

15th Annual Shelter Medicine Symposium

February 4th, 2023

Hosted by the UGA Shelter Medicine Club

****6 hours total of CE****

Schedule Overview:

8:00 - 8:45 am—Registration Confirmation and Meal Ticket Distribution

8:45 am – Welcome from Club Officers Team/Overview of the Day

- I. 9 am – Dr. Callie Harris, *“Young at Heart: Nutrition and Myxomatous Mitral Valve Disease”*
- II. 10 am – Dr. Staci Cannon, *“Housing for Health”*
- III. 11 am – Dr. Brandy Duhon, *“Zoonosis + Shelter Medicine”*
12 pm— Lunch, subsidized by Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Diets
- IV. 1 pm – Dr. Amber Harris, *“Diabetes: A Review + Updates on Management and Diagnosis”*
- V. 2 pm – Dr. Brandy Burgess, *“Diagnostic Testing and Decision Making”*
- VI. 3 pm –Dr. Autumn Vetter, *“Feline Handling, Behavior, and Enrichment”*

Register here: <https://cvent.me/bRnAol>

Presentation Descriptions:

Young at Heart: Nutrition and Myxomatous Mitral Valve Disease

Dr. Callie Harris • 9-9:50 am • callie.harris@purina.nestle.com

Speaker sponsored by Purina Veterinary Diets

Presentation Description: This presentation provides a comprehensive overview of the role of nutrition in cardiac disease with a focus on myxomatous mitral valve disease (MMVD) in dogs.

What you'll learn:

- A practical review of the normal cardiovascular system
- The diagnosis and medical management of myxomatous mitral valve disease
- Current recommendations for nutritional management of heart disease



Housing for Health

Dr. Staci Cannon • 10-10:50 am • staci.cannon@uga.edu

Presentation Description: Appropriate housing is essential to maintaining shelter animal health and welfare. This presentation will review industry guidelines and recommendations for housing, including individual and communal housing of dogs and cats. We will discuss preferred types of housing, space allocation recommendations, and simple strategies to improve the health of shelter animals by focusing on their environment.

Zoonosis + Shelter Medicine

Dr. Brandy Duhon • 11-11:50 am • bduhon@heartlandvetpartners.com

Speaker sponsored by the UGA Disability Resource Center

Presentation description: An in depth overview of zoonotic diseases commonly encountered in a shelter setting within the Southeast along with recommendations for overall management.



Diabetes: A Review + Updates on Management and Diagnosis

Dr. Amber Harris • 1 pm-1:50 pm

Presentation Description: This talk will briefly review how to diagnose diabetes in our dogs and cats, along with reviewing management/monitoring strategies and treatment options. Updates on monitoring and treatment options, including a new oral treatment for cats, will be discussed and reviewed.

Diagnostic Testing and Decision Making

Dr. Brandy Burgess • 2 pm-2:50 pm • brandy.burgess@uga.edu

Presentation Description: This presentation will cover an overall review of sensitivity vs. specificity, testing, and what to do with that information, especially in shelters and large groups of animals.

Feline Handling, Behavior, and Enrichment

Dr. Autumn Vetter • 3-3:50 pm • cam18@uga.edu

Presentation Description: A review of stress-limiting techniques for our feline patients in a general practice or shelter medicine environment