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As we announced in our last e-newsletter, ACC&D will be conducting our 6th International Symposium on Non-Surgical Contraceptive Methods of Pet Population Control. This two day conference will be held in Boston, Massachusetts, United States, from July 22-24th, 2018. Please save the date, and see below for important announcements, including a **call for abstracts (due January 15th)**.



6TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM  
on Non-Surgical Contraceptive  
Methods of Pet Population Control

**ACC & D**  
BOSTON | JULY 22-24, 2018

As this is our final e-newsletter of the year, I'd like to take a moment to thank you for your interest in our work, and to ask that you consider supporting us with a year-end donation. With your support, we can pursue our work to innovate to save lives, as we advance non-surgical fertility control methods so as to humanely control the population of unwanted dogs and cats worldwide. Join us in this mission!

Sincerely,

Joyce Briggs, President

## ACC&D's 6th International Symposium Announcements

### Call for Abstracts

We are currently planning the agenda and wish to hear from those interested in presenting, or sharing their work in the poster session. If you have learning in non-surgical fertility control or a relevant field please consider submitting an abstract. **Abstracts are due January 15, 2018**. Click [here](#) or email [symposium@acc-d.org](mailto:symposium@acc-d.org) for more information.

### Student Contest & Volunteer Opportunities

ACC&D will be holding a contest to award three student scholarships to our next Symposium, covering travel and registration. Here's what one winner from our last Symposium, Sy Woon, then a veterinary student at the University of Sydney (Australia), had to say about her experience:

*"It was clear that a significant amount of effort and organisation was involved in delivering this wonderful symposium. It has more than inspired my desire to make a meaningful contribution to this important field, especially since - as a soon-to-be veterinarian - my skills will hopefully be of relevance. Thank you all so much for an enriching and inspiring experience."*

There will also be a limited opportunity for Symposium volunteers, who will receive free registration. Caitlin McLagan, a veterinary student at the time who volunteered at the 2013 Symposium wrote:

*"Thank you so very much for the absolutely inspiring and career-affirming experience attending the conference last weekend in Portland. I came away with a brain overflowing with new ideas and*



2013 Symposium Student Contest  
Winners

Left to right: Kendall Foley, Joseph Cacioppo, Sy Woon

important knowledge, and genuinely feel that my life has been changed both personally and professionally by what I learned and by the people with whom I was privileged to speak. Thanks once again, from the bottom of my heart."

More details to come about both these opportunities in the coming months!

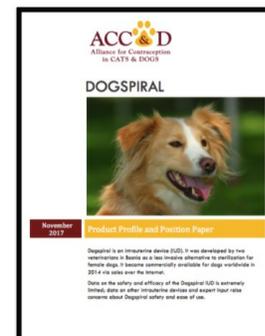
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## **ACC&D Releases Product Profile and Position Paper on Dogspiral**

Dogspiral, an intrauterine device, was developed by two veterinarians in Bosnia as a less invasive alternative to sterilization for female dogs. Available via the internet, this medical device is uniquely accessible worldwide. However, data on the safety and efficacy of the product is limited, and expert input adds to the concern. Be sure to [read our full report](#) for more information.



## **Non-Surgical Methods of Fertility Control in the News**

Non-surgical methods of fertility control were in the spotlight in a recent article in The Dallas News entitled, "The birds, the bees and the pill: How the Dallas Zoo handles birth control" by Claire Z. Cardona. Click [here](#) to read about how the zoo's populations of chimpanzees, helmeted guineafowls, naked mole rats and more have their breeding managed by non-surgical methods of fertility control.

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