

**Virginia Animal Control Association  
2018 Conference Agenda – Roanoke**



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:00 – 10:00 PM      **Early Sign-In and Social**

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

8:00 – 8:30 AM      **Registration**

8:30 – 8:45 AM      **Welcome** ..... William Tydings, VACA President

8:45 -9:00 AM      **Vendor Introductions**

9:00 – 10:00 AM      **Legislative Update** ..... Kathy Strouse, VACA

10:00 – 10:15 AM      **Visit with Vendors**

10:15– 12:15 PM      **Adequate Shelter: Frigid and Hot Weather: What does it mean?** Michelle Welch, Assistant Atty. Gen.

12:15 – 1:15 PM      **Lunch with Vendors**

1:15 – 3:15 PM      **Concurrent Sessions**  
(1) **Grant Writing Basic** ... Patrick Harris-Grant Specialists, DCJS  
(2) **Cultural Awareness**...Senior ACO Aaron Morelli, Stafford Animal Control

3:15 – 3:30 PM      **Visit with Vendors**

3:30 – 5:30 PM      **Concurrent Sessions**  
(1) **The Emotional Impact of the Animal Care & Control Profession**... CherylAnn Fernandes, Petlink  
(2) **Handling Wildlife Complaints**... James C. Dillman, Senior Wildlife Technician

6:30 – 12:00 AM      **Banquet & Awards Ceremony** (Cash bar at 6:30, Dinner at 7, Ceremony at 8, DJ at 9, Silent Auction 7-9:30)  
**Guest Speaker... Gillian Deegan**

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:30 – 8:45 AM      **Morning Announcements**... William Tydings, VACA President

8:45 – 9:45 AM      **VACA Annual Board Meeting**

9:45 – 10:00 AM      **Visit with Vendors**

10:00 – 12:00 PM      **Introduction to Veterinary Forensics**... Jodi Collins, DVM, MPH, DACVPM Staff Veterinarian

12:00 – 1:15 PM      **Lunch on your own**

1:15 – 3:30 PM      **Concurrent Sessions**  
(1) **Dangerous/Vicious Dog Investigations** ... Rob Leinberger, VACA past president  
(2) **Sovereign Citizens**: Geoffrey Bechtel, Harrisonburg Police Department

3:30- 5:30 PM      **Concurrent Sessions**  
(1) **The Search Warrant Process** ... William Tydings, VACA President  
(2) **Dog Catchers and Kill Shelters? Making the Switch to transparent community focused language**... Nina Stively, Loudoun County Director of Animal Services  
~Dinner on your own~

7:30 – 11:30 PM      **Casino Night**

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:30 – 9:00 AM      **Morning Announcements/Group Photograph**... William Tydings, VACA President

9:00 – 11:00 AM      **Service and Assistance Animals**...Kay Pearson, Equal Rights Center

**Total Conference Hours – 15**

*Agenda subject to change*