

CANINE WELFARE SCIENCE FORUM

June 14 – June 15, 2024

In-Person and Virtual Event

This year's program explores the changing landscape for dog supply and demand and the urgent need for innovation, collaborative problem-solving, and use of best-practices to get dogs into homes and keep them there. Participants will learn about factors that are creating new challenges and opportunities for commercial breeders and other stakeholders aiming to do their part to support canine welfare through responsible practices. Sessions will review evidence-based practices for physical health, genetic screening, and behavioral management of dogs and how breeders can apply this knowledge, with special emphasis on the implications for successful rehoming. The need for community-building and future-proofing for sustainability and responsibility in sourcing and supply of dogs will be discussed.

Speakers include Bret Marsh, DVM, Indiana Board of Animal Health; Emily Pieracci, DVM, MPH, DACVPM, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); Martha Boden, SPCA Tampa Bay, Chris Fleming, Pinnacle Pet and A Dog's Dream, Katie Hornberger DVM, DACT, Janssen Veterinary Clinic - Repro Center; Jenna Dockweiler, MS, DVM, DACT, CCRT, CVAT, Embark.

The program will spread over two days, beginning mid-afternoon on Friday, June 14 and concluding mid-afternoon on Saturday, June 15. After the Friday sessions, join us for an evening Reception and Awards Program. Hor d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be served. Saturday will start with an early breakfast and morning sessions. Lunch will be served and sessions will resume until mid-afternoon. We look forward to an exciting and engaging forum!

Target Audience: Dog breeders, pet industry representatives, shelter personnel, animal care specialists, veterinarians, veterinary nurses, scientists, students, legislators, NGOs, members of the public.