

Registration



**Wisconsin Federated Humane Societies
presents its annual**

SPRING SEMINAR

**Wednesday, April 17th
from 8:30am to 4:30pm in
Madison, WI**

Kelley Bollen, MS, CABC, is a Certified Animal Behavior Consultant with a master's degree in animal behavior who has worked in the field of companion animal behavior for almost 25 years. As the owner of Kelley Bollen Consulting, LLC, she aids shelters nationwide in refining their behavioral wellness programs. Additionally, Kelley offers educational seminars to veterinarians, shelters, and the public. She serves as an Adjunct Professor at Tufts University's Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine and previously directed Behavior Programs at Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine. Kelley's expertise extends to writing chapters and articles on animal behavior and speaking at major animal welfare conferences.

Dr. Uri Donnett, DVM, MS, DABVP received his degree from Iowa State University in 2014, followed by a Master's in Veterinary Preventive Medicine. He completed a shelter medicine internship and residency at Mississippi State University and worked with the University of Wisconsin Shelter Medicine program. Currently, he serves as Lead Veterinarian at the Dane County Humane Society. Uri is board certified in Shelter Medicine Practice and actively contributes to veterinary education, focusing on shelter medicine, surgery, spay/neuter, transport programs, and epidemiology. He's a former board member of the Association of Shelter Veterinarians and sits on the board of the American Heartworm Society, also co-authoring the 2022 Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters.

Aisha Jansen graduated from UW Whitewater with a degree in Finance. However, after volunteering with a shelter in college, she realized that her passion was in animal welfare. She started at Dane County Humane Society in 2015 as a Shelter Resource Counselor before being promoted to Shelter Resource Supervisor a year later. Throughout her time as supervisor of the reception and adoptions departments, Aisha has worked on improving the adoption process to continue to follow Adopters Welcome guidelines and helped to implement several intake diversion tactics for the shelter. This has included managed intake processes, temporary housing options for owners experiencing housing crises, and working with the medical team to develop medical return to owner guidance. Aisha is also Fear Free Shelter certified.

Tim Clark has been working in animal care and welfare for nearly 10 years, the last four of which have been with the Dane County Humane Society as Shelter Resource Supervisor. In that time, Tim played an integral role in implementing several new processes and programs including DCHS' Managed Intake process, community support-based programs, and systems for collecting long-term data and analytics to shape the way we shelter animals tomorrow, next year, and beyond. Tim's favorite parts of his job are his fiercely passionate coworkers, the never-ending conga line of office cats, and the awesome feeling of knowing he makes a difference to the people he serves

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About the Event

Please join us Wednesday, April 17th at Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Madison, WI for another exciting day of inspirational presentations, professional networking, informative vendors, prizes and great learning opportunities! This year's spring event will feature educational presentations led by nationally recognized animal welfare experts sharing what they have learned and done over time to improve the lives of shelter animals and the professionals who care for them. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$35 / PERSON

**Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Avenue
Madison, WI 53704**

Intake and Adoptions: A Behavior Perspective

Kelley Bollen, MS, CABC

Animal shelters and rescue organizations that take owner relinquished animals for rehoming should make every effort to acquire a thorough behavioral history of the animal at the time of relinquishment. This information will aid in sound decision making so that the appropriate next home can be found to ensure adoption success. This presentation discusses the questions to ask and how to ask them in order to get the most honest and useful information about the dogs and cats that come into your organization. This presentation also addresses the importance of behavior-related adoption counseling to ensure the most successful adoption possible.

Shelter Cat Behavior

Kelley Bollen, MS, CABC

Cats are often the forgotten species in animal shelters. Maybe this is because dogs demand attention with their increase in behavior (for example - incessant barking) while the cats typically hunker down and show a decrease in behavior in the scary shelter environment. This lecture discusses how you can improve the behavioral care of the cats in your shelter through stress reduction, enrichment, and training. Yes, I said training. Cats are just as trainable as dogs – a fact that most people do not consider.

Population Management: Limiting your Intake to Maximize your Outcomes

**Dr. Uri Donnett, DVM, MS, DABVP,
Aisha Jansen and Tim Clark**

The first portion of this session will cover how we can use intake diversion to limit the number of animals coming into our care so that we can stay within our capacity for care and maximize our live outcomes. We will discuss common diversion tactics used for stray animals and owner surrenders. For the second portion of the session we will workshop in smaller groups. Each attendee will select one specific source of intake they would like to address and we will work together to create intake diversion strategies, along with specific actionable steps to implementation, for each scenario. Each attendee should leave this session with an action plan to take back to their organization.

Please note that the workshop portion of this presentation will be split into separate groups, with one discussing stray intake and the other discussing owner surrender. Attendees should come with a basic perception of their current intake practices and know which group they would like to focus their efforts. At the end of this portion, attendees will reconvene and discuss as a single group.

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