you'd recommend for visitors?
- Facilitation questions:
  - What is something that surprised you?
  - Is there something you learned today that will change your behavior or program tomorrow?

### Breakout 2 (1:15 - 1:30 PM PT / 2:15 - 2:30 PM MT / 4:15 - 4:30 PM ET)

- Facilitation questions:
  - What was a difficult concept and why?
  - Describe a vision you have for the future based on what you learned today.

# BREAKOUT GROUPS

## Day 3 - Thursday, March 4, 2021

### Breakout 1 (11:30 - 11:45 AM PT / 12:30 - 12:45 PM MT / 2:30 - 3 PM ET)

- Facilitation questions:
  - Were there any "a-ha" moments of learning? Please explain.
  - Describe a good idea you heard.

### Breakout 2 (2:15 - 2:45 PM PT / 3:15 - 3:45 PM MT / 5:15 - 5:45 PM ET)

- Icebreaker:
  - Name, location, organization, and role.
  - Share a word about how you feel about the conference?
- Facilitation questions:
  - What is one thing you learned that you can implement at work?
  - What did you find most useful?
  - Describe a vision you have for the future.



# ABOUT THE DOCUMENTARY STRAY



**A film by Elizabeth Lo**

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Through the eyes of three stray dogs wandering the streets of Istanbul, *STRAY* explores what it means to live as a being without status or security. As they search for food and shelter, Zeytin, Nazar and Kartal embark on inconspicuous journeys through Turkish society that allow us an unvarnished portrait of human life — and their own canine culture. Zeytin, fiercely independent, embarks on solitary adventures through the city at night; Nazar, nurturing and protective, easily befriends the humans around her; while Kartal, a shy puppy living on the outskirts of a construction site, finds refuge with the security guards who care for her. The disparate lives of Zeytin, Nazar and Kartal intersect when they each form intimate bonds with a group of young Syrians who share the streets with them. Whether they lead us into bustling streets or decrepit ruins, the gaze of these strays act as windows into the overlooked corners of society: women in loveless marriages, protesters without arms, refugees without sanctuary. The film is a critical observation of human civilization through the unfamiliar gaze of dogs and a sensory voyage into new ways of seeing.

# ABOUT THE DIRECTOR OF STRAY: ELIZABETH LO



Elizabeth Lo is an award-winning filmmaker who is interested in finding new, aesthetic ways of exploring the boundaries between species, class, and unequal states of personhood. Her work has been broadcast and showcased internationally, including at Sundance, MoMA Museum of Modern Art, SXSW, IDFA, True/False, Tribeca, Hot Docs, New York Times Op-Docs, Field of Vision, and PBS' POV. Elizabeth has been featured in Filmmaker Magazine's 25 New Faces of Independent Film, DOC NYC's 40 Under 40 List, Cannes Lions' New Directors Showcase, and the artist academics of Locarno Film Festival and New York Film Festival.

Her debut feature, *STRAY*, won the Top Jury Prize at Hot Docs and was nominated for an Independent Spirit Award, a Critics Choice Award, and two Cinema Eye Honors after premiering at the Tribeca Film Festival in 2020. *Stray* will be released theatrically by Magnolia Pictures in 2021.

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Voters For Animal Rights' mission is to help elect candidates who support animal protection, lobby for strong laws to stop animal cruelty, and hold elected officials accountable to humane voters. VFAR focuses exclusively on political advocacy for animals in New York.



Community Enterprises Corporation is a HUD-approved Public Housing Agency. CEC is a community and economic development organization, creating housing and economic opportunities for low-income people living with mental illness and other special needs.