

Virginia Animal Control Association

2024 Conference Agenda

VIRGINIA BEACH



Tuesday - October 8

8:00 AM- 4:00 PM: VACA Board Meeting & set up

7:00 PM- 10:00 PM: Early sign in, Cornhole Tournament & Social, start of 50/50 Raffle

Wednesday - October 9

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM: Registration/ Visit with Vendors

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM: Welcome - Richard Samuels, VACA President

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM: Legislative Update - Michelle Welch, Office of the Attorney General

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: The Link between Domestic Violence & Animal Cruelty - Michelle Welch, Office of the Attorney General

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: *Lunch with vendors*

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM: Crimes Against the Vulnerable: Animal & Child Victimization - Detective Elizabeth Wright, Henrico Police Department

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM: “I can’t see what is hiding under the fur.” - Dr. Samantha Moffitt, DVM

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM: *Snack Break (sponsored by Jackson Creek)*

3:15 PM - 5:15 PM: “Conviction with No Body” - Mara Cane, Asst. Commonwealth Attorney, Derek Wagner, Deputy Commonwealth’s Attorney & Ofc. David Barlow, Chesapeake Animal Services

“When animals attack” Sgt. Christine Boczar, Powhatan Sheriff’s Office

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM: Banquet & Awards Ceremony - Keynote speaker, - Powhatan Commonwealth Attorney, Rob Cerullo and “Olive”

Silent Auction ends 10:00 PM

Thursday - October 10

8:15 AM – 8:30 AM: Morning Announcements - Richard Samuels, VACA President

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM: Annual VACA Meeting

9:30 AM - 9:45 AM: *Visit with Vendors*

9:45 AM - 12:00 PM: ABC of Court/Animal Crimes: What your Commonwealth needs! - Rob Cerullo, Powhatan Commonwealth’s Attorney

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM: *Lunch with vendors (sponsored by Swab)*

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM: Photographing a Scene - Investigator A.K. Taylor, Office of the Attorney General

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Mapping the Scene - Investigator A.K. Taylor, Office of the Attorney General

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM: *Snack Break (sponsored by HSUS)*

3:15 PM – 5:15 PM: Boots on the Ground Large Scale Animal Case – Virginia Animal Fighting Task Force

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM: This is *Jeopardy!* & Social Gathering --- *50/50 Raffle ends at 10:00 PM*

Friday - October 11

8:15 AM - 8:45 AM: Morning Announcements / Group Photos

8:45 AM – 10:45 AM: VA Law: Exotics, what it all means; Exotic’s how to shelter/ how to care for them.

-Dr. Ernesto Dominguez, DVM, Investigator A.K. Taylor, Office of the Attorney General

10:45 AM – 1:00 PM: Large scale animal round up! Hands on processing of a crime scene. -A.K. Taylor, Sgt. Boczar, R. Samuels