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## 2022 Animal Protection And Wellness (APAW) Expo Program Display Advertising & Swag Bag Insert

# ABOUT

In 1998, former prosecutor Claudine Wilkins created the Animal Protection Conference and Expo upon learning animal abuse cases were routinely falling through the cracks and recognizing animal cruelty escalated to other victims.

Growing for the past 23 years, the Animal Protection Conference and Expo has been successful in uniting a vast cross section of animal law professionals, law enforcement, veterinary, sheltering and animal welfare advocates together in one place and highlighting the importance of each of our roles in protecting animals as well as humans.

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The 21st Annual

# ANIMAL PROTECTION CONFERENCE AND EXPO 2019

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# WELCOME!!

Welcome to the 21st Annual Animal Protection Conference and Expo.

Our main goal is to unite professionals and advocates to end animal cruelty. Over the next two days you will have the opportunity to learn from the experts not only the basics, but also progressive programs.

Check out our extensive exhibit hall, receive continuing education credits, network, and make important connections during our complimentary breaks and Tito's Handmade Vodka sponsored cocktail hour on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Our friendly staff is here to assist you, so please don't hesitate to visit our registration area if you have any questions or need assistance. Enjoy the conference and expo!

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The Animal Protection Society and Animal Law Source are both 501c3 Non-Profit organizations. So your support is integral in continuing our efforts to unite professionals and advocates to learn, share knowledge, come up with solutions and drive change in the current arena of animal law and advocacy.

We also would like to thank YOU! Without your willingness to learn, evolve, work tirelessly to advocate and fight for change, the animals would continue to suffer. We recognize the path we have all chosen is not an easy one and is met with obstacles at every turn. But, by working together and continuing to learn, we CAN create change! What is that saying... "When we know better, we do better!"

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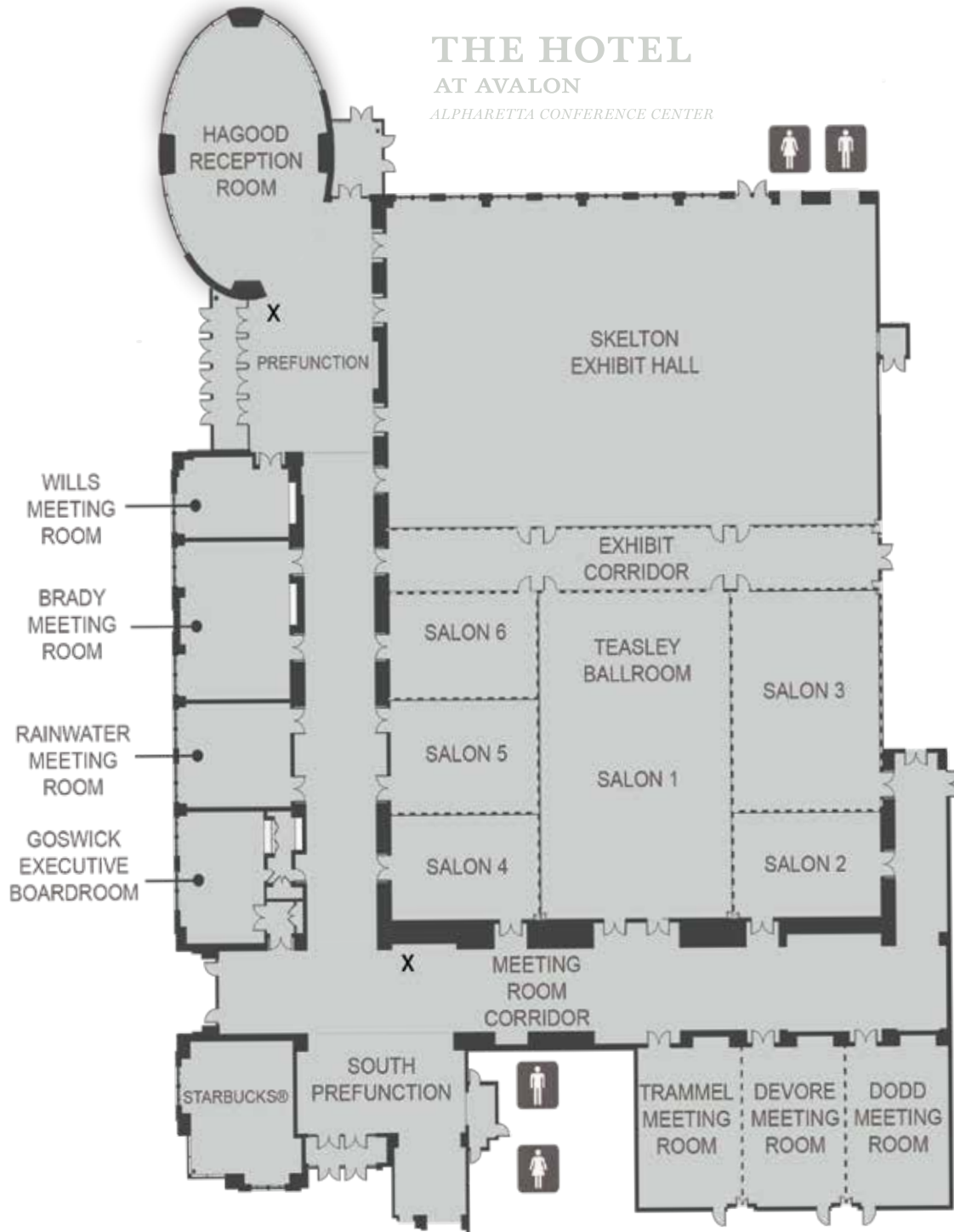


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**DAY 1, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2019****7:00 - 8:00 Registration and Breakfast On-Your-Own** (There are numerous restaurants around The Hotel at Avalon)**8:00 - 9:00****Location: Teasley Ballroom 1****Audience - Legal Track, Good for All Attendees****A Proactive Approach to Local Animal Issues Through the Companion Animal/Equine Program of the Georgia Department of Agriculture****Presenter:** Mark Murrah, Georgia Department of Agriculture, GA**Location: Salon 3****Audience - Shelter & Training Track****How to Successfully Transition Rescue Dogs into Homes,****Presenter:** Victoria Stilwell, VSPDT, APDT, Celebrity Dog Trainer and Behavior Expert, Trainer and creator of It's Me or the Dog (Animal Planet), Bestselling Author and Founder of Victoria Stilwell Positively, Inc. and the Victoria Stilwell Academy of Dog Training and Behavior**Location: Salon 2****Audience - Vet & Shelter Track****Veterinarians' and Vet Tech/Nurses' Roles in Equine Transport Incidents, Proper Aftercare, and Field Euthanasia Techniques for Horses****Presenter:** Rebecca (Giminez) Husted, PhD, President of Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue,**9:10 - 10:10****Location: Teasley Ballroom 1****Audience - Legal Track, Good for All Attendees****"Ten Things" Practical Procedures to Follow and Pernicious Pitfalls to Avoid in the Animal Cruelty/Fighting Case****Presenter:** Kimberly S. Schwartz, Senior Assistant District Attorney in the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit**Location: Salon 3****Audience - Shelter, Training & Vet Track****The Next Generation of Animal Protectors: A Great Program Uniting Children and Animals for Change****Presenter:** Janice Overbeck, GA.**Location: Salon 2****Audience - Shelter & Vet Track****Back to the Basics: Sanitation in Your Veterinarian Clinic or Boarding Facility.****Presenter:** Shaina Knight, Director of Madison Oglethorpe Animal Shelter, GA.**10:20 - 10:40****Location: Teasley Ballroom 1****Audience - Legal Track, Good for All Attendees****KEYNOTE -** Nancy Grace, American Legal Commentator and TV Journalist. Former Assistant District Attorney, Fulton Co., GA.**10:40 - 10:55 MORNING BREAK****10:55 - 11:55****Location: Teasley Ballroom 1****Audience - Legal Track, Good for All Attendees****The Animal Welfare Act: An Overview and the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Role in Protecting Animals****Presenter:** Bernadette Juarez, Deputy Administrator, Biotechnology Regulatory Services, recently former Deputy Administrator for Animal Care, Washington, DC**Location: Salon 3****Audience - Shelter & Training, Good for All Attendees****Starting from Nothing: Putting Together an Animal Cruelty Task Force; A Step-by-Step Process From Call to Conviction****Presenters:** Sherrie Hines, Kathryn Schoepf (Athens-Clarke County Animal Control)**Professor** Lisa Milot, Associate Professor of Law & Practicum in Animal Welfare Skills Director, GA.**Location: Salon 2****Audience - Vets & Shelter Track****PART 1: Veterinarians' and Vet Techs' Roles in Animal Cruelty Cases - How to Report, Immunity for Reporting, Why Report - Link Between Human Violence and Animal Abuse, Myths About Reported, Exam Reports, Inside the Courtroom, Being an Expert Witness, What Happens After the Case & More****Presenter:** Diane Balkin, Senior Attorney for Animal Legal Defense Fund's Criminal Justice Program, Retired (34-year) Chief Deputy District Attorney, Denver, CO**11:55 - 12:55 LUNCH BREAK ON-YOUR-OWN** (There are numerous restaurants around The Hotel at Avalon)



**1:00 - 2:00****Location: Teasley Ballroom 1****Audience - Legal Track, Good for All Attendees****Animal Fighting, Investigations, Surveillance, Search Warrants, Crime Scene Security, Evidence Collection, Collateral Agencies, Successful Prosecution, Sentencing and Valuable Tips.****Presenter:** Michelle Welch, Senior Assistant Attorney General in the Virginia Attorney General's Office, VA.**Location: Salon 3****Audience - Good for All Attendees****The Rural Reality Tour: How Can We Improve on Animal Cases in Rural Areas. Roles of all Professionals Discussed.****Presenter:** Barbara Bruigom, President and Founder of the Rescue Ranch, "middle" GA **(course will be repeated Saturday at 8:30 am, Salon 2)****Location: Salon 2****Audience - Vet & Shelter Track****PART 2: Veterinarians' and Vet Techs' Roles in Animal Cruelty - Equine Cruelty, Multi-Animal Impound, Puppy Mills, Animal Hoarding,****Presenter:** Diane Balkin, Senior Attorney for Animal Legal Defense Fund's Criminal Justice Program, Retired (34-year) Chief Deputy District Attorney, Denver, CO.**2:10 - 3:10****Location: Teasley Ballroom 1****Audience - Legal Track, Good for All Attendees****The Revolutionary Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Animal Protection****Presenter:** Chris Benson, Principal Artificial Intelligence Strategist at Lockheed Martin, GA.**Location: Salon 3****Audience - Good for All Attendees****Compassion Fatigue, Dealing with Burn Out.****Presenter:** Shaina Knight, Director of Madison Oglethorpe Animal Shelter**Location: Salon 2****Audience - Good for All Attendees****Backyard Breeding: Research and Tools for Your Community; Recent Legal Research Into Backyard Breeding and Practical Tools for Dealing With it on the Local Level.****Presenter:** Professor Lisa Milot, Associate Professor of Law & Practicum in Animal Welfare Skills Director, GA.**3:10 - 3:20 AFTERNOON BREAK****3:20 - 4:20****Location: Teasley Ballroom 1****Audience - Legal Track, Good for All Attendees****Investigate Tools for Successful Prosecutions in Animal Cruelty Cases, Search Warrants, Search & Seizure, Proper Impound and Other Tips on Investigating and Prosecuting Animal Cruelty.****Presenter:** Michelle Welch, Senior Assistant Attorney General in the Virginia Attorney General's Office, VA.**Location: Salon 3****Audience - Shelter Track****A Controlled Chaos/ Effective Communication Skills****Presenter:** Shaina Knight, Director of Madison Oglethorpe Animal Shelter**Location: Salon 2****Audience - Vet Track****You can choose either of the courses above. They are educational for everyone.****4:30 - 5:00****Location: Teasley Ballroom 1****Audience - Good for All Attendees****KEYNOTE: The Future of Animal Protection****Presenter:** Claudine Wilkins, Animal Law Expert, Founder of Animal Law Source and the Animal Protection Society**5:00 - 5:30****Location: Teasley Ballroom 1****Audience - Good for All Attendees****KEYNOTE: The Future of Animal Protection & Rule Enforcement****Presenter:** Commissioner Gary Black, Georgia Department of Agriculture**5:30 - 6:30****Location: Skelton Hall/Expo Hall****Audience - Good for All Attendees****Tito's Free Mix and Mingle Cocktail Hour** - Enjoy a Tito's Vodka beverage of your choice, unwind from the day**Adjourn - Thank you and see you tomorrow morning!**

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## DAY 2, Saturday, October 19, 2019

**7:00 - 8:30 Registration and Breakfast On-Your-Own** (There are numerous restaurants around The Hotel at Avalon)

**8:30 - 9:30**

**Location: Teasley Ballroom 1**

**Audience - Good for All Attendees**

**The Link - Between Serial Killers, Domestic Violence Perpetrators and Animal Abuse, Reported Cases, and Real Cases Overview.**

**Presenters:** Joey Brooks, Senior Animal Cruelty Investigator, Gwinnett County Animal Service  
Diane Balkin, Senior Attorney for Animal Legal Defense Fund's Criminal Justice Program, Retired (34-year) Chief Deputy District Attorney, Denver, CO.

**Location: Salon 3**

**Audience - Shelter Track**

**How Shelter Enrichment Can Get Dogs A New Home Faster!**

**Presenter:** Katherine Kekel, VSPDT Cherokee County Animal Shelter

**Location: Salon 2**

**Audience - Good for All Attendees**

**The Rural Reality Tour: How Can We Improve on Animal Cases in Rural Areas (Georgia cases highlighted)**

**Presenter:** Barbara Bruigom, President and Founder of the Rescue Ranch, "middle" GA

**9:40 to 10:40**

**Location: Teasley Ballroom 1**

**Audience - Good For All Attendees**

**How to Create an Animal Abuse/Cruelty Unit in Georgia (or in your Agency). Hear the Successes from the First Statewide Animal Cruelty Prosecutor**

**Presenter:** Michelle Welch, Senior Assistant Attorney General in the Virginia Attorney General's Office, VA.

**Location: Salon 3**

**Audience - Good for All Attendees**

**Canine CellMates - Changing Our Society Through Unique Programs**

**Presenter:** Susan Jacobs-Meadows, Founding Director of Canine CellMates

**Location: Salon 2**

**Audience - Shelter & Vet Track**

**Coming in Contact with Animals - Protect Yourself, Other Animals and Your Shelter or Facility from Transmittable Diseases Including Rabies. Reported Diseases and New Protocols in Georgia**

**Presenter:** Joan Maki, D.V.M., Technical Director, North America, Veterinary Public Health at Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health

**10:40 - 10:55 MORNING BREAK**

**10:55 - 11:55**

**Location: Teasley Ballroom 1**

**Audience - Legal Track**

**Catching Big Fish Through Local Ordinance Violations. Collaboration with Animal Control, Vets/Vet Techs, Law Enforcement and Prosecutors to Bring Serious Offenders to Justice**

**Presenter:** Cindy Wiemann, Director of Animal Newton County, President of Georgia Animal Control Association, Board Member of National Animal Care & Control Association

**Location: Salon 3**

**Audience - Legal Track, Good for All Attendees**

**Puppy Mill Enforcement: Strategies for Ensuring Accountability**

**Presenter:** Tamara Feliciano, Legal Advocacy Legislative Counsel ASPCA and  
Elizabeth Brandler, ASPCA Legal Advocacy Counsel

**Location: Salon 2**

**Audience - Vet Track**

**For Veterinarians & Vet Techs: Overview of Animal Cruelty Laws, Equine Cruelty, Animal Abandonment at Clinics, Liens for Services and Legislative Updates for Veterinarians and Vet Techs**

**Presenter:** Claudine Wilkins, Animal Law Expert, Founder of Animal Law Source, and The Animal Protection Society

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## CONFERENCE AND EXPO

1:00 - 2:00

**Location: Teasley Ballroom****Audience - Legal Track****Trial Tactics, Jury Selection, Anticipating the Defense, Demonstrative Evidence, Overcoming the Presumption of Innocence****Presenter:** Diane Balkin, Senior Attorney for Animal Legal Defense Fund's Criminal Justice Program, Retired (34-year) Chief Deputy District Attorney, Denver, CO.**Location: Salon 3****Audience - Good for All Attendees****Two Way Conversations and the Power of Choice****Presenters:** Victoria Stilwell, VSPDT, APDT, Celebrity Dog Trainer and Behavior Expert, Trainer and creator of It's Me or the Dog (Animal Planet), Bestselling Author and Founder of Victoria Stilwell Positively, Inc. and the Victoria Stilwell Academy of Dog Training and Behavior and Alynn (Aly) Lecznar, VSPDT, CCFT, ATD Master Trainer Curriculum Manager at the Victoria Stilwell Academy, Owner/Head Trainer at The Animal Scientist**Location: Salon 2****Audience - Vet Track****Veterinarians' and Vet Techs' Roles in Animal Fighting, GA Law, Investigations, Evidence Collection, Collateral Agencies, Role in Prosecution and Valuable Tips.****Presenters:** Michelle Welch, Senior Assistant Attorney General in the Virginia Attorney General's Office, VA

2:10 - 3:10

**Location: Teasley Ballroom 1 Audience - Good for All Attendees****Part 1: American's Disabilities Act (ADA) II and III, Service Dog Training, FHA****Presenters:** William Goren, Attorney and Service Animal Law Expert**Location: Salon 3****Audience - Shelter & Vet Track****What Shelter, Rescue, Veterinarians' and Vet Techs' Need to Know About Identifying "the Link" - What to Do If You Suspect Domestic Violence or Other Human Crimes, Reported Cases, and Real Cases Overview.****Presenters:** Joey Brooks, Senior Animal Cruelty Investigator, Gwinnett County Animal Service  
Diane Balkin, Senior Attorney for Animal Legal Defense Fund's Criminal Justice Program, Retired (34-year) Chief Deputy District Attorney, Denver, CO.

3:10 - 3:20 AFTERNOON BREAK

3:20 - 4:20

**Location: Teasley Ballroom 1****Audience - Good for All Attendees****Part 2: American's Disabilities Act (ADA) I and ACCA****Presenter:** William Goren, Attorney and Service Animal Law Expert**Location: Salon 3****Audience - Good for All Attendees****Disaster Plans for Natural and Man-made Disaster. What we learned from Hurricane Dorian and Puppy Mill Cases****Presenter:** Diane Robinson, Program Manager, Disaster Response Animal Rescue Team, Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and John Copenhaver, Attorney at Law, Presidential appointee to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in Southeast U.S. from 1997 to 2001, President and CEO of the Contingency Management Group, Inc., Chair. of the Board of the Animal Protection Society.

4:25 - 5:00

**Location: Teasley Ballroom 1****Audience - Good for All Attendees****Legislative Update, Presented by: Senator Kay Kirkpatrick****Animal Protection Plenary session - Ask the Panel of Speakers and Experts**

5:00 - 5:30

**Location: Teasley Ballroom 1****Audience - Good for All Attendees****KEYNOTE:** Victoria Stilwell, VSPDT, APDT, Celebrity Dog Trainer and Behavior Expert, Trainer and creator of It's Me or the Dog (Animal Planet), Bestselling Author and Founder of Victoria Stilwell Positively, Inc. and the Victoria Stilwell Academy of Dog Training and Behavior

5:30 - 6:30

**Location: Skelton Hall/Expo Hall****Audience - Good for All Attendees****Tito's Free Mix and Mingle Cocktail Hour - Enjoy a Tito's Vodka beverage of your choice, unwind and mix and mingle with fellow animal professionals and advocates.****Adjourn - THANK YOU! Hope to see you at our next event**

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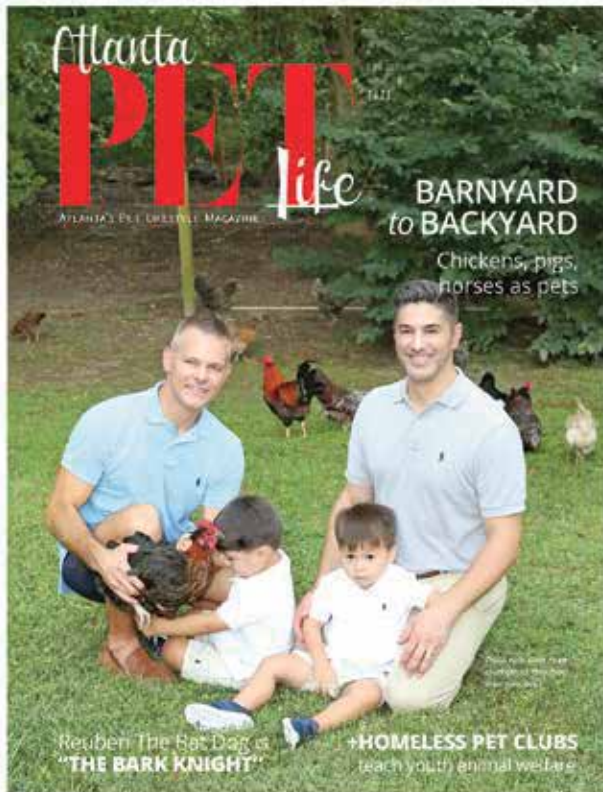
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**CHRIS BENSON:** *Principal Artificial Intelligence Strategist at Lockheed Martin, GA* He is among the foremost thought leaders on the use of advanced technologies like artificial intelligence and autonomous systems to revolutionize animal rescue, animal control, and animal protection.



**WILLIAM GOREN:** *Attorney, Service Animal Expert* William D. Goren is one of the country's foremost authorities on the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For 28 years and continuing, he



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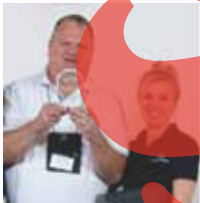
**NANCY GRACE:** *Former Prosecutor, American Legal Commentator and Television Journalist* She was the host of Nancy Grace from 2005 to 2016, which was a nightly celebrity news and current affairs show on HLN, and she was the host of Court TV's Closing Arguments



**ELIZABETH BRANDLER:** *ASPCA Legal Advocacy Council* She is responsible for the development and management of the ASPCA's second chair program, which provides legal support to law enforcement and prosecutors handling animal cruelty and animal fighting cases across the country.



**SHERRIE HINES:** *Athens-Clarke County Attorney's Office* Sherrie Hines graduated from UGA Law in 2009. She was a public defender for over six years, but has now shifted to prosecution as the Assistant Attorney who prosecutes all of the animal control ordinance violations for Athens-Clarke County.



**JOEY BROOKS:** *Senior Animal Cruelty Investigator, Gwinnett County Animal Services* Officer Brooks has a previous background of crime scene investigation, and he recently completed the National Cruelty Investigation Level 2 and 3 program and level 1 Thermography and certified as a Thermographer.



**REBECCA (GIMINEZ) HUSTED:** *President of Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue* Internationally sought instructor in technical rescue techniques, procedures, and methodologies, she has published numerous articles and journal submissions on horse safety, technical large animal rescue and horse handling issues.



**BARBARA BRUIGOM:** *President and Founder of the Rescue Ranch, "middle" GA* Barbara is president & founder of The Rescue Ranch in McRae Helena Georgia. The Rescue Ranch provides high quality/high volume, low cost/no cost spay & neuter services to over 1/2 the state of Georgia.



**SUSAN JACOB-MEADOWS:** *Founding Executive Director of Canine CellMates* Building Canine CellMate was an arduous 18 month process of planning, meeting, jumping through government hurdles and going back to the drawing board, but through passion and determination its became a reality in 2013.



**JOHN COPENHAVER:** *Attorney at Law, Presidential appointee to FEMA, President/CEO of the Contingency Management Group, Inc.* Mr. Copenhaver has provided on-scene assistance to the governments of El Salvador and Peru after 2001 earthquakes, and to the City of New York in the 9/11 response and recovery efforts.



**BERNADETTE JUAREZ:** *Deputy Administrator, Biotechnology Regulatory Services, recently former Deputy Administrator for Animal Care, Washington, DC* As Deputy Administrator, she provides leadership and direction to ensure the safe development and introduction of genetically engineered organisms.

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**Senator Kay Kirkpatrick, MD:** *Republican Senator 32nd District* which includes East Cobb and Sandy Springs. She serves as Chairman of the Senate Ethics Committee and as a member of the Senate Health and Human Services, Insurance and Labor, and Veterans, Military and Homeland Security Committees.



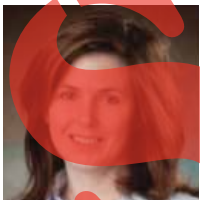
**SHAINA KNIGHT:** *Director of Madison Oglethorpe Animal Shelter, GA* Shaina has a degree in education, is a nationally certified animal control officer and has over 400 hours of continuing education in the field of veterinary and shelter medicine.



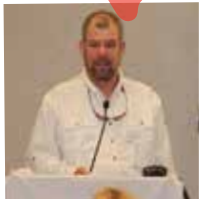
**ALYNN (Aly) LEZNER:** *VSPDT, CCFT, ATD Master Trainer, Curriculum Mgr. Victoria Stilwell Academy, Owner & Head Trainer at The Animal Scientist* Aly believes in evidenced based teaching for both human and non-human animals.



**JOANNE MAKI:** *Product Manager, Technical Director, North America, Veterinary Public Health at Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health - US, Athens, GA* She works with numerous groups, agencies and professionals to implement veterinary rabies prevention programs. Her work supports the global effort to eliminate human rabies transmitted by dogs.



**LISA MILOT:** *Associate Professor of Law & Practicum in Animal Welfare Skills Director* In the classroom Milot emphasizes the skills and training necessary for young lawyers to succeed in practice. She was named the 2009 UGA Professor of the Year by the Georgia Association for Women Lawyers.



**MARK MURRAH:** *Manager, Companion Animal/Equine Section, GA Department of Agriculture* Promoted to supervisor in 2007 until 2011, Mark has worked as Section Manager for the last four years. Mark wrote the S.O.P. in 2010 for the Animal Protection Section and created rules changes for the Animal Protection Act rules which were approved in 2013 by Commissioner Black.



**JANICE OVERBECK:** *Janice Overbeck Real Estate* In 2016, Janice molded her love and devotion for animals of the world and founded JO Gives, Inc., a non-profit organization that focuses on animal advocacy in the local Atlanta area and abroad.



**KAT RICHARDSON:** *VSPDT Cherokee County Animal Shelter* Katherine Kekel has devoted her life to saving and improving the lives of animals. She has been on staff with the Cherokee County Animal Shelter since 2012 and is certified through Victoria Stilwell's VSPDT Program since 2015.



**DIANE ROBINSON:** *Program Manager, Disaster Response Animal Rescue Team, HSUS* In 2007, Diane merged her formalized training in education with her passion for search and rescue and joined American Humane Association's Red Star Animal Emergency Services Response program.



**KATHRYN SCHOEPF:** *Athens-Clarke County Animal Control* She has been an Animal Control Officer for 6 years at Athens-Clarke County Animal Control and was interim Field Supervisor from January-May 2019. Previously, she was an Animal Control Officer with Oconee County Animal Services.



**KIMBERLY S. SCHWARTZ:** *Senior Assistant District Attorney in the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit* In 2017, Kimberly was appointed Senior Assistant District Attorney in the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit, where she currently serves as a member of the Drug Prosecutions Division. In addition, Ms. Schwartz also specializes in the prosecution of animal cruelty cases.



**VICTORIA STILWELL:** *World-Renowned Dog Trainer and Behavior Expert* An advocate for positive dog training methods, Stilwell is the Editor-in-Chief of Positively.com, founder of the Victoria Stilwell Academy for Dog Training & Behavior, and CEO of Victoria Stilwell Positively Dog Training. Her fifth book, *The Ultimate Guide to Raising a Puppy* will be out on October 1st 2019.



**MICHELLE WELCH:** *Senior Assistant Attorney General in the Virginia Attorney General's Office* As Director of the Animal Law Unit at the Attorney General's Office, She is charged with taking all animal law questions in Virginia and is called on by agencies all over the Commonwealth to act as a special prosecutor in animal cruelty and animal fighting cases.



**CINDY WIEMANN:** *Director of Animal Newton County, President of GACCA* As president of the Georgia Animal Care and Control Assn., Cindy frequently speaks at conferences and training events and is active with state legislation. She has testified at the Georgia Capital in support or opposition of legislation that would impact the animal care and control profession.



## New Changes In Animal Protection Are On The Horizon.



Animal Law Source  
Your Resource For Georgia Animal Law

Animal Law Source (ALS) is partnering with The Animal Protection Society and Justice for All Society because we recognize animal laws and animal law education is a just small portion of the overall goal to change the way we treat animals, our community, and people.

Animals, children, elderly and domestic violence victims are "special victims" who need special people who are passionate and educated to protect them. Essential to the mission is building the bond between animals and humans, to be involved in all communities (under-served, rural and metro), provide awareness to citizens about pet ownership responsibility and much needed resources, educate professionals and the public on their "state and local" laws, and assisting in animal cruelty cases.

The Animal Protection Society and Justice for All Society and its partnership with Animal Law Source allows for people to not only share stories, but also provide essential knowledge, resources, and examples of how we protect special victims. We want you to be part of our continued efforts to shape the way special victims are treated.

"When I started working in animal-related field in 1983 as young veterinary assistant, I realized I could make a bigger impact as prosecutor at a time when animal cases were not being given credence. When I witnessed animal cruelty cases consistently "falling through the cracks", the journey to improve how we treat animals began. Many programs evolved over the last 3 decades since and we see the connection between animal abuse and other human victims", said Claudine Wilkins.

In order to move forward, we must look back and see where we came from. Realizing there was a serious lack of information available to professionals, ALS published copyrighted online "toolkits" which provide summaries of animal law and cruelty topics. These toolkits evolved since 1996, when our founder began getting questions about "what to do in a case involving an animal". Since then, thousands of these toolkits were created and the demand for resources continues.

Join our efforts to continue teaching nationally and throughout Georgia on many animal law issues, including animal cruelty, neglect, animal fighting, abandonment, animal hoarding, puppy mills, large impound cases, equine cruelty, dangerous dogs, dog bite, K9 Handlers, the link between animal abuse and other crimes (domestic violence, human trafficking, drugs, gangs, illegal gambling & weapons, serial crimes, etc.).

In 2006, the Georgia State Dog Fighting law passed. Other legislation protecting animals resulted in the passage of many state and local laws occurred over the last two decades. In 2009, Claudine petitioned the State Bar of Georgia for the creation the Animal Law Section, a "mainstream" section ensuring attorneys have high-quality resources available in animal cases.

So thank you to our old friends who have been to every one of our conferences and welcome new comers in helping us celebrate our 21st annual Animal Protection Conference & Expo bringing together many loyal attendees from years past to network with new professionals.

- 2006 - Dog Fighting Law
- 2012 - Responsible Dog Owner Law, aka Dangerous Dog Law
- 2014 - Animal Cruelty Law
- 2015 - Law Enforcement Animal Law; Tanja's Law Microchip Law
- 2016 - Spay & Neuter License Plate
- 2016 - Cost of Animal Care Bond Law
- Various Animal Laws & Fighting Bad Bills Local Animal Ordinances



**CLAUDINE WILKINS:** Attorney, Animal Law Expert, Founder of Animal Law Source, Past Chair GA Bar Animal Law Section, Co-Founder GA Pet Fd. Since 1996, Claudine has assisted in hundreds of animal abuse cases. In 1998, she created the Animal Protection conference. Responsible for many state and local laws including: Georgia Dog Fighting law, Responsible Dog Owner Act (dangerous dog law) and the Animal Cruelty law and more

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