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Resources for Rescues & Shelters

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Association for Shelter Vets

www.shelternets.org

- **Guidelines for Standard of Care in Animal Shelters (a lot is relevant for rescues also!!)**
- Sending and receiving organizations should be familiar with these standards
- <http://www.shelternet.org/assets/docs/shelter-standards-oct2011-wforward.pdf>

Society of Animal Welfare Administrators

www.sawanetwork.org

- **Best Practices for Animal Transports!!!!** Sending and receiving organizations should be familiar with these:
http://www.sawanetwork.org/uploads/3/1/1/7/31179579/sawa_companion_animal_transport_best_practice_june_2016.pdf

ASPCA

www.aspcapro.org

- 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 can consult with shelters and their vets during an infectious disease outbreak. Please contact them earlier in an outbreak in order to save time and lives. Many shelters wait until they've been dealing with a disease >1 month before reaching out; it is much harder to contain and clear a disease at that point

UC-Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program

www.sheltermedicine.com

- disease fact sheets (VERY helpful!), 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
- also has a veterinary outreach team

Maddie's Fund

<http://www.maddiesfund.org>

- short seminars on line, a lot of FOSTER info, grants
- Topics: foster care resources galore!, lifesaving tips, education opportunities, grants
- They also fund the University of Florida's vet school shelter medicine program which has more & different info: <http://sheltermedicine.vetmed.ufl.edu>

Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)

www.animalsheltering.org

- fantastic bimonthly publication about sheltering & rescues - has info about adopters, volunteers, fostering, medical issues, national trends & discussions, etc.
- Website Topics: behavior info, sheltering info, increasing adoptions, grants, training resources (a LOT of topics under trainings!), and much more

Best Friends Animal Society

www.bestfriends.org

- Topics: fostering, health, general care, training, socialization

Clicker Training for Shelters and Rescues

<http://www.clickertraining.com/taxonomy/term/137> and

<https://www.karenpryoracademy.com/shelter-training-and-enrichment>

- excellent way to develop manners, work on problem behaviors and more

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)

Conferences (apply for scholarships to the conferences!):

ASPCA, Maddie's Fund Conf – Cornell; early August (and 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; Apr