Virginia Animal Control Association
2018 Conference Agenda – Roanoke

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

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

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 PM **Banquet & Awards Ceremony** (Cash bar at 6:30, Dinner at 7, Ceremony at 8, DJ at 9, Silent Auction 7-9:30)

Guest Speaker… Charlotte Robinson, DVM

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**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:30 – 9:00 AM **Morning Announcements/Group Photograph**…William Tydings

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

Total Conference Hours – 15

Agenda subject to change