Resources for Shelters & Rescues
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Association for Shelter Vets
https://www.sheltervet.org/


Society of Animal Welfare Administrators
https://theaawa.org/

- Best Practices for Animal Transport. Sending and receiving organizations should be familiar with these standards: https://theaawa.org/resource_library/companion-animal-transport-model-practices/

ASPCA Spay Neuter Alliance
https://www.aspcapro.org/spayneuter

- Webinars, blogs, research, sample protocols, tools, print-out posters/signs
- Topics: everything from vaccinations at intake to adoption how-tos, sanitation, disease outbreaks, ringworm treatment, research dispelling many myths about adoptions or adopted animals, animal and human mental health, behavior/training tips, marketing, etc.
- The Veterinary Outreach team for consultation with shelters and their vets during an infectious disease outbreak.

UC-Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program
www.sheltermedicine.com

- Disease fact sheets, research, archived webinars, sample medical and shelter
protocols

- Topics: diseases, disease control, disease prevention, stress reduction of sheltered animals, best practices, sanitation, medications in sheltered animals, shelter design, etc.

- Veterinary Outreach Team

**Maddie's Fund**
http://www.maddiesfund.org

- Short seminars online, foster info, grants
- Topics: foster care resources, lifesaving tips, educational opportunities, grants
- Online RACE-approved CE on shelter topics
- They also fund the University of Florida’s vet school shelter medicine program which has additional info: [http://sheltermedicine.vetmed.ufl.edu/](http://sheltermedicine.vetmed.ufl.edu/)

**Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)**
https://www.animalsheltering.org/

- Bimonthly publication about sheltering & rescues including information about adopters, volunteers, fostering, medical issues, national trends & discussions, etc.
- Website Topics: behavior info, sheltering info, increasing adoptions, grants, training resources

**Additional Animal Welfare Organizations & Other Resources:**

**American Humane**  www.americanhumane.org

**Best Friends Animal Society**  www.bestfriends.org

**ASPCA Spay Neuter Alliance**  [https://www.aspcapro.org/training](https://www.aspcapro.org/training)- excellent high volume spay neuter resource

**Clicker Training for Shelters and Rescues**  [https://www.karenpryoracademy.com/shelter-training-and-enrichment](https://www.karenpryoracademy.com/shelter-training-and-enrichment)

**Books:**
1) *Animal Behavior for Shelter Veterinarians and Staff* (by Emily Weiss, PhD, Heather Mohan-Gibbons, Stephen Zawistowski, PhD)
2) *Infectious Disease Management in Animal Shelters* (by Kate Hurley, DVM & Lila Miller, DVM)
3) Shelter Medicine for Veterinarians and Staff (by Lila Miller, DVM & Stephen Zawistowski PhD)
4) High Quality High Volume Spay Neuter and Other Shelter Surgeries (edited by Sara White DVM)

Conferences (apply for scholarships to the conferences):

ASPCA, Maddie’s Fund Conf – Cornell; July or early August (low cost)
Animal Care EXPO (HSUS) – varying locations; May
Best Friends Animal Society National Conf – varying location; July
New England Federation of Humane Societies - varying locations; April
American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP) shelter medicine track—varying locations, April