

# Virginia Animal Control Association

## 2023 Conference Agenda

### Charlottesville



#### Tuesday October 4th

- 08:00 AM - 4:00 PM:** VACA Board Meeting & set up
- 07:00 PM - 10:00pm:** Early sign in, Cornhole Tournament & Social, start of 50/50 Raffle

#### Wednesday - October 11

- 08:00 AM – 08:30 AM:** Registration/ Visit with Vendors
- 08:30 AM - 09:15 AM:** Welcome- Willie Tydings, VACA President
- 09:15 AM - 09:30 AM:** *Visit with Vendors*
- 09:30 AM - 12:00 PM:** Crime Scene & Packaging Evidence with Opie Taylor, Office of the Attorney General, Investigator
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM:** *Lunch on your own*
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM:** Custody Hearing with Opie Taylor, Office of the Attorney General, Investigator; Richard Samuels, Spotsylvania County Sheriffs' Office; Christine Boczar, Powhatan Sheriff's Office
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM:** Case File with Opie Taylor, Office of the Attorney General, Investigator; Richard Samuels, Spotsylvania County Sheriffs' Office; Christine Boczar, Powhatan Sheriff's Office
- 3:00 PM - 3:15 PM:** *Snack Break with Vendors* (sponsored by Jackson Creek Mfg.)
- 3:15 PM - 5:15 PM:** Moot Court Michelle Welch, Office of the Attorney General Animal Law Unit
- 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM:** Banquet & Awards Ceremony - Keynote speaker, Michelle Welch - Office of Attorney General  
\*Silent Auction ends 10:00 PM - - - 50/50 Raffle ends at 11:00 PM\*

#### Thursday - October 12

- 08:15 AM – 08:30 AM:** Morning Announcements- Willie Tydings, VACA President
- 08:30 AM – 09:30 AM:** Annual VACA Meeting
- 09:30 AM - 09:45 AM:** *Visit with Vendors*
- 09:45 AM - 12:00 PM:** Saves & Fails- How to avoid pitfalls in cruelty cases, Michelle Welch, Virginia Office of the Attorney General
- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM:** *Lunch with the Vendors*
- 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM:** The initial medical assessment & Triage Process: A Critical Skillset, Dr. Cate McManus, Director of Veterinary Medicine at Richmond Animal League
- 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM:** Animal Investigations & Public Media, Willie Tydings, Spotsylvania Sheriff's Office, Mason Walsh, Albemarle County Police Department, Animal Protection Unit
- 3:00 PM - 3:15 PM:** *Snack Break with Vendors* (sponsored by HSUS)
- 3:15 PM – 5:15 PM:** Teeth to Hooves: Know your horse investigation information, Erin Brogan, Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office
- 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM:** Animal Olympics & Social Gathering

#### Friday - October 13

- 08:15 AM - 08:45 AM:** Morning Announcements / Group Photos
- 08:45 AM – 10:00 AM:** Digital Evidence Collection: Christine Boczar Powhatan Sheriff's Office, Austin Schwartz, Powhatan Sheriff's Office
- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM:** Paraphilia: A Case Study in Animal Crushing: Richard Samuels Spotsylvania Sheriff's Office, Jeremy Hoffman.

*Conference ends - See you in 2024!*