



Nationally Known Animal Welfare Experts Headed to Georgia for First Annual Georgia Animal Welfare Conference

November 21, 2016 – On Friday, December 2, the Georgia Companion Animal Partnership will be hosting its first ever Animal Welfare Conference. This conference, held at Middle Georgia State University in Macon, will bring nationally known animal welfare experts to Georgia to advance animal welfare across the region.

The one-day conference will run from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and is open to animal welfare staff and volunteers, rescue groups, animal care and control agencies, as well as the general public.

Sessions range from fundraising to operations and include topics such as:

- *Creating a Dynamic Board*- Joan Carlson Radabaugh, ASPCA
- *Infectious Disease Control* - Holly Putnam, CVM, Cornell University
- *Are You Prepared for a Disaster?* -Venessa Sims and Gary Kelley from Georgia Emergency Management Agency; Diane Robinson, Atlanta Humane Society
- *Establishing a Behavior Modification/Enrichment Program* -CJ Bentley, Michigan Humane Society
- *How to Set Up an Animal Rescue – the Right Way!* - Jack Beckford, Georgia Center for Nonprofits; Mark Murrah, the Georgia Department of Agriculture

“This conference will bring together experts in animal welfare from across the nation to Georgia enabling all of us to learn more about how we can collectively do more for animals in the Southeast,” said Cal Morgan, President & CEO of the Atlanta Humane Society. “The Atlanta Humane Society is proud to be a key driver of this conference, and of bringing these key animal welfare players to Georgia.”

“The upcoming GA Companion Animal Partnership (GCAP) Conference will add another dimension to the animal welfare educational forums offered in Georgia,” said Debra Berger, State Director of Georgia at the Humane Society of United States. “Conference attendees will gain additional skills and contacts to become part of a collaborative effort to improve conditions for animals in Georgia.”

For more information on the Animal Welfare Conference, or to register, please visit atlantahumane.org/GCAP.

The Georgia Companion Animal Partnership is a collaboration between Georgia’s leading animal welfare organizations including representatives from the Atlanta Humane Society, the Humane Society of the United States, the ASPCA, Best Friends Animal Society, Friends of the Perry Animal Shelter, Fix Georgia Pets, and DeKalb Animal Care and Control.

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