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MISSION
THE MISSION OF THE ASV IS TO ADVANCE AND SUPPORT THE PRACTICE OF SHELTER MEDICINE IN ORDER TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING.

CORE VALUES
INHERENT IN ASV’S FOUNDATION, MISSION, AND GOALS, ASV’S WORK IS GUIDED BY OUR CORE VALUES:

- COMPASSION
- INCLUSION
- PROFESSIONALISM
- COLLABORATION
- PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE

WHY
WE ARE THE VOICE OF SHELTER VETERINARIANS ARISING FROM OUR COLLECTIVE KNOWLEDGE AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY, ENSURING THE EXPERTISE OF SHELTER VETERINARIANS IS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL.
2021 marked ASV’s 20th anniversary. While we didn’t get to celebrate in 2021 due to the pandemic, we look forward to celebrating with our colleagues in 2022. ASV was founded to support the then nascent field of shelter medicine and a growing number of shelter medicine colleagues. Twenty years later, our goals remain similar but have been influenced by new perspectives on what support means to shelters and communities. The way we interact with one another, with vet students, with pet owners, with communities, with staff—everything is changing and it’s changing for the better. ASV is honored to have supported shelter medicine for 20 years. We look forward to continuing to be a part of this evolving narrative.

I am grateful to have gotten to serve as the ASV Board President for the past two years. As I transition to my 6th and final year on the ASV board, I will serve as Immediate Past President. With that news, I am thrilled to announce that ASV vice president, Dr. Lucy Fuller, will be leading ASV as our next Board President. Dr. Fuller has served on the Board for 3 years while working as the chief veterinary officer at Charleston Animal Society. In addition to being on the ASV Board, Dr. Fuller also serves on the authorship task force for the “Guidelines” update. Her dedication to ASV and shelter medicine have been unwavering. As a practicing shelter clinician, finding time for the myriad of ASV calls, meetings, and projects is hard. We ask a lot of our Board Members, especially those that serve as shelter practitioners and do not have as much “desk” time as others. Dr. Fuller has brought her clinical and operational insights to the ASV, helping to ensure that our work to support shelter medicine is always practical and pertinent. Now, she will use that expertise to lead ASV. The timing is perfect. Shelter medicine is facing unprecedented challenges, along with the rest of veterinary medicine. Having a shelter clinician at the helm of ASV ensures that we keep our pulse on what’s happening in the field and support our shelter colleagues in the ways they need the most.

I am so grateful for my time as ASV’s board president. I discovered shelter medicine in vet school over 13 years ago because of the terrific mentors I had. When I found it, I realized that it’s what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. I wanted to support animals that didn’t belong anywhere and support communities whose voices weren’t being heard. When I discovered that ASV existed, I knew I wanted to be a part of it one day, too. Through my work, I get to support communities and animals.
ASV, I get to go one step beyond that and support my colleagues that do this life-changing work each and every day. Thank you to our ASV membership for everything you do in face of the hardships that shelters manage on a daily basis. And thank you to all the ASV Board Members I’ve gotten to work with and to the backbone of ASV, our ED, Sonya Hennessy, for supporting me in leading ASV. To be surrounded by colleagues so dedicated to shelter medicine has taught me so much and has been an inspiration I will carry with me for the rest of my life. I look forward to celebrating ASV’s 20th anniversary together at our next member’s reception at the ABVP Symposium in Chicago in April 2022.

Sincerely,
Chumkee Aziz, DVM, DABVP (Shelter Medicine Practice)

American Board of Veterinary Practitioners Shelter Medicine Specialty

This year marked the conclusion of the seventh credentialing and examination cycle for certification in the ABVP Shelter Medicine Practice (SMP). Many congratulations to our newest Diplomates, Drs. Nancy Bradley and Alexandre Ellis - who bring us to a grand total of 32 veterinarians who have achieved this milestone since we received provisional approval in 2014! The mission of the SMP specialty is to improve animal and human health and wellbeing through education, discovery, and promotion of clinical excellence. We are well positioned as a result of the hard work of those who are pursuing and who have earned certification. Special thanks to the numerous Diplomates who generously volunteer their time to keep our specialty functioning, helping writing exam questions, review case reports, mentor applicants, and lead the committees that shepherd this important work.

The petition for full recognition of SMP was submitted to the American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS) in October 2020 and we received a response in early 2021. ABVS voted to maintain provisional approval at that time, and we have been working diligently with ABVP to address the two concerns identified in their response. This includes updating our job task analysis, which will then be used to inform any necessary changes to the examination blueprint, and performing a psychometric evaluation of the exam. Once these are completed the petition will be submitted again for review and we look forward to hearing a favorable response at that time.

The 2021 ABVP Symposium was scheduled to be held in New Orleans in September, but unfortunately had to be cancelled for a second year running due to the ongoing pandemic and devastating impacts of Hurricane Ida on the city. Going forward,
Symposium is moving to the spring. The 2022 ABVP Symposium is scheduled for April 21-24 in Chicago and we are very much looking forward to being able to gather in person as a group! The Shelter Medicine track will feature our annual scientific abstracts and practitioner clinical case workshops, as well as sessions covering a range of topics including evidence based medicine and critically interpreting the literature, FIP, a panel discussion on access to veterinary care, and more.

Are you interested in pursuing board certification in Shelter Medicine Practice through ABVP? Support is available via ABVP’s mentorship program where veterinarians applying for board certification can sign up to be matched with a current Diplomate as a mentor. If you’re interested in becoming board certified or want more information about the process you can visit the ABVP website at https://abvp.com and/or contact our Regent: Stephanie Janeczko, DVM, MS, DABVP (Shelter Medicine Practice, Canine & Feline Practice), CAWA at stephanie.janeczko@aspca.org. The goal of certification is to help veterinary professionals be the very best while advancing excellence in this special practice area.
AWARDS

ASV made a commitment to drive the advancement of shelter medicine in an inclusive way, giving our members the opportunity to be leaders in shelter medicine best practices. These awards recognize those members who have continued to push our mission forward.

Meritorious Service Award

Established in 2010, the Association of Shelter Veterinarians Meritorious Service Award recognizes remarkable members of ASV who have made sustained contributions to the advancement of Shelter Veterinary Medicine via leadership, public service, research, education, advocacy, and/or clinical practice. The ASV’s intent in conferring this award is to bring attention to excellence in Shelter Medicine by recognizing those who serve as exceptional ambassadors of the profession.

Recipients are celebrated at our annual General Membership meeting and awards reception and receive a plaque and a $250 donation to an organization of their choice. The 2021 recipient of the Meritorious Service Award was Janet Scarlett, DVM, MPH, PhD.

Dr. Scarlett has been devoted to the field of shelter medicine for nearly 30 years. Among her many accomplishments, she founded the Maddie’s Shelter Medicine Program at Cornell, which has been a benchmark for shelter medicine programs across the US. She has mentored many veterinary students, interns, residents, PhD students and junior faculty over the last two decades.

Her program successes have extended well beyond her tenure at the Cornell; Dr. Scarlett’s research subjects have encompassed a wide variety of topics and include pet food safety, feline leukemia tests, risk factors for feline hyperthyroidism and resorptive lesions. She has also studied conundrums such as why animals are relinquished to shelters, how spay-neuter clinics impact shelter intake, URI, parvo and aggression in shelter animals, the safety of early age spay-neuter, GIS mapping of kitten intakes, and a host of other relevant topics. Although now retired, Dr. Scarlett continues to collaborate on research projects (ringworm in shelters, spay/neuter clinic clients), books (“Every Nose Counts”), and veterinary student education.
Veterinarian of the Year Award

Established in 2018, this award recognizes remarkable members of the Association of Shelter Veterinarians who have been outstanding in their role as a veterinarian to improve community animal health and wellbeing. The ASV's intent in conferring this award is to bring attention to excellence in shelter medicine by recognizing those who serve as exceptional role models of the profession. Veterinarians serving in municipal, private, and/or non-profit shelters and other community animal endeavors are eligible; current ASV Board Members are ineligible. Anyone may nominate qualified eligible individuals who are members of the ASV for this award. Recipients receive a plaque, a shelter medicine textbook, and a $250 donation to an organization of their choice, and are recognized at the ASV Annual Meeting, held in conjunction with the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners Symposium in the Spring. Nomination packages for the VYA are to be submitted by email to info@sheltervet.org and must consist of a nomination form and nomination letter. The nominee's resume or curriculum vitae (CV) is highly recommended but not required. A professional summary can be used in place of a CV. Deadline for submission is November 10. Additional letters seconding, endorsing, or supporting nominations for awards will not be used in evaluating candidates, nor will self-nominations be accepted. The nominations committee will review the nominations and recommend a recipient to the ASV Board, and the ASV Board will vote on the recipient.

The Association of Shelter Veterinarians has named Shirene Cece, DVM its Veterinarian of the Year. Dr. Cece is currently the Director of Forensic Medicine at Michigan Humane. At MH, she was an integral part of creating a shelter medicine team and as a result, has advanced the protocols by which they treat cases today. With over 30 years of shelter medicine experience, she has presented locally and nationally on a variety of topics including shelter medicine, animals as evidence, and animal cruelty and abuse. She currently serves on the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association Animal Welfare Committee and the MVMA Conference Planning Committee. Dr. Cece is often asked to represent animal welfare in her home state when new legislation is being crafted and serves as an expert witness in many cruelty and dog fighting cases. Her accomplishments, knowledge and expertise are well recognized by her community and her peers. Her character and integrity will leave lasting impressions on all who are fortunate to work with her. Congratulations, Dr. Cece!
ASV maintains a Community Forum online for the organization’s members and the forum continues to be available on our website. This forum, along with our ASV Facebook group, is intended to be a means of connecting members with one another and enhancing communication within the field of Shelter Medicine. ASV members can access the Forum by logging into their account on the ASV website.

SPOTLIGHT ON CLOSED FACEBOOK GROUP

- **884 ACTIVE MEMBERS**
- **337 POSTS IN 2021**
- **1,218 COMMENTS**
- **3,417 REACTIONS**
- **10 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED**
BOARDS OF DIRECTORS

ASV welcomes new Board of Directors member,
Jennifer Weisent, DVM, PhD

Jenny completed her bachelor’s degree in Animal Science from Cornell University and served two years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Ecuadorian rainforest. After completing her DVM at Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine she worked in several shelters as well as small animal private practice on Long Island, New York. Her interest in preventive medicine and public health brought her to Tennessee where she completed a PhD in Epidemiology. During her studies, she became involved in assisting regional shelters in both medicine and HQHVSN. Since 2018, Jenny has been Assistant Professor in Shelter Medicine at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She is part of a dedicated team who train all fourth year veterinary students in surgery and shelter medicine through service-learning and outreach based curriculum. She is passionate about teaching and research that interfaces with human, animal, and environmental health and welfare, and proud to have joined the ASV Board in 2021. She serves on the Shelter Medicine Resources and Expertise Committee and the Continuing Education subcommittee.

Annual Board of Directors Self Evaluation

ASV conducted its third annual board self-evaluation this year. The goal was to use the evaluation as a tool to explore and discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the Board, and ultimately improve our effectiveness. This year was the third time that ASV has sought earnest, internal (but anonymized) feedback from Board members to guide us in improving our operations. Key takeaways this year included: a greatly improved sense of direction within the Board when compared with last year’s evaluations. Board Members reported feeling that workload was mostly well balanced, although more work was still needed in some areas to ensure that the goals set in strategic planning are realized. The Board is already discussing ways to address these needs and we look forward to capitalizing on this progress and continuing to move the organization forward.
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Organizational Development

The ASV Board of Directors underwent phased, facilitated organizational development work throughout 2021. The goal was to build plans for ensuring the long-term sustainability, strength, and growth of ASV. Before embarking on this work, ASV first dove into DEI training for the entire Board. We wanted to create a foundation for organizational development and knew that DEI training set a strong baseline of understanding for this work. We then started board development work with the consulting firm, Root Purpose Group. This work focused on creating a more formal framework for how the Board operates together to achieve ASV’s mission, concentrating on Board culture, responsibility, communication, and accountability.

After this DEI and board development work, we began strategic planning with the management consultant firm, Resonance. This helped us clearly articulate our strategy, objectives, and plans over the next 3 years. The Board created a plan that was focused yet also adaptable in light of the changeable environment of shelter medicine and sheltering.

The final phase of ASV organizational development work was with the marketing and communications firm, DMH. This marks ASV’s first time working with a PR firm to strategically position ASV’s voice (and therefore our members’ voices) within vet med, shelter med, and the sheltering industry.

This organizational development work required a lot of time and dedication from our volunteer Board. We are so appreciative of the time and investment that each Board Member contributed towards improving ASV as an organization. ASV’s next 3 years are going to be filled with growth and strategic impact!

ASV’s strategic planning work focused on clearly articulating our strategy and plans. For us, this meant we needed to streamline our work. We all know there are many pressing issues within our field, but our strategic planning consultant helped us recognize that we have more impact on our field if we prioritize and optimize our work instead of spreading ourselves too thin.

As a volunteer-run Board, each of our Board Members also has full-time jobs as veterinarians. It was critical to recognize that our Board Members’ investment in ASV needed to be optimized (i.e., what is the best way to use our Board’s collective expertise?). This consideration served as a primary driving factor for our strategic planning work. Through strategic planning we restructured our Board to better
match our goals. The Board went from having 8 committees and task forces to 4 committees to streamline our work into these strategic areas:

- Shelter medicine resources and expertise
- Shelter medicine awareness
- Governance and organization
- Finance and development

Strategic planning is an investment in our Board Members AND our membership. We believe that we will be better able to support shelter medicine and our shelter colleagues through our new structure and focus.

COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE UPDATES

Shelter Medicine Awareness Committee and Marketing Update

ASV began the year by engaging a marketing expert and firm, for the purpose of developing an overall communications strategy organizing our existing activities and resources into a communication plan. The Shelter Medicine Awareness Committee has been working closely with Illinois Blasdel of DMH Advertising. Illinois began his involvement with ASV by attending the strategic planning session in February and participating in the Awareness Subcommittee. He led the subcommittee through a messaging exercise resulting in a comprehensive messaging document for the ASV, from which all future marketing materials can draw content. The group developed a working marketing plan that includes news releases, short and long-term website updates, a new trade show booth, new collateral and spokesperson protocols. This year (2021) was focused on building foundational marketing resources; whereas, many of the marketing efforts for 2022 will be in support of the Guidelines revisions and the first issue of the new ASV journal.
Shelter Med Resources and Expertise

In 2020, several former committees were folded into a larger Shelter Medicine Resources and Expertise committee. This included the Position Statement Committee, the CE Committee, Membership Committee, the Guidelines Taskforce, and the COVID Response Taskforce. New committee members included Lena, Uri, Rachael, Staci C, Erin K, and Zarah H.

We identified 6 main tasks of the SMRE committee, with the goal of providing and publishing leading resources to elevate the practice of shelter medicine, the role of shelter vets, and support shelter veterinarians and staff.

1. Position Statements: Continuing to update and publish new position statements to provide evidence and/or expert consensus-based guidance on relevant topics in sheltering and shelter medicine. Update below.

2. Conferences and Webinars: Continue to provide speakers for major veterinary conferences including AVMA, WVC, NAVC, Fetch, etc, as well as Maddie’s and AAWA live and on-demand webinars.

3. ASV Guidelines Revision: See update below

4. (Renewed) Member Outreach Platform: Renewed efforts to find an archivable, searchable platform that will engage members, allow ASV, member-to-member communication, foster mentorship and community.

5. (New) Endorsement/Response: The COVID Taskforce was created in 2020 to provide clear guidance to shelters navigating the pandemic, and was immediately inundated with requests for comments, endorsements, and expert input by a variety of national and governmental organizations. The need for this guidance and ASV’s response to remain relevant became clear; the TF duties are being taken over as a function of the executive board.

6. (New) Shelter Medicine Journal: Exploration and rough planning is well underway in advance of launching shelter medicine’s first academic journal, as announced by the ASV in 2021. This subcommittee presented findings to the board in late 2021 with the goal of creating an editorial board and publishing the first edition in 2022 or early 2023.
Position Statements

The position statement committee revised and ratified four previously published position statements in 2021. We also conducted a survey of the ASV membership, consulted relevant research and experts, and published a new position statement on the practice of telemedicine in animal shelters. In 2022 we’re looking forward to working on a statement concerning the status of animals as evidence in cruelty investigations, and another on the practice of engaging social workers by animal shelters. Position statements are published on the ASV website and available for free download.

Guidelines Review Task Force Update

Under the guidance of editors Jeanette O’Quin, Erin Doyle, and Lena DeTar, the 18 author Guidelines Review Task Force met nine times in monthly day-long zoom meetings last year to complete phase one of the review project: literature review, crafting, and reaching consensus on over 800 updated actionable statements. Phase two, using these statements as a scaffold to write the evidence- and expert opinion-based text for the fourteen sections of the document, is well underway. A complete rough draft is expected in March of 2022, in time for the task force’s in person meeting in San Diego. Publication of the second edition of the ASV’s Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters as a stand-alone document and checklist tool is expected sometime in the fall of 2022.
DEI Committee

ASV is grateful to the members of the newly formed Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee for their guidance to acknowledge biases that exist in shelter medicine and our association and how we can change to advance forward bringing a broader diversity and inclusivity to our profession. Internally, the committee provided valuable feedback as we updated ASV’s bylaws and our Board of Directors recruitment process. Externally, through a wonderful collaboration with the Multicultural Veterinary Medical Association (MCVMA), members of the ASV DEI committee participated in a panel discussion at the request of veterinary students from Washington State University. The discussion was geared toward veterinary students, but attendance was open to anyone. Goals of the discussion were to introduce foundational topics related to DEI for veterinary students to be aware of as they continue their education. Highlights of the discussion included the importance of accountability, that acknowledging our past is the first step in moving forward, and how to address inherent inequities and biases related to access to care. ASV and MCVMA also collaborated on three presentations for the 2021 AVMA convention and are presenting together for VMX 2022. The DEI committee is continuing to build relationships with affinity veterinary organizations such as Black DVM Network, Pride Veterinary Medical Community (PrideVMC) as well as MCVMA.

COVID Task Force Update

ASV assembled a COVID-19 Crisis Task Force, composed of current and previous Board Members, to serve as our organization’s liaison with the broader sheltering community. As we all know, shelters went to great lengths to ensure human and animal safety when COVID-19 first appeared. Shelters were cleared, exposure guidelines for dogs and cats were established, and continuing education and guiding documents were published to help the industry navigate through the pandemic. Fortunately, the risk of zoonotic or anthropogenic transmission of SARS-CoV-2 was found to be unsubstantial for dogs and cats.

This, however, didn’t bring sheltering back to “normal.” Instead, the pandemic, along with parallel social justice movements throughout the country, accelerated multiple challenges we were already facing in sheltering and veterinary medicine. The need to embrace and improve diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) throughout vet med and sheltering were highlighted, as was the need to improve working conditions and workplace cultures within sheltering. Productivity and efficiency
challenges instigated by the pandemic exacerbated the country-wide vet and vet tech shortage crisis. In addition, after clearing shelters during the pandemic, returning to “normal” operating levels while staff shortages continued to loom became the most tangible, challenging problem faced by shelters.

While members of ASV’s COVID Crisis Task Force continued to join in on collaborative weekly calls held for the industry by Maddie’s Fund and HASS, the Task Force also recognized that ASV needed to bring shelter veterinarians together in a safe space to discuss shelter medicine’s current challenges and ways to address these challenges that can help us move forward more productively and more inclusively. This has led us to plan online rounds discussions for our members throughout 2022.

Finally, while COVID is still with us, the initial crisis has now evolved into an endemic issue with seasonal and variant-driven flares. The task force’s response, endorsement, and engagement duties are likewise morphing into a formal function of the executive board of the ASV. The executive board will tap into director, member, and outside consultant expertise for self-initiated projects and outside queries, whether about COVID or other pressing issues, as needed.
CONTINUING EDUCATION

ASV has continued to serve as an authority on shelter medicine education for veterinarians, technicians, support staff, and shelter administrators. The Continuing Education committee planned engaging presentations at national and regional conferences, outlined below. ASV also expanded new partnerships with both HSVMA, AAWA and MCVMA.

In Partnership with The Association for Animal Welfare Advancement (AAWA)

- Aimee Dalrymple, DVM, MS presented The Veterinarian Client Patient Relationship (VCPR) within Shelter Systems
- Lucy Fuller, DVM, Melanie DeHaan, DVM and Aimee St Arnaud presented Recruiting and Retaining Veterinarians
- Lauren Forsythe, PHARMD, DICVP, FSVHP presented Pharmaceutical Challenges in Sheltering
- Lesli Groshong, DVM, DABVP (Shelter Medicine) presented Shelter Dentistry: The Complicated Costs of Care
- Jeanette O’Quin, DVM, MPH, DACVPM, DABVP (Shelter Medicine) presented Staff Safety & Occupational Hazards in Shelters
- Mehnaz Chumkee Aziz, DVM, DABVP (Shelter Medicine), Ellen Jefferson, DVM and Kelley Myers, DVM, MBA presented Access to Veterinary Care: Community Care Models to Prevent Relinquishment
- Phil Bushby, DVM, DACVS, Emily McCobb, DVM, MS, DACVAA and Aimee St. Arnaud presented Spay/Neuter: Integral to Access to Care
- Lucy Fuller, DVM and Jodi Osborne presented Managing Eye Care in the Shelter and Foster Environment
Veterinary Meeting & Expo (VMX)

Dr. Jenna Rooks presented
• Dentistry in Shelters: What to Know
• Oral Exams on Shelter Intake: What's Missed?

Dr. BJ McEwen presented
• Multi-part Virtual Lecture Series covering: Forensic Postmortem Investigations, Postmortem Interpretation, Asphyxia, Drowning, and Blunt Force Trauma

Dr. Sheila Segurson presented
• The Unpredictable Dog & Trauma Informed Shelter Care (Part 1): The Role of Trauma and Stress on Dog Behavior
• Trauma Informed Shelter Care (Part 2): Care Pathways
• Managing Veterinary and Behavior Care: Foster Programs
• Improving Welfare: Behavior Medications for Shelter Dogs and Cats

Western Veterinary Conference (WVC)

Dr. Melina Merck presented
• Blunt Force Trauma: Revealing the Hidden Mysteries
• Veterinary Analysis of Video Evidence: An Important Role of the Veterinarian
• Mystery Theater: Solve the Animal Cruelty Case

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COLLABORATIONS

American Heartworm Society (AHS)

The ASV and American Heartworm Society’s Heartworm Disease Resource Working Group met regularly throughout the year to continue the development of a comprehensive heartworm disease decision-making algorithm that includes shelter operational considerations. This project was initiated based on member feedback and the results of the 2019 Shelter Heartworm Management Practices Survey. The interactive algorithm is currently under review and pilot testing and is targeted for release online as a progressive web app in Fall 2022.

Shelter Animals Count (SAC)

ASV continues to have a strong relationship with Shelter Animals Count, a non-profit organization seeking to collect and publish comprehensive data on animal sheltering. SAC underwent a number of changes this year, with a new CEO, new web services company, and some exciting new partnerships. ASV is helping provide guidance for SAC’s new “community services matrix,” to help collect data on all of the many ways shelters keep pets with their owners.
Strategic Partnerships

The COVID-19 pandemic brought various shelter medicine and sheltering stakeholders together to create and share information that helped us all navigate through the pandemic. These collaborations and partnerships helped us achieve greater impact and reach than any of us could do on our own. Through these partnerships, ASV has been able to bring the voice of shelter medicine to the national level.

ASV worked extensively with the Multicultural Veterinary Medical Association (MCVMA), delivering presentations on the intersection of diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI), shelter medicine, and access to care to broad veterinary audiences at the AVMA Convention (and soon at VMX 2022). We also presented with MCVMA for WSU’s Veterinarians as One Inclusive Community for Empowerment (VOICE) student chapter. We know that sheltering can only move forward when DEI is embraced and advocated. We are proud to do this important work with MCVMA. Multiple ASV Board Members joined working groups within Human Animal Support Services (HASS). This work focused on upholding the human-animal bond by keeping people and pets together, which ASV recognizes is one of the most critical components of solving pet homelessness and supporting communities in equitable and inclusive ways. This immensely collaborative work has been one of a kind in sheltering and sets an important precedent for future collaborative work across stakeholders.

ASV also developed partnerships to ensure that the shelter medicine voice was represented outside of sheltering. Our Board President was asked to join the American Animal Hospital Association’s (AAHA) task force on updating the 2017 AAHA Canine Vaccination Guidelines, which serves as a guiding document on best practices around canine vaccination in veterinary medicine. Representation of shelter medicine principles and vaccination recommendations within this important guiding document reflects shelter medicine’s importance within veterinary medicine.

And, in addition to these new partnerships, ASV continued to work closely with the AVMA, the Association for Animal Welfare Advancement (the Association), HSVMA, ASPCA, and Best Friends Animal Society. Our partnerships connect us and help us ensure that the voice of the shelter practitioner is heard across the industry.
Student Chapter Grants

Three student chapters were awarded $1500 in ASV grants in late 2020 for projects completed in 2021, including a preventive care day at Illinois, a food bank at Penn, and foster parent support at Midwestern. Application numbers were low and projects modified or distanced due to the pandemic. We received more applications in December of 2021 and are funding 5 projects for 2022. Here’s a picture of one of the foster kittens supported by the students in Arizona.
ASV’s Job Board is a member and nonmember service for qualified shelter veterinarians enabling them to connect with organizations that seek their experience and skills. Candidates can review vacancies, post an anonymous resume, and generate new job alerts. Employers can post a job or look through the resume bank to find the right candidate.

SPOTLIGHT ON JOB BOARD

57,185
JOB VIEWS

127
RESUME VIEWS

398
JOB POSTINGS

293
APPLY NOW BUTTON CLICKS

Use the below links for more information:

Subscribe to Job Post Alerts
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Association Management
ASV remains under contract with Sease Management for association management services. Sonya Hennessy and Lisa Scott contribute a wealth of experience in veterinary association management and add a top-notch level of professionalism to the organization. Along with covering daily administrative services, Sease Management assists the Board with planning and development of the organization.

 Governance Compliance
Through restated bylaws and fresh perspectives on our mission, objectives and core values, governance and compliance issues remain in check. ASV is a Massachusetts-based not for profit and continually works with attorneys in that state to maintain compliance.

Financial Update
The incredible support and acknowledgement of ASV’s work by our sponsors in 2021 has provided a foundation as well as momentum for ASV to pursue exciting and bold ventures fundamental to our strategic vision. We are very grateful to our sponsors for their continued support and trust in our organization!
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