

## Speaker Biographies

### Suzanne D'Alonzo

*CAWA, Shelter Services Coordinator, The Humane Society of the United States, Gaithersburg, Maryland*

Suzanne D'Alonzo has been devoted to the sheltering world for 18 years. Much of that time was spent at the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, VA, where she wore many hats, from Kennels and Adoptions to Emergency Services and Youth Programs. Seeing a need for both enrichment and community engagement at her shelter, Suzanne devised programming that brought the two together. She now works for The HSUS, in their Shelter and Rescue Services Department, and is co-author of the *Adopters Welcome* manual. Her D.C. Metro Area apartment is shared with 2 cats, 2 birds, and a dog.

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### Monica Hoff

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### Mary Kirlin

*Executive Director, Humane Society of Marathon County, Wausau, Wisconsin*

*Mary Kirlin has been the executive director of the Humane Society of Marathon County since October 2008. Previously, Mary was the manager of Lakeshore Humane Society in Manitowoc, WI and the division manager of Bay County Animal Control in Bay County, FL. She had ACO certification in Florida from 2001-2008 and was a Gulf Coast Community College class instructor in 2007. Mary has completed the National Animal Control Association's Animal Cruelty Investigation certification and has certification in chemical capture and euthanasia by injection. She currently holds certification as a Wisconsin Humane Officer and is a board member of the Wisconsin Animal Control Association. Mary has a B.S. in commercial advertising/public relations.*

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### Jill Kline

*Vice President of Community Impact Programs, Wisconsin Humane Society, Milwaukee, Wisconsin*  
Jill Kline joined the Wisconsin Humane Society's staff in 2006. Jill oversees the Wisconsin Humane Society's education, outreach, and legislative initiatives. In 2011, the Wisconsin Humane Society was selected by the HSUS to participate in their Pets for Life mentorship program, and Jill leads that team and work. Jill holds a Master's degree in Public Service/Nonprofit Management and, in 2012, she received one of the United Way of Greater Milwaukee's "Philanthropic Five" awards, which recognize community leaders under 50 who give, advocate and volunteer for change in the nonprofit community.

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### Susan Krebsbach, DVM

*Founder, Dane County Friends of Ferals, Oregon, Wisconsin*

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## Katie Lisnik

*Director of Cat Protection and Policy, The Humane Society of the United States, Portland, Maine*

Katie Lisnik works as the Director of Cat Protection and Policy for The Humane Society of the United States. After attending the University of Vermont and receiving her BS in animal science with a minor in wildlife biology, Katie decided that animal welfare was her true calling. She received her MS in Animals and Public Policy from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. Her past experience includes work as an animal control officer, a zookeeper, and as program coordinator for a large Maine shelter. She also served as Maine State Director for The HSUS from April 2007 to December 2011. Katie's current priorities include community cat protection, cat adoption initiatives, increasing the profile of cats in our communities, and serving as president of the New England Federation of Humane Societies and as an advisor to the Maine Federation of Humane Societies.

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## Karen Little

*CEO, Alley Cat Advocates, Louisville, Kentucky*

Karen and her husband founded Alley Cat Advocates in 1999. They have successfully advocated for lifesaving changes to both the local ordinance and for the care of sheltered community cats. The organization is responsible for altering over 30,000 community cats in the Louisville metropolitan area.

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## Sandra Newbury, DVM

*Director, University of Wisconsin Shelter Medicine Program, Department of Medical Sciences, University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine, Madison, Wisconsin*

Dr. Newbury is the new director of the University of Wisconsin Shelter Medicine program in Madison, WI and Assistant Professor of Shelter Medicine in the School of Veterinary Medicine - Department of Medical Sciences. Dr. Newbury helped to build the Koret Shelter Medicine Program at the University of California, Davis from 2006 -2014. Dr. Newbury served 6 years on the Board of Directors of the Association of Shelter Veterinarians and was the Chair of the Shelter Standards Task Force. Dr. Newbury "saves lives and stomps out disease!" by focusing on partnerships between shelters, veterinarians and the community to decrease shelter intake and improve health, welfare and positive outcomes for homeless animals. Her academic work has focused on clinical studies in infectious disease, immunology, and population medicine to improve understanding of shelter animal health, disease response and animal welfare. Dr. Newbury travels throughout the year working with shelters and communities of all kinds across the US, and in Canada, Europe and Australia. Dr. Newbury and her son share their home in Madison with several, minimally compliant and beloved pets.

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## Vicki Prey

## Steph Renaud

*Cat City Supervisor, PAWS (Progressive Animal Welfare Society), Seattle/Lynnwood, Washington*

Steph Renaud has managed the PAWS Cat City adoption center for 5 years, adopting over 1200 cats and kittens each year into homes in the greater Seattle area. Under her leadership, the adoption rate has grown by 49% over the past 5 years. A graduate of the inaugural HSUS Cat Behavior Counselor course, she created two free courses to help cat guardians understand their cats better - "Cat Behavior 101/102: What Your Cat Wants You to Know." and will be co-presenting "Keeping Cats in Homes: The Best Defense is a Good Offense" at the 2015 HSUS Animal Care Expo. Steph has exceeded her "one per hand" rule for cats by adopting three, but has since resisted further temptation. She often catches herself slow-blinking at cats on the television.

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## **Matt Wildman**

*Pet Care Issues Manager, The Humane Society of the United States, New York, New York*

Matt Wildman in his capacity as Pet Care Issues Manager for the Humane Society of the United States works to expand the sheltering world's knowledge of cat behavior and cat behavior counseling. He created and instructs HSUS's Cat Behavior and Retention Course offered to staff and volunteers of shelters and rescues, and he is currently developing a Cat Behavior Counseling Guide. He was a public high school history teacher for eight years before entering the animal field, working at NYC's Animal Care and Control for three years as the Volunteer Coordinator and Humane Educator. After leaving AC&C he began volunteering with an HSUS surrender prevention program in NYC and for three years was mentored by a Certified Cat Behavior Consultant to assist cat owners who contacted this program's helpline. He's subsequently assisted hundreds of cat owners to resolve their cat's behavior issues.