

Wednesday, February 8, 2012
Animal Neglect/Abuse Investigation Session

Dr. Suzanne Millman – Moderator
Scheman Building, Ames, Iowa
Rooms 150 – 154
6 Hours CE

7:00 am Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 9:20 am Keynote: Animal Hoarding & Neglect in Rural Communities – Approaches Inside & Outside the Legal System in Manitoba Dr. Terry Whiting

Animal welfare is not a new subject for regulation in most developed countries, as societies are questioning the purely instrumental use of animals and greater exposure to animal welfare issues. The establishment of a strong and dynamic institutional relationship between animal welfare scientists and regulatory agencies is an important precursor to good animal welfare legislation. When law extends into the areas of agriculture and commercial activity, for example food law, traditionally the sub-national veterinary infrastructure has taken the lead on inspection and enforcement. The traditions in North America of non-profit organizations largely self-funding via the media attention to animal cruelty prosecution is in conflict with the principles of democracy and natural justice. The intentional misconstruction of neglect as animal cruelty to fit archaic law and generate public outrage and funds is a violation of individual civil rights and against the principles of democracy and natural law.

9:20-9:40 am Federal Legislation Regarding Animal Care - Relation to Hoarding & Neglect Dr. Heather Cole

USDA APHIS Animal Care. Federal legislation regarding the care of animals in large breeding facilities. The presentation will include an overview of the Animal Welfare Act and the federal inspection process.

9:40-10:00 am State Legislation Regarding Animal Care - Relation to Hoarding & Neglect Dr. David Schmitt

Animal hoarding and animal neglect are two issues which impact many communities. This session will give an overview of legislative changes and how current legislation is related to animal care, who has authority to investigate and action steps that may be taken.

10:00 – 10:30 am Break

10:30 – 11:00 am Animal Cruelty Response – A Law Enforcement Perspective TBA

11:00 – 11:40 am Animal Cruelty Response – A Legal Perspective Mr. Jay Casini & Ms. Diana Miller

This session will focus on legal issues involved in the investigation and prosecution of neglect and abuse cases, including the disposition of seized animals under Iowa law.

11:40 – Noon Animal Cruelty Response – An Animal Control Officer's Perspective Mr. Josh Colvin

The animal control prospective in dealing with cruelty/neglect and care & treatment of animals.

Noon – 1:30 pm Lunch - \$30

1:30 – 2:00 pm Public Health Considerations When Addressing Animal Hoarding Dr. Claudia Baldwin

In a hoarding situation, environments are filled with unhealthy animals, waste, and often dead animals. Pathogens may be present that are infective to humans. Ammonia levels may be at toxic levels. Information will be focused on human protection involved in removal/caring of these animals and protection of children and the elderly.

