

New START

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Help shape the future of animal welfare as a Texas Unites speaker!

PROPOSALS ACCEPTED THROUGH OCTOBER 22, 2021

ABOUT THE TEXAS UNITES FOR ANIMAL CONFERENCE

Texas Unites provides animal welfare professionals the opportunity to connect, share, and work together to improve the lives of pets and people in their communities. At the Texas Unites for Animals Conference, you will find hundreds of animal advocates from Texas and our surrounding states coming together for professional development and a chance to broaden their network in the animal welfare industry.

OUR AUDIENCE

Our attendees come from a variety of backgrounds and experience levels including:

Animal Control Officers	Shelter Management
Shelter Staff	Board Members
Volunteers	Rescue Groups
Law Enforcement	Veterinarians
Certified Veterinary Technicians	Executive Directors / CEOs

OUR WORKSHOPS

Texas Unites offers quality professional development to meet the needs of our diverse audience. Workshop proposals may be submitted on any aspect of animal welfare. Texas Unites traditionally offers content in the following areas.

GENERAL CONFERENCE TRACKS

Designed for all in the animal care & control, sheltering and rescue community. Participants come from all aspects of animal welfare, including municipal shelters, private shelters, rescue groups, veterinary clinics, law enforcement agencies and others. Presenters may range from industry leaders to those on the front lines, sharing their hands-on experience. Our most popular topics are those that fall into the following categories:

- Health & Behavior
- Adoptions & Shelter Programs
- Marketing & Outreach
- Field Services & Investigations
- Management & Team Building
- Rescue & Advocacy

SHELTER MEDICINE

Designed for Veterinarians and Certified Veterinary Technicians who are interested in shelter medicine and/or those who are currently working collaboratively with shelters, rescue groups, and other animal welfare organizations. These courses must be taught by a Veterinarian.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

Designed for Executive Directors, CEOs and board members to support the growth and development of their organizations. We encourage submissions from business and nonprofit professionals both within and outside of the animal welfare community.

PROPOSAL FORMAT & SELECTION PROCESS

To be considered as a speaker, your program must be educational in nature (sales presentations will not be accepted). Your material should be original; otherwise, sources must be referenced. While some topics may be challenging and provide an opportunity for lively discussion, your content must be respectful and appropriate for all participants in the animal welfare community.

Programs should last one and one-half hours, including a brief session for questions and answers. Multi-session and multi-speaker programs are welcome.

Proposals will be accepted through October 22, 2021. Please submit your proposal using our online form: <http://www.texasunites.com/apply-to-speak/>. You will be asked to attach a 1-2 paragraph workshop description, a 1-2 paragraph bio for each speaker, a headshot, and a list of previous events or groups for which you have spoken.

Please provide information EXACTLY as you would like it to appear in Texas Unites for Animals promotional materials. Incomplete proposals may not be considered.

Proposals are reviewed by a selection committee and selections are made during the falls months. You will be notified of the status of your proposal before the end of the year.

Texas Unites is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. We are committed to maintaining a modest conference registration fee so that cost is less likely to be a barrier to participation. Texas Unites for Animals does not pay per diem, honoraria, or expenses for speakers. If selected as a conference speaker, you will gain visibility in the industry and contribute to the advancement of our profession. Texas Unites does, however, provide complimentary conference registration for our speakers, including several meals and entry to workshops and special events.

Looking for inspiration? Frequently requested topics are:

- Field services (ACO) issues and resources
- Cruelty investigations and prosecutions
- Rescue/foster based topics and resources
- Health management, disease prevention and treatments
- Cat/dog behavior and handling
- Adoption and other shelter based programs
- Community outreach and pet retention
- Inter-agency relationships
- Public relations and the media
- The latest trends and opportunities in animal welfare

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