

COLORADO LINK PRINTS

Humans and animals living together
in a violence-free environment

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Wrapping up 2011

CACP wishes everyone a successful, productive years-end as well as happy holidays!

The alliance and its sub-committees have seen another productive year: Thank you to all the committee members and contributors who again made a difference in the prevention, intervention, and treatment of human and animal cruelty in Colorado.



Want to get involved?

CACP and its sub-committees are always looking for additional stakeholders, interdisciplinary leaders and methods in the prevention, intervention and treatment of human and animal cruelty in Colorado.



Sub Committee Updates

Note: Items that are blue and underlined are Internet links.

Human Services

Janet Mickish reported that both TANF and Child Protective Services rules and handbooks include issues around the Link in family violence cases.

Jim Pyle reported that Allyson Shuldberg will be meeting with Mayor Hancock regarding cross-reporting on issues involving the Link. Her meeting with the Mayor will be as a private citizen.

Kathleen Schoen reported that she and Holly Counter Beaver are meeting with Diane McGill, Bancroft Charitable Foundation, to discuss issues around pet food bank.

Alexa Priddy, Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault, said that she saw several ways Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CCAS) could help with CACP, including connecting their members with resources, adding information to their website

linking to CACP's website, educating on court room companions in child sexual assault cases, safety planning for animals, encouraging advocates to work with Colorado District Attorneys Council and Ending Violence Against Women team on expert witness testimony, and working with Sex Offender Management Board to assure training on the Link for therapists.

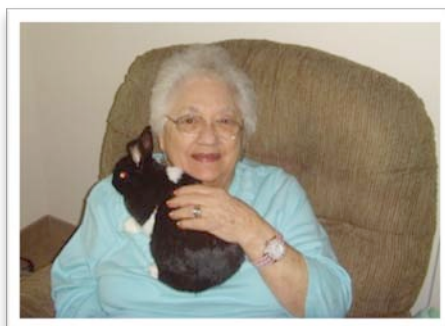
Veterinary Issues

Dr. Susan Muench reported that, besides issues around pet food, her subcommittee is discussing how to enlist other community

partners to help with needs of pets of low-income, home-bound individuals, including grooming, housing, and transportation.

In 2012 she hopes to begin the process of addressing the following issues:

- [Veterinary education around the Link.](#)
- [Pet food bank.](#)
- [Housing issues, including exploring how animals may be considered emotional support and fall within the guidelines of the American with Disabilities Act. This needs additional research.](#)
- [Exploring whether the new Boulder County building that will house the coroner would also have space to handle necropsies by veterinarians.](#)
- [Collecting the names of veterinarians that are willing to:](#)
 - [Provide medical services to the pets of victims, and](#)
 - [Provide forensic expertise in](#)



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cases of abuse and neglect.

Criminal Justice

Heather Sackett reported that several organizations (law enforcement and victim services) in Jefferson County have signed a memorandum of understanding with a local animal shelter to provide temporary care, shelter and food for pets of victims of family violence. The start date is December 1, 2011.

She, Lisa Scanga (DA's Office), and Diane Balkin are working on drafting protocols for law enforcement and animal control

around investigation of animal abuse in domestic violence situations.

Jim Pyle reported that Diane Balkin has presented draft changes to the Denver police operations manual what to do when police encounter animals in response to domestic violence calls.

Other Updates

Jim Pyle reported that University of Denver (DU) Graduate School of Social Work intends to hold a conference on treatment of animal abuse in the context of

domestic violence and sexual assault in spring 2012.

Jim also reported that DU:

- Will continue to develop the Colorado Link website and toolkits.
- Included their grant request to Animal Assistance Foundation for funds for CACP's coordinator. He has not heard whether they received the funding.

Coming Up in January

The next CACP sub-committee meeting will be Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 12p MT at CBA.

AKC's New Therapy Dog Title Program Honors Dogs with the Healing Touch

From the American Kennel Club, YourAKC Nov 2011

Therapy dog owners, and those who have benefitted from comforting visits with these special canines, have long known this treasured expression of the canine-human bond has a healing touch like no other. Since the American Kennel Club launched its AKC Therapy Dog Title program on June 27, over 1,600 dogs have been recognized for their special abilities to improve the well being of others. [Meet the first dogs to receive the AKC Therapy Dog Title](#)



To achieve AKC's Therapy Dog or "ThD" title a dog must be certified or registered with an AKC-recognized therapy dog organization, perform a minimum of 50 documented visits and be an AKC Dog through either AKC registration, PAL listing or AKC Canine Partners enrollment. [Read more about the ThD title here](#)

More great reading:
[The Healing Touch](#)

By Leslie Pearce-Keating.
Originally published in the July/August issue of AKC FAMILY DOG

COMING UP! *Conversation, Education & Events*

Additional details and new events can be found on the [CACP website](#).

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Jan 17 2012 CACP Sub-Committee Meeting Tuesday CBA - Denver, CO

Jan 26 2012 Denver Link Meeting Denver, CO

NATIONWIDE

Jan 20 2012 [The Linkages between Violence to People and Animals](#)

Allie Phillips, The Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council Winter conference Phoenix, AZ

Jan 22/23 2012 [The APSAC Advanced Training Institutes are being held in conjunction with the 26th Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment](#) San Diego, CA

Feb 28-Mar 1 2012 [The 2nd World Conference on Women's Shelters](#) Allie Phillips will present on "Sheltering Animals & Families Together (SAF-T)," a program created by Ms. Phillips to address pets caught in the cross fire of

family violence. Washington, D.C.

Mar 11 2012 Phil Arkow will train volunteers of the Center for Family Services' [Services Empowering Rights of Victims](#) program on The Link. Camden County, NJ

Mar 4-6 2012 [Animal Care Conference](#) Anaheim, CA

Apr 16-20 2012 [18th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect](#) Allie Phillips will present on "Therapy Animals Helping Maltreated Children and Strategies for Successful Implementation in CACs, Prosecutor's Offices and Courtrooms" Washington, D.C.

Apr 16-20 2012 [The 18th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect](#) Washington, D.C.

Apr 23-26 2012 [ABA Commission on Domestic Violence and NITA Basic Trial Skills and Fundamentals of DV](#) Washington, D.C.

Apr 27, 2012 [Cherish the Child Conference](#) Joppa, Maryland Allie Phillips will present on "Caught in the Cross Fire: When Animal Abuse Co-Occurs with Family Violence" Harford County, MD

May 6-9, 2012 Phil Arkow will



present a workshop on "Kids, Critters and Sexual Abuse" at the [Canadian Society for the Investigation of Child Abuse](#) biennial conference. Calgary, AB, Canada

May 21-24, 2012 [Animal Care Expo](#), a world-class educational conference and full-scale international trade show, is designed for anyone who works or volunteers at the local level with dogs, cats, or other animals. Las Vegas, Nevada

May 9, 2012 National Children's Alliance webinar Allie Phillips will present on "Children Exposed to Animal Abuse".

Jul 27-30, 2012 [Taking Action for Animals \(TAFAs\)](#) Washington, D.C.

ONLINE & TV

[Webinars Explore AAHA-AVMA Pet Healthcare Guidelines](#)

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Jan 11, 2012 [Webinar - A History of Animal Welfare](#) 3:00 – 4:00pm ET (ASPCA)

Past – Recordings

The Veterinarian as Expert Witness in Animal Abuse Cases

presented by Diane Balkin, Attorney, Animal Legal Defense Fund, and Robert Reisman, DVM, Medical Coordinator of Animal Cruelty Cases, Bergh Memorial Animal Hospital, ASPCA. [Streaming Recording](#) - [Download Recording](#) - [Slides](#)

The Linkages between Violence to Animals and People

presented by Allie Phillips, Director, National Center for Prosecution of Animal Abuse, National District Attorneys Association. [Streaming Recording](#) - [Download Recording](#) -

[Slides](#) - [Bonus Article](#)

Prosecuting Animal Hoarding:

Why, When, and How presented by Randall Lockwood, Ph.D.,

Senior Vice President, Forensic Sciences and Anti-cruelty Projects, ASPCA . [Streaming Recording](#) - [Download Recording](#)

- [Slides](#) - [Bonus Resources](#)

Also see the recording of the 9/21 webinar [Recognizing and Responding to Rescue Hoarders](#),

RECENT SEEN & HEARD

Local and National

[General news from across the nation from True Crime Report](#)

197 cases (67.5%) out of 292 cases in Colorado mapped - Read more: [Interactive Animal Cruelty Maps | Pet-Abuse.Com Animal Cruelty Database](#)

Aug 11 2011 [Anonymous Call to New Animal Abuse Hotline Leads to Raid on Colorado Woman's Rabbit Farm](#)

Sep 19 2011 ['Granny cams' are catching on as a tool to deter elder abuse](#)

Oct 24 2011 [Colorado advocates push mandatory reporting law for](#)

[elder abuse](#)

Dec 02 2011 [211info service helps connect needy pet owners with human services too](#)

Dec 6 2011 [Congress Approves Vital Funding for VAWA](#)

Nov 28,2011 [Critics say animal cruelty law keeps cases secret](#)

Dec 13 2011 [Dogs, Empathy, and Neurobiology, ChicagoMag.com](#)

Nov 2011 AKC's New Therapy Dog Title Program Honors Dogs with the Healing Touch - [First Dogs to Receive Title](#)

Canine Partners of the Rockies is Looking for Puppy Raisers!

Canine Partners changes lives one assistance dog at a time, but it takes a team of caring, devoted people to take a dog from puppyhood to assistance dog. Join the team by becoming a [volunteer Puppy Raiser for Canine Partners of the Rockies](#). Want more information? Please call 303-364-9040.

[Apply now](#)



RECENT ROUNDUP – POLICY, RESEARCH & RESOURCES

POLICY

[Session Laws of Colorado 2011](#)

[First Regular Session, 68th](#)

[General Assembly](#)

[The Humane Society's state and federal legislation collection \(general information and list page\)](#)

[AVMA's State Legislative Mid-Year Report 2011](#)

[Policy Testimony, Jande Doe - An act relative to domestic violence and animals \(S682\)](#) and The Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence

[Colorado Cruelty to Animals Statutes](#) and [also here](#)

RESEARCH

Selected list

[Edinburgh Youth Transitions Study](#)

The first of a series of research seminars for Scottish Government, Liz Levy and Susan McVie presented papers to policy makers and analysts based on findings from the Edinburgh Study about violence.

Childhood Animal Cruelty Methods and Their Link to Adult Interpersonal Violence by Brandy B. Henderson, Christopher Hensley, and Suzanne E. Tallichet - J Interpers Violence July 2011 26: 2211-2227, first published on January 30, 2011

Childhood Cruelty to Animals: Psychiatric and Demographic Correlates by Barbara W. Boat, Erica Pearl, Jaclyn E. Barnes, Linda Richey, Denise Crouch, Drew Barzman, Frank W. Putnam - Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment & Trauma Vol. 20, Iss. 7, 2011

Criminology and Human-Animal Violence Research: The Contribution and the Challenge by Taylor, Nik -Critical criminology (Dordrecht. Online) Y. 2011, vol. 19, No. 3, pages 251-263 [13 pages]

Examining the links between

animal abuse and human violence by Flynn, Clifton P. - Crime, Law and Social Change (2011) 55: 453-468, June 01, 2011

Examining the Relationship Between Childhood Animal Cruelty Motives and Recurrent Adult Violent Crimes Toward Humans by Joshua C. Overton, Christopher Hensley, and Suzanne E. Tallichet - J Interpers Violence 0886260511423256, first published on October 16, 2011

Exploring the Age of Onset and Recurrence of Childhood Animal Cruelty: Can Animal Cruelty Be Learned From Witnessing Others Commit It? by Christopher Hensley, Suzanne E. Tallichet, and Erik L. Dutkiewicz - Int J Offender Ther Comp Criminol 0306624X11405480, first published on April 18, 2011

[Exploring the Link between Interpersonal Violence to Animals among Juvenile Sexual Offenders](#) by Harness, Stephanie Ann - PhD diss., University of Tennessee, 2011

Psychiatric and Demographic Correlates of Childhood Cruelty to Animals by Boat, B.W., Pearl, E., Barnes, J.E., Richey, L., et al. (2011) - Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment & Trauma, 20(7), 812-819.



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The criminal histories of animal cruelty offenders (Dissertation)

by Levitt, Lacey, Ph.D., University of Virginia, 2011 , 155 pages; AAT 3475654

The veterinarian's role in animal cruelty cases (Commentary)

by Melanie A. Benetato; Robert Reisman, DVM; Emily McCobb, DVM, MS, DACVA - JAVMA, Vol 238, No. 1, January 1, 2011

READINGS, BOOKS & OTHER RESOURCES

Selected list

NOV LINK-LETTER from [The National Link Coalition](#). Including news from local and global coalitions, LINK training opportunities, as well as The Link in Literature and Legislatures.

[Report animal Abuse and Neglect](#) including [311](#) – Call this number to report pet abuse in Denver;

and report animal abuse/neglect online or by phone at (303) 239-4167 with the [Colorado Bureau of Animal Protection](#).

[Mandatory Reporting of Cruelty to Animals and Animal Fighting \(PDF\)](#)

Issue briefing prepared by CVMA, CACVT, AAF and the Denver District Attorney's Office regarding Colorado's mandatory reporting statute.

[Mandatory Reporting of Animal Cruelty: A New Responsibility](#)

Presentation delivered by Diane Balkin, senior deputy district attorney for Denver as well as a member of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine, at CVMA Convention 2007.

[Veterinary Forensic Evidence in Animal Cruelty Cases](#)

Presentation notes from CVMA Convention 2002. Auther Randall Lockwood, PhD., vice president of research and educational

outreach at the Humane Society of the United States, gave two presentations to CVMA members on animal abuse.

[What Every Clinician Should Know about the Link Between Pet Abuse and Family Violence](#)

- American Psychological Association, Education Directorate

Books

[Animal Abuse, Cruelty, Neglect \(and the Connection to Human Violence\)](#)

by M Spindel, L Miller - Animals, Diseases, and Human Health, Chapter 4 p51: ..., 2011

[Animal Assisted Therapy](#)

Altschiller, Donald (2011)

[The Bond: Our Kinship with Animals, Our Call to Defend Them](#)

by Wayne Pacelle, President & CEO of The HSUS



Join our next meeting Tue Jan 17 at CBA



Safe Pets, Safe Families,
Safe Communities

The Colorado Alliance for Cruelty Prevention (CACP) is an alliance of professionals in the state of Colorado educating themselves and other professionals about the Link between animal abuse and family violence. Additional details can be found on the [CACP website](#).