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**2012 APHE National Conference
Walnut Creek, CA
March 1 - 2**

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Conference Agenda

(Presentation and speaker descriptions begin on page 8.)

Wednesday, February 29

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. **Pre-Conference Mixer (optional)** Meet and greet fellow humane educators while enjoying complimentary food and beverages at this mixer in the Renaissance Room at the Renaissance Club Sport Hotel.

Thursday, March 1

6:00 a.m. start **Complimentary Breakfast** for registered guests of the Renaissance Club Sport Hotel. Two tickets per room.

7:00 to 7:40 a.m. **Shuttle buses** to Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) from the Renaissance Club Sport Hotel

7:30 to 8:30 a.m. **Check in** at ARF

8:30 to 9:00 a.m. **Welcome** and **Opening Remarks** from Susan Helmink, APHE President and Mary Jo Bernardo, Chief Operating Officer of ARF

9:00 to 10:00 a.m. **Mangoes and Bananas: Role-Play and Storytelling Techniques for Teaching Anger Management and Conflict Resolution with Early Childhood Populations** by Karina Naumer, HEART: Humane Education Advocates Reaching Teachers

10:00 to 10:30 a.m. **Break** and **Sharing Corral**

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. **Shadowing at the Shelter: A High School Veterinary Science Education Initiative** by De Daltorio and Brittany Watson Tisa, VMD/MSEd, Charleston Animal Society

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Lunch, Sharing Corral** and **ARF Tours**

1:00 to 2:30 p.m. **Think Outside the Classroom: Spreading Humane Values via Partnerships** by Clay Foley, Champaign

County Humane Society, Allison Lindquist, East Bay SPCA, and Elaine Schmid, East Hillside Patch

2:30 to 2:45 p.m.

Break and Sharing Corral

2:45 to 4:15 p.m.

With a Broad Brush: Incorporating Art into Standards Based Humane Education and a Sharp Eye: Every Picture Tells a Story by Maggie Howe, San Diego Humane Society and SPCA and Debbie Duel, Washington Animal Rescue League

4:15 to 5:45 p.m.

APHE Membership Meeting hosted by the APHE Board. Join us and make your vote count on important association business. Learn about this year's accomplishments and what's coming soon, including the location of the next National Conference!

4:30 and 6:00 p.m.

Shuttle buses to the Renaissance Club Sport Hotel from ARF

6:30 to 11:00 p.m.

Dinner Reception and APHE Auction in the Renaissance Room at the Renaissance Club Sport Hotel.

Enjoy dinner and a fun and lively auction to raise money for the Nathania Gartman Memorial Scholarship Fund. There will be a wide variety of wonderful silent and live auction items to bid on. The evening's program includes special announcements and awards presented by APHE and the Latham Foundation. **Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted for auction purchases.** Non-registered conference attendees can join for \$60. Please contact conference@aphe.org to register guests. Please wear your name tag to the dinner and auction.

Friday, March 2

6:00 a.m. start

Complimentary Breakfast for registered guests of the Renaissance Club Sport Hotel. Two tickets per room.

7:15 to 8:00 a.m.

Shuttle buses to ARF from the Renaissance Club Sport Hotel

8:30 to 8:45 a.m.

Welcome by Susan Helmink, APHE President

8:45 to 9:45 a.m.

Eco Impact: How Our Choices Affect the Earth and Its Inhabitants by Lisa Forzley, Detroit Zoological Society

9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Vicarious Modeling & Self-Efficacy: Applying Social Learning Theory to Enhance the Effectiveness of Humane Education by Robert Lucius, Kairos Coalition

- 10:45 to 11:15 a.m. **Break and Vendor Booths**
- 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. **Roundtable Discussion**
Show Your Worth: Promoting the Value of Humane Education by Dezaræ Jones-Hartwig, Wisconsin Humane Society and Kelley Über Sterner, Humane Society of Northeast Georgia
- 12:45 to 2:15 p.m. **Lunch, Vendor Booths and ARF Tours**
- 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. **Compassion in the Classroom: Creating the Humane Standard** by Stephanie Itle-Clark, Humane Society University, Kate MacFall, Animal Shelter Foundation, and Sandy DeLisle
- 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. **Using Cultural Values to Bring Humane Education to Life** by Mele Brewer and Carol Everett, Kaua'i Humane Society
- 4:15 to 4:30 p.m. **Break and Vendor Booths**
- 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. **Saving Audie and BAD RAP** by Charity Jara and Donna Reynolds, BAD RAP
- 5:30 to 5:40 p.m. **Conference Wrap-Up** by Susan Helmink, APHE President
- 5:45 p.m. **Shuttle buses** to the Renaissance Club Sport Hotel from ARF

Saturday, March 3, 2012

7:40 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. **Service Dog Row Tours** (Optional)
 Excursion includes tours of three of the Bay Area's unique animal welfare organizations that celebrate the human animal bond: the Bergin University of Canine Studies in Rohnert Park, Forget Me Not Farm Children's Services located on the grounds of the Sonoma Humane Society, and Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael. The \$60 fee includes transportation, guided tours, lunch, and a donation to each organization. Bus will leave from Renaissance Club Sport Hotel. **Advance registration necessary.**

Other Conference Details

Conference Accommodations

Renaissance Club Sport
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Walnut Creek, CA 94597
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For reservation and transportation information, visit the Events section of www.aphe.org.

Nathania Gartman Memorial Scholarship Fund and Auction

Help us raise money for the Nathania Gartman Memorial Scholarship Fund by donating and purchasing items during our annual auction. This fund provides financial assistance for humane educators to attend the APHE National Conference. To browse the items that will be available at the auction, visit <https://aphe.schoolauction.net/auction2012>. *Please note: some items may be grouped differently during the auction than currently posted.*

Special thanks to the following sponsors for supporting the 2012 Nathania Gartman Memorial Scholarship Fund.



Additional thanks to Southwest Airlines for its donation to the Nathania Gartman Memorial Scholarship auction.



Resource-Sharing Tables

Bring resources from your organization's humane education program to share so educators from around the country can learn about your great programs.

APHE Merchandise and Membership Support Available

Stock up on APHE products and merchandise! Enjoy closeout pricing on short- and long-sleeve polo shirts - just \$20 each or "Buddy-Up" and get 2 for \$30. Popular APHE resource manuals and prior national conference CDs will also be available. Cash, checks and credit cards accepted. Sales will take place during breaks and lunch both days of the conference. We will also have a

computer standing by to demonstrate how to use the online Members' Area and Listserv.

Vendor Booths

Thanks to the following vendors for participating in the conference:

- [Animal Matters](#) creators and manufacturer of the new educational children's board game Fur & Feathers™.



- [Humane Society University](#) is dedicated to advancing human-animal interdisciplinary scholarship by training current and future professionals to provide ethical and sustainable leadership.



Name Tags

Please return the name tag holders at the end of the conference so they may be re-used at future programs.

Things to do in Walnut Creek and the Bay Area

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National Conference Committee

The APHE Board of Directors would like to thank the following for their assistance in planning and coordinating the conference:

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2012 APHE National Conference Presentation Descriptions

Mangoes and Bananas: Role-Play and Storytelling Techniques for Teaching Anger Management and Conflict Resolution with Early Childhood Populations

by Karina Naumer, HEART

This interactive session is based upon the work currently being conducted in New York City Department of Education schools within HEART's Early Childhood Program for kindergarten through 3rd graders entitled, Taking Care of Animals and Each Other. Participants will take part in a humane education lesson from this program which is designed to use a form of storytelling with objects and role play techniques to engage young children in positive anger management and conflict resolution techniques. The Indonesian folktale used in the lesson, Mango and Bananas, focuses on two best friends who get into conflict and treat each other badly. The story is stopped at the height of conflict and the children brainstorm ideas for the characters to manage their anger and to help solve their conflict. Ultimately some of the children take on the roles of the characters (using the objects) to try out their ideas. Session participants will have the opportunity to learn how young children have interacted within the program in NYC, discuss the conflict resolution techniques and also try-out the storytelling and role-play strategies in order to be able to use these techniques with their own populations of young children. Handouts will be provided.

Shadowing at the Shelter: A High School Veterinary Science Education Initiative

by De Daltorio and Brittany Watson Tisa, VMD/MSEd, Charleston Animal Society

This presentation focuses on Charleston Animal Society's (CAS) Veterinary Science Educational Initiative. It involves the development of a program primarily focused on higher-level science, ethics, and humane education for high school age students. Lessons integrate high-level science and its societal implications including public health and emotional intelligence. Described in detail is the process for setting up a successful program at the high school level by using an educational team approach to maximize impact with minimal resources. Pitfalls, helpful hints, content, and successes will be discussed including \$79,000 in grants specifically for veterinary science. Finally, an ongoing PhD thesis involving the shelter educational program will be discussed. The study focuses on the educational footprint and its impact on the shelter by not only enhancing knowledge, but also tangible increases in community support, finances, equipment, volunteers, adoptions, etc. This research will help all humane education programs to prove their effectiveness to help them gain support within the community and funding from outside sources. Future plans will be discussed for regional workshops using the CAS curriculum once completed. Program will also involve an interactive lesson plan from the curriculum.

Think Outside the Classroom: Spreading Humane Values via Partnerships

by Clay Foley, Champaign County Humane Society, Allison Lindquist, East Bay SPCA, and Elaine Schmid, East Hillside Patch

Humane educators are always searching for ways to increase the size and scope of their audience. Even when faced with limits on funding, classroom space, or public exposure, there are methods which can be creatively employed to

increase participation in their education programs. One method of transforming these obstacles into opportunities is to partner with businesses and organizations that have the resources which yours may be lacking. The East Bay SPCA found that partnering with non-animal or non-child agencies has produced some great results. The EBSPCA's "Dog and Wildlife Encounters: Best Practices," a program to educate law enforcement officers, will serve as an example of an unconventional partnership. This presentation will inspire a wide range of humane educators to move beyond their organizations' walls to seek partnering opportunities. An interactive component will offer attendees the opportunity to reflect on their own work-related obstacles and to identify partnering solutions to overcome them.

With a Broad Brush: Incorporating Art into Standards Based Humane Education and a Sharp Eye: Every Picture Tells a Story

by Maggie Howe, San Diego Humane Society and SPCA and Debbie Duel, Washington Animal Rescue League

This presentation includes two mini-sessions. The first will show participants why art is an important aspect of humane education for youth, as well as how to incorporate it into educational programs. First learn how to find art-based curriculum standards and how to add art into already existing state standards. Pictures and examples of art projects made by students will be available. Interactive make-and-take session included. The second session will highlight the Washington Animal Rescue League's photography project, A Day in the Life of the Shelter exhibit. Along with professional photographer Joanne Miller, 15 fifth grade students spent three days at the League chronicling the lives of the animals. The resulting "Be Kind to Animals Week" exhibit, displayed in the Rayburn House Office Building Foyer under the sponsorship of D.C. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, showcased more than 100 images documenting the day-to-day operation of the League's shelter and medical center. The workshop covers the logistics of organizing a photography project as well as the benefits children gain from participating. The presentation will include student photographs and writings.

Eco Impact: How Our Choices Affect the Earth and Its Inhabitants

by Lisa Forzley, Detroit Zoological Society

Participants will discover how their daily choices have an impact on the planet and those who share it with us, an impact potentially much greater than we might imagine. We'll discuss ways to lead a MOGO life – to do the most good and least harm that we can in our every day actions for ourselves, other people, animals, and the planet. Attendees will take part in interactive discussions and hands-on activities that focus on our ability to make a positive difference. We'll do an ecological footprint activity to more fully realize the role that each of us plays in taking care of the Earth. We'll also go through "Which to Pick," an activity that allows us to use critical thinking to make purchasing decisions that most benefit the planet and those who inhabit it. Everyone will walk away with activities/materials that they can incorporate into their programs, including a Shades of Green Guide that discusses 80 ways to lessen our impact.

Vicarious Modeling & Self-Efficacy: Applying Social Learning Theory to Enhance the Effectiveness of Humane Education

by Robert Lucius, Kairos Coalition

Social Learning Theory emphasizes the importance of observing and modeling the behaviors, attitudes and emotional reactions of others, especially our peers and those whom we respect and admire. This theory, popularized by Albert Bandura, emphasizes the critical role of “self-efficacy” in creating the degree of self-confidence necessary to act correctly in any given situation. In short, people are more likely to engage in certain behaviors when they develop confidence that they can carry out those behaviors successfully. Social Cognitive Theory (Bandura, 1977, 2001) describes the power of a model demonstrating a specific behavior to encourage modeling of that same behavior by an observer. Several factors, including the similarity of the model, the observer’s perceived ability to perform the behavior, and the rewards and punishments associated with that behavior can help predict the likelihood of the observer eventually performing the modeled action himself or herself. This presentation will discuss how humane education can co-opt the power of vicarious modeling to spur changes in attitudes and behaviors among youth participants.

Roundtable Discussion

Show Your Worth: Promoting the Value of Humane Education

led by Dezaræ Jones-Hartwig, Wisconsin Humane Society and Kelley Über Sterner, Humane Society of Northeast Georgia

We’ve heard your calls for help! The goal of this year’s Roundtable Discussion is to create a sustainable future for humane education. From budget cuts to program losses, humane educators across the nation are at risk. How can our field use the “tools of the trade” to ensure a prosperous future for humane education? Pick three table topics of your choosing - each table discussion focuses on using your educator “superpowers” to promote programs and ensure the sustainability of humane education. There will be three rotations of 15-minute discussions. Some examples of topics discussed in the roundtable will be generating net income, program evaluation and assessment, positive programming, and capitalizing on connections. Put on your thinking caps and grab a pen and paper!

Compassion in the Classroom: Creating the Humane Standard

by Stephanie Itle-Clark, Humane Society University, Kate MacFall, Animal Shelter Foundation, and Sandy DeLisle

Build a culture of kindness in local schools by providing professional development to resident educators. Participants will learn about two successful workshops in which formal educators (many of whom were unfamiliar with humane education before the workshops) learned to define humane education, and make it applicable to their character and standards-based work. Participants will hear from the organizations that held the workshops, learn how to make their own workshop aspirations come to life, examine the importance of solid curriculum connections, and review tips for replicating the workshops. Conference attendees will walk away with a design for planning their own teacher workshop or in-service opportunities.

Using Cultural Values to Bring Humane Education to Life

by Mele Brewer and Carol Everett, Kaua'i Humane Society

In Hawai'i, the Hawaiian cultural permeates residents' lives. Hawaiian words, music, things and place names color our existence. Traditional Hawaiian values, such as humility, helpfulness, and caring are explicitly defined. We have found that the use of these values in our humane education programs makes our lessons more efficient and long-lasting. Most cultures have such values. Many cultures hold the same values in common, and some differ in emphasis. The use of such values in teaching humane education concepts helps the lessons become more relevant to daily living, and connects us to the lives of our students. This presentation will help humane educators consider the use of cultural values in their own programs and will give them tools to help them do so. Participants will leave knowing that the use of cultural values will help them to focus on the "big picture" of life-long learning and humane action among their students.

Saving Audie and BAD RAP

by Charity Jara and Donna Reynolds, BAD RAP

This presentation will include an overview of BAD RAP and the community outreach services it offers. In addition, it will demonstrate how to use the award-winning children's book *Saving Audie* written by Dorothy Hinshaw-Patent as a tool to educate children and young adults about a young dog's rescue and recovery after surviving the cruel conditions of NFL player Michael Vick's Bad Newz Kennels. In the story, Audie begins his new life off of a chain and slowly learns to trust humans for the first time. The presentation will highlight ways to engage audiences in a discussion about difficult topics (dog fighting, animal cruelty) with age appropriate language and with an inspiring message of hope. Attendees will meet the book's canine hero Audie, receive a complimentary comprehension guide and be ready to begin using the book as an educational tool in their own communities.

2012 APHE National Conference Presenters



Mele Brewer is in her second year as humane educator as the Kaua'i Humane Society. She returned home to Kaua'i after 35 years working in California's public schools as a reading specialist, science teacher and principal. She finds it exciting to merge her experience and knowledge into her new job at the humane society. Her experience in California with students from diverse cultural and language backgrounds prompted her interest in using cultural values and practice to make learning more relevant. She served in the Peace Corps in El Salvador in the late sixties. She also had the opportunity to teach for the Kamehameha Schools where Hawaiian values are central to all teaching and learning.



De Daltorio is the Director of Humane Education and has been with Charleston Animal Society (CAS) for two years. She has a BS

in Elementary Education and an Art Teaching Certification. She was a 1st-8th grade visual arts teacher for 13 years before embarking on her career with CAS. She has revolutionized the humane education curriculum at CAS. She broadened the age group of children participating in the Pet Buddies Club, updated the state standard lesson plans, expanded and diversified classroom visits, and involved volunteers in the teaching process. She coordinates the "Woof to Read" program and created the Canine College program, which allows pet guardians to attend training with their animals. She revamped birthday parties that are both educational and encourage children to give selflessly. The summer camp program was completely reworked to include more camps, extended hours of camps, and more extensive, substantial curriculum.

Debbie Duel, the Washington Animal Rescue League's director of humane education, has more than 20 years of experience in humane education, leading classroom programs, workshops, teacher trainings, and conferences. She has published two children's books with humane themes. She has a Master's degree in education.



Sandy DeLisle has her Master of Science in Elementary Education and currently serves as an educational consultant specializing in humane and urban education. In addition to being a classroom teacher, Sandy has created programming and exhibits for several science museums. Most recently, she was the manager of The Humane Society of the United States' Urban Outreach and Humane Education where she produced the award-winning dog bite prevention video *In the Company of Dogs: How to Prevent Bites and Enjoy Man's Best Friend*. She has presented at numerous national conferences including the Character Education Partnership Conference, the National Service-Learning Conference and the National AfterSchool Association Conference. Sandy resides in a Chicago suburb with her husband, three sons and two rescued dogs. Sandy is an APHE Board of Directors member.



Carol Everett is a Certified Humane Education Specialist volunteer with Kaua'i Humane Society. She began her animal welfare work at 8 years old. Carol originated the Rocky Mountain Scottish Terrier Rescue in the early 1980s and was a Division of Wildlife volunteer for small mammals in Colorado before moving to Kauai in 2003. She launched the Kaua'i Humane Society's Humane Education Department from 2003 – 2010 and developed the department to include humane classes for pre-school to senior citizens, shelter tours, scout programs, Junior Volunteer program, Humane Education Poster Contest, Critter Camps, clicker dog training for students, day camps, and Paws to Read program for A+ students. Carol has also been closely involved with the Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary from 2003 to present. Carol is currently a volunteer for Kaua'i Humane Society, volunteer for the Hawaiian Island Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary and is Membership Secretary for APHE.



Clay Foley is the Humane Educator and Humane Investigator for the Champaign County Humane Society (CCHS) in Urbana, Illinois. He joined CCHS in 2006, building the organization's Humane Education Department which reaches over 4,000 students per year. Clay is an approved humane investigator in the state of Illinois and created the CANOPY Program, which donates doghouses, straw, food, and other essential supplies to needy pets living outdoors. Clay is a board member for the Companion Animal Resource and Education (CARE) Center in Urbana, and acts as an advisor for Teachers for Creatures - a University of Illinois student organization devoted to spreading humane education.



Lisa Forzley is the Humane Education Specialist at the Detroit Zoological Society. She sits on the Board of Directors for APHE and the Michigan Alliance for Environmental and Outdoor Education. Lisa graduated from Michigan State University with a B.A. in Elementary Education and recently received her M.Ed. in Humane Education from the Institute for Humane Education. Her responsibilities include overseeing the Humane Science Lab (inclusive of virtual dissection programs and environmental testing equipment), developing and leading educator workshops, creating programs and offering presentations for various audiences throughout her community, researching issues that affect animals and the environment, and being an active member in the Zoo's Green Team. Lisa's goal is to instill a desire to make a positive difference for the Earth and its inhabitants and to provide individuals with information and tools that will assist with "walking softly and treating Earth's creatures gently."



Maggie Howe officially began her career as a humane educator two years ago at the San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, although she had taught kindness and compassion for animals during her career as a 5th grade teacher prior to that. She grew up in Syracuse, NY and has always had a passion for animals and art. She puts those skills together, along with her love of teaching, to humane education lessons all over the classrooms of San Diego. She has one floppy brown dog named Rosalita, and enjoys running, volleyball, the beach, and college basketball.



Stephanie Hle-Clark manages curriculum and professional development activities for humane educators and instructs the Certified Humane Education Specialist courses through Humane Society University. Prior to joining The HSUS, Clark worked as a public school classroom teacher, where she infused humane and service concepts into the required curriculum, and led an animal protection club. Clark holds a Master's in Educational Development and Strategies, a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, and Certified Humane Education Specialist credentials. She currently serves on the board of the Association of Professional Humane Educators and has presented at numerous national conferences including the National Service Learning Conference, National After School

Association, Best Out of School Time, National Forum on Character, and the APHE National Conference.

Charity Jara is a fourth grade teacher in Pleasanton, California. She has been an educator for 13 years and has taught a variety of grade levels including kindergarten, second, fourth, and fifth grades. She holds a Master's Degree in Cross-Cultural Education, and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. Charity volunteers for BAD RAP in a variety of ways and wrote the comprehensive guide for the book *Saving Audie*. Along with using the book as a tool in her own fourth grade classroom, she has also led discussions for both adults and children in surrounding communities including: Books Inc. in Berkeley, The Martinez Public Library, The Hercules Public Library, and the Bay Area Annual Pet Fair.



Dezarae Jones-Hartwig is currently in her 8th year as Education Manager at the Wisconsin Humane Society in Milwaukee, WI where she has developed programming for the organization to benefit youth and adults alike. She has served on the Board of Directors for APHE since 2010. Dezarae received her MFA in Theatre for Youth from Arizona State University and often incorporates theatre and drama into humane education programs. She is a Certified Humane Education Specialist through the Humane Society of the United States. In addition to her work in humane education, she works with the Milwaukee Youth Theatre as Managing Director. Dezarae is the proud mother of two toddlers, dog-mom to Willow, an 11-year old Bichon mix and Merlin, an 18 month old spaniel mix and wife of 10 years to darling husband, Heath.



Allison Lindquist is the Executive Director of the East Bay SPCA. She has spent over fifteen years in the field of animal welfare. Prior to joining the East Bay SPCA in 2006, Allison served as Assistant Director for ten years with the Oakland Zoo. Her work history includes extensive business experience from ten years as manager in the securities/financial field, and two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya. She holds a BA in Zoology from Ohio Wesleyan University. Allison's pack at home includes two pitbulls, an ancient Chihuahua, four alpacas and twenty-seven very spoiled chickens. The East Bay SPCA operates two Adoption and Spay/Neuter Surgery Centers and a full-service veterinary clinic. Founded in 1874, the East Bay SPCA is the second oldest humane organization west of the Mississippi.



Prior to his retirement in July 2011, **Robert Lucius** served 22 years on active duty as a U.S. Marine in a wide variety of command, staff and diplomatic assignments. He is a specialist in Asian languages and cultures and has lived and worked in numerous Asian nations. He is now the Residential Program Director for Joint Foreign Area Officer program at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. Robert graduated from Norwich University in 1989, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in History. He also holds a Master of Forensic Science degree from National University, a

Master of Arts degree in National Security Studies from Naval Postgraduate School and a Graduate Certificate in Community Advocacy from George Washington University. He is currently pursuing his Ph.D. studies in Human and Organizational Development at Fielding Graduate University. In 2009, Robert Lucius founded the Kairos Coalition to pilot experimental humane education initiatives in developing economies. He is also the founder of VegHeads of Monterey Bay, an educational outreach association dedicated to sharing the benefits of plant-based diets and he serves as the Chief Executive of the Humane Party of the United States.

Kate MacFall lives in North Florida where she has been involved with the local municipal animal shelter for over 12 years. In 2007 she cofounded the Animal Shelter Foundation, a non-profit that supports the animals in the care of the animal shelter. She serves as President of the Foundation as well as the Humane Education Committee chair. Kate is also active with greyhound rescue, helping to place dogs from a local greyhound track. Additionally, Kate is a Mayoral appointee to the Animal Service's advisory board where she has served since 2004. During this year's legislative session she is also working part-time for the ASPCA on humane legislation for Florida. Kate has a Master's degree in Communication Disorders and a Bachelor's degree in English Literature. She is an active member and officer in her local Toastmasters Club and enjoys running.



Karina Nauer, M.F.A. is an educational theater consultant and humane educator in New York City and nationally. In NYC, Karina designs educational theater programming and conducts in-school residencies for Lincoln Center Theater's Learning English and Drama Project (LEAD) and for HEART: Humane Education Advocates Reaching Teachers. For thirteen years, Karina was the director and founder of the Creative Arts Team/New York City Wolf Trap Program: Early Learning through the Arts, a theater education program in residence within New York University and City University of New York. This program used theatre as a catalyst to explore social issues with young children and their teachers within Head Start centers and public schools throughout NYC. In 2001, she was awarded The American Alliance for Theatre and Education's Creative Drama Award for excellence in the field.



Donna Reynolds, co-Founder and Executive Director of BAD RAP, works to keep the organization on track with projects that fulfill the group's mission to 'Secure the future of the American Pit Bull Terrier as a cherished family companion.' She directed the nationally recognized breed ambassador Pit Bull Hall project at the East Bay SPCA from 2005-2008 and from 2008-2010, the AmbassaDog Project at Oakland Animal Services. A committed educator, she's written several articles on pit bulls, and presents the group's program models widely to audiences around the country to assist progressive animal shelters in developing and activating their own pit bull adoption and public outreach programs. To help reach these goals, she directs 'Pit Ed Camp,' a week-long intensive for shelter workers. Donna participated in evaluating NFL player Michael Vick's dogs in

2007, then placed ten of the celebrity dogs into new homes. Her organization was ranked nationally as the number one high-impact nonprofit for Local Animal Welfare, Rights, & Protection by industry experts for Guidestar's Philanthropedia. She shares her life with husband Tim Racer and four personal dogs along with a never-ending rotation of pit bull foster dogs. When the phones quiet down at night, she creates found object illustrations for book and magazine assignments.



Elaine Schmid is the program director for a non-profit organization, East Hillside Patch, in Duluth, Minnesota. At "the Patch," Elaine oversees the after-school and summer programs for underprivileged youth in the neighborhood and incorporates humane education and animal-assisted activities into programming. Elaine holds a Master's degree in Education and a Bachelor's in Animal Sciences and is a

Certified Humane Educator Specialist. Her Master's research looked at the impact of animal-assisted activities on children's development of empathy and her current area of interest is in animal-assisted activities and therapy. She has completed internships at the ASPCA as well as Green Chimney's Children's Services. In Duluth, Elaine is a board member for the Duluth Association for the Education of Young Children, a committee member for the Animal Allies Humane Society Education committee, and a Delta Society Pet Partner with her rabbit, Tayser.



Dr. Brittany Watson Tisa is a staff veterinarian who has worked at Charleston Animal Society (CAS) for one year. She obtained a BS in Biology and a MS in Education from Duquesne University where she graduated summa cum laude in the Honors Biology Program with minors in history and biochemistry. She graduated in 2012 with her Veterinary Medical Doctorate from the

University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine. During her time at CAS, she worked with De Daltorio to develop the Veterinary Camp Curriculum and institute the Veterinary Shadowing Program. She also works with the Trident Technical College as adjunct faculty. Her recent acceptance into the University of South Carolina's PhD in Educational Leadership enables her to further advance programs at the CAS. She is passionate about intertwining veterinary medicine and education through the advancement of the revolutionary program at CAS.



Kelley Über Sterner currently works as the Director of Education and Volunteer Development with the Humane Society of Northeast Georgia. Kelley has worked in the field of Environmental and Humane Education for over fifteen years. Her favorite experience to date is volunteering with the

Department of Natural Resources to educate against Rattlesnake Roundups in South Georgia. Kelley is a Certified Interpretive Guide with the National Association of Interpretation, a Project WET, Wild, Learning Tree, and Leopold Education Project Teacher Workshop facilitator and holds a Master's Degree in Middle Grades Education. Kelley currently serves as the APHE Recording

Secretary. Kelley lives with her three dogs, six cats, a bevy of reptiles, and a husband, Brian.

Association of Professional Humane Educators (APHE)

The Association of Professional Humane Educators (APHE) is a professional organization for people interested and supportive of humane and environmental education. It is a membership not-for-profit organization.

In the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s, APHE was first known as the Western Humane Educators Association, with the name changed slightly in the 1980s, so that it became the Western Humane and Environmental Educators Association (WHEEA).

APHE retains WHEEA's commitment to promoting humane and environmental education, but without limitation by geographic regions.

APHE's mission is to provide professional development opportunities and networking for educators who promote humane attitudes toward people, animals and the environment. APHE upholds the highest standards of practice in humane education and has over 320 members in the United States, Canada and abroad.

Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF)

By Dinah McFarlane, Development Manager of ARF

The beginning of Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) came in May 1990 during an Oakland Athletics baseball game. A terrified stray cat wandered onto the field during play, eluding umpires and players. Tony La Russa, then Manager of the Oakland A's and a lifelong animal advocate, calmly coaxed the cat off the field and safely into the dugout. Tony and his wife, Elaine, named the cat Evie and took responsibility for finding a home for her. To their dismay, due to local animal shelters overflowing with homeless animals, there wasn't a shelter in the greater San Francisco East Bay that would take Evie with the promise to adopt her. Inspired by the plight of so many orphaned animals like Evie, Tony and Elaine created ARF in 1991. Their vision for ARF was an organization that would not only aid abandoned and homeless animals, but also promote the concept that people's lives can be enhanced by strengthening the bonds between humans and animals.

Twenty-one years ago, one small, frightened cat ran around the bases under the bright lights to the roar of the crowd at the ballpark. Today, thanks to Evie's inspiration and guided by the steadfast mission, "People Rescuing Pets...Pets Rescuing People®", ARF can fill an entire stadium with the pets and people whose lives they have touched.