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Resources for Shelters & Rescues
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Association for Shelter Vets

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

- **Guidelines for Standard of Care in Animal Shelters** (including relevant information for rescues)
- **Sending and receiving organizations should be familiar with these standards:
<https://asv.connectedcommunity.org/resources/guidelines>

Society of Animal Welfare Administrators

<https://theaawa.org/>

- **Best Practices for Animal Transport.** Sending and receiving organizations should be familiar with these standards: <https://www.sheltervet.org/resources/guidelines>

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

- 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
- 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/>

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- 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

Best Friends Animal Society www.bestfriends.org

Humane 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) – April 2025

Best Friends Animal Society National Conf – February 2025

New England Federation of Humane Societies – March 2025

American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP) shelter medicine track - March 2025