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**Resources for Shelters & Rescues**  
**Provided by the VVMA Animal Welfare Committee**  
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**Association for Shelter Vets**

<https://www.shelternvet.org/>

- **Guidelines for Standard of Care in Animal Shelters** (including relevant information for rescues): <https://jsmcah.org/index.php/jasv/issue/view/2>

**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/](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](http://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/>

### **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](http://www.americanhumane.org)

**Best Friends Animal Society** [www.bestfriends.org](http://www.bestfriends.org)

**ASPCA Spay Neuter Alliance** <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>

### **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