



ACC&D 2019 Council of Stakeholders Briefing Attendees (from left to right): Dr. Karla Brestle (ASPCA), Dr. Linda Rhodes (ACC&D), Amy Nichols (HSUS), Dr. Thomas Conlon (Michelson Prize & Grants), Betsy Saul (ACC&D), Dr. Hyunmin Kim (ASPCA), Dr. John Boone (ACC&D), Molly Armus (Alley Cat Allies), Wendy Kaplan (Best Friends Animal Society), Peter Wolf (Best Friends Animal Society), Dr. Camille DeClementi (ASPCA), Dr. Margaret Slater (ASPCA), Joyce Briggs (ACC&D), Dr. Bob Weedon (ACC&D), Dr. Mike Greenberg (Maddie's Fund), Dr. Kevin Morris (ACC&D), Danielle Bays (HSUS), Dr. Elly Hiby (ACC&D). Not pictured: Valerie Benka (ACC&D), Susan Gety (ACC&D), Roger Haston (PetSmart Charities)

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Greetings!

Happy Spring!

For ACC&D, Spring means the gathering of members of our Council of Stakeholders, pictured here at the home of ACC&D Board Member Betsy Saul in sunny Florida. Our Council of Stakeholders consists of many of the largest and most visionary foundations and non-profit organizations dedicated to animal welfare both in the US and abroad. At our annual meeting, Council members hear from us about our progress over the prior year, then their experienced leaders provide us with strategic input and direction as we look forward. We are truly grateful to our Council members, many of whom have supported ACC&D from the very beginning.

Be sure to check out the exciting announcements below, including a novel grant opportunity, and to take a peek at our 2017-2018 Biennial Report. As always, we welcome you to be in touch via [Facebook](#), [our website](#), or email at info@acc-d.org.

For the animals,

Joyce Briggs, President



We are excited to bring you our [2017-2018 Biennial Report](#), highlighting progress developing non-surgical options, identifying non-surgically sterilized animals, aiding ethical decision-making when innovating for animal welfare, and increasing the efficacy of TNR by better understanding our interventions scientifically. This report also brings to life our 6th International Symposium in July 2018 in Boston, MA. Be sure to take a look! And please consider passing on to others you think may be interested.

Position announcement: post-doctoral scientist dedicated to community cat research



The [Center for Conservation and Research of Endangered Wildlife \(CREW\)](#) at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden is seeking to hire a Post-Doctoral scientist for a full-time position funded by the [Joanie Bernard Foundation](#). The position is dedicated to advancing the health and welfare of free-roaming and sheltered domestic cats, including research on the safety and efficacy of non-surgical sterilants. The successful candidate will work closely with one of our favorite people, [Dr. Lindsey Vansandt](#), a speaker at [our recent Symposium](#) who also played a key role in our [GonaCon contraceptive study](#). More details on the position can be found at [this link](#). **The application deadline is Tuesday, April 30.**

Request for proposals: the ASPCA's Access to Basic Veterinary Care Program research grants

The ASPCA recently started an Access to Basic Veterinary Care (ABVC) Program in efforts to "improve owners' access to veterinary care by providing direct care to animals in need, by supporting partner organizations to provide such care, and by leading systemic change in the veterinary field to make basic veterinary care more accessible to more pet owners." As part of this work, the ASPCA is [requesting proposals for research](#) addressing ABVC from any angle, including medical, behavioral and/or client-focused. Applicants must be US-based and/or affiliated with any type of facility within the US.



The deadline to submit a letter of interest is Friday, April 19. We, of course, are working toward the day when we can present one or more non-surgical methods to dramatically improve access to fertility control for dogs and cats.

Abstract deadline approaching for the 3rd International Conference on Dog Population Management



The International Companion Animal Management Coalition and Kenya Veterinary Association are hosting the [3rd International Conference on Dog Population Management](#) in Mombasa, Kenya in September 2019. The conference will convene animal welfare professionals, ecologists, economists, social scientists, and public health specialists to cover such topics as rabies elimination, One Health, community engagement, and dog population monitoring and evaluation. **Abstracts are due Sunday, April 21.** ACC&D's Board Chair Dr. Elly Hiby is a key organizer of this event. ACC&D recommends this conference as an inspiring, highly collegial event with tremendous opportunities for learning from around the globe. We played a significant role at the last conference in 2015; Board member Dr. Linda Rhodes delivered a keynote on the future of non-surgical fertility control, Board member Dr. John Boone and Scientific Advisor Dr. Andrew Rowan presented on population size estimates for street dogs, and Program Director Valerie Benka spoke about our marking and identification work for free-roaming dogs.

ACC&D at The Humane Society of the United States Animal Care Expo

ACC&D President, Joyce Briggs, and Program Director, Valerie Benka, will attend The HSUS Animal Care Expo, April 14-18, in New Orleans, Louisiana and would love to connect. Email info@acc-d.org to schedule a time to do so! ACC&D Board member, Dr. John Boone, will present on cat counting and citizen science, focusing largely on the DC Cat Count, a multi-agency effort to determine the total number of owned, shelter and community cats in the region.



Left: Joyce Briggs, Right: Valerie Benka

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