

9th NATIONAL ANIMAL CRUELTY PROSECUTION CONFERENCE

Maricopa County Security Building, Phoenix, Arizona | November 13-15, 2019

WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 13, 2019

- 8:00 – 9:00** **REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
- 9:00 – 9:30** **OPENING REMARKS/CONFERENCE INTRODUCTIONS**
David LaBahn, President
Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, Washington, DC
- Lora Dunn, Director of Criminal Justice Program*
Animal Legal Defense Fund, Portland, OR
- 9:30– 10:30** **WHY ARE WE HERE?**
Madeline Bernstein, President
spcaLA, Los Angeles, CA
- 10:30– 10:45** **BREAK**
- 10:45– 11:45** **101: INVESTIGATION**
Adam Ricci, Chief of Field Operations
City of Albuquerque Animal Welfare Department, Albuquerque, NM
- 11:45 – 1:00** **LUNCH: *(Lunch Provided for All Attendees by ALDF)***
- 1:00 – 2:00** **101: PROSECUTING ANIMAL CRUELTY CASES**
Michelle Welch, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Director of the Animal Law Unit
Virginia’s Attorney General’s Office, Richmond, VA
- 2:00– 3:00** **101: Vet Forensics**
Melinda D. Merck, DVM, Forensic Veterinarian, Founder
Veterinary Forensics Consulting, LLC, Austin, TX
- 3:00 – 3:15** **BREAK**
- 3:15– 4:15** **101: USING TECHNOLOGY**
Jill Hollander, Chief Senior District Attorney
Atlanta Judicial Circuit, Atlanta, GA

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ASK THE EXPERTS PANEL

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City of Albuquerque Animal Welfare Department, Albuquerque, NM

Melinda D. Merck, DVM, Forensic Veterinarian, Founder
Veterinary Forensics Consulting, LLC, Austin, TX

Michelle Welch, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Director of the Animal Law Unit
Virginia's Attorney General's Office, Richmond, VA

Nicoletta J. Caferrri, Chief, Animal Cruelty Prosecutions Unit
Queens County District Attorney's Office, Kew Gardens, NY

ADVANCED SESSIONS

10:45- 12:15

ADVANCED SESSION: LEGISLATIVE ROUNDTABLE

Nancy Blaney, Director, Government Affairs
Animal Welfare Institute, Washington, DC

Caroline Griffin, Esq., Co-Founder
Show Your Soft Side Anti-Cruelty Campaign, Baltimore, MD

1:00- 2:30

ADVANCED SESSION: FORFEITURE

David Rosengard, Staff Attorney
Animal Legal Defense Fund, Portland, OR

Jennifer H. Chin, Esq., Vice President, Legal Advocacy
ASPCA, New York, NY

2:45- 4:15

ADVANCED SESSION: ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING

Mary Lou Randour, Ph.D., Senior Advisor, Animal Cruelty Programs and Training
Animal Welfare Institute, Washington, DC

Gale Rasin, Senior Judge
Baltimore City Circuit Court, 8th Judicial Circuit, Baltimore, MD

APA EVENING RECEPTION

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THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 14, 2019

8:30 – 9:00 CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 – 10:00 SURVIVING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Jessica Milligan, Animal Cruelty Section Chief
Harris County District Attorney's Office, Houston, TX

Katie Jarl, Southwest Regional Director
Humane Society of the United States, Austin, TX

10:00 – 11:00 ADVANCED VET: SEXUAL ABUSE

Nancy Bradley-Siemens, D.V.M., M.N.M., Clinical Assistant Professor, Shelter Medicine
Midwestern University, Animal Health Institute, Glendale, AZ

11:00 – 11:15 BREAK

11:15 – 12:15 ETHICS

Diane Balkin, Senior Staff Attorney, Criminal Justice Program
Animal Legal Defense Fund, Denver, CO

12:15 – 1:30 LUNCH: (LUNCH PROVIDED FOR ALL ATTENDEES BY ALDF)

1:30 – 3:00 BREAKOUT SESSION # 1

Session 1A – Hoarding

Nicole Harris, Deputy District Attorney
Multnomah District Attorney's Office, Portland, OR

Casey Mundell, Deputy County Attorney
Maricopa County Attorney's Office, Phoenix, AZ

Alison Ferrante, Assistant City Prosecutor
Mesa City Prosecutor's Office, Mesa, AZ

Session 1B – Exotics/Wildlife

Brian Anthony, Wildlife Manager
Arizona Game and Fish

Ed Stewart, President
Performing Animal Welfare Society, Galt, CA

3:00 – 3:15 BREAK

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BREAKOUT SESSION # 2

Session 2A – Animal Fighting

Moderator

Michelle Welch, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Director of the Animal Law Unit, Virginia's Attorney General's Office, Richmond, VA

Joseph Preciado, Detective, Major Crimes Bureau

Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Camarillo, CA

Amy Taylor, Investigator

Virginia Animal Fighting Taskforce, Richmond, VA

Session 2B – Equine/ AG

3:15-4:15- Equine

Grant Miller, DVM, Founder

Sonoma County CHANGE Program, Sacramento, CA

4:15-5:00 AG Animals

Gillian Deegan, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney

Botetourt County Commonwealth Attorney's Office, Botetourt County, VA

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8:30 – 9:00 AM **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

9:00 – 10:00 **EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE**

John Thompson, Executive Director
National Animal Care and Control Association, Alexandria, VA

10:00- 11:00 **RESOURCES**

Nancy Blaney, Director - Government Affairs
Animal Welfare Institute, Washington, DC

Kathleen Wood, Criminal Justice Program Fellow
Animal Legal Defense Fund, Portland, OR

Dr. Randall Lockwood, Ph.D., Senior Vice President
Forensic Sciences & Anti-Cruelty Projects, ASPCA, Falls Church, VA

Ashley Mauceri, Law Enforcement Outreach Director
The Humane Society of the United States, Washington, DC

11:00-11:30 **GO TEAM!**

April Doherty, Paralegal, Animal Abuse Unit
Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office, Towson, MD

11:30 – 12:30 **ISSUE WORKSHOPS**

CONFERENCE ADJOURNS