



Understanding and Investigating Horse Cruelty:

A Michigan Partnership for Animal Welfare Workshop for Law Enforcement



Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013 | 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cherryland Humane Society, 1750 Ahlberg Rd., Traverse City, MI 49696



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Schedule

9:30 a.m. Registration (coffee and snack provided)

10 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

Linda Reider, Director of Statewide Initiatives, MHS

10:15 a.m. “Best Practices for Evaluating Basic Equine Health and Body Condition”

Karen L. Waite, M.S., Equine Extension Specialist, MSU

This presentation will focus on the assessment of equine health care and management practices in accordance with the “Michigan Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices for the Care of Farm Animals (GAAMPS).”

11:15 a.m. “Handling—Making it Safe for You and the Horse”

Tom Guthrie, Statewide Extension Education (Equine), MSU

By having a basic understanding of equine behavior, you can learn to anticipate and safely react to the horse’s natural instincts. This presentation will discuss tips to keep you and the horse safe when handling horses in various investigative situations.

12 p.m. Networking Lunch (provided)

1:00 p.m. “Working with your Local Prosecutor; Horses as Evidence; Handling the Media”

Terry MacKillop, Director, Roscommon County Animal Control & President, MAACO, and Debby MacDonald, Chief Investigator, MHS

Equine investigations can be difficult at best. During this presentation we will discuss handling horses as evidence, the methods available for proper documentation of their condition and progress. We will also discuss tips for working with your local prosecutor as well as working with the media to obtain a positive outcome for your organization.

2:30 p.m. “Putting it all Together for Best Outcomes for Horses and Cases”

Roundtable Group Discussion

A chance to ask questions of the presenters about the day’s workshop and bring up additional topics of concern to your department.

3 p.m. Workshop Ends





Speaker bios



Tom Guthrie is a statewide equine extension educator for MSU. Tom is based in the MSU Extension office in Jackson County. His role for MSUE is to develop and provide statewide accessibility to educational programming in regard to equine management, including horse farm environmental management. Tom has Bachelor's degrees in Animal Science and Forestry and a Master's degree in Animal Science with a nutrition emphasis.



Debby MacDonald is the chief investigator and Detroit shelter director for MHS. She has been with MHS for 24 years and has been a cruelty investigator for 20 years. Deborah is qualified as an expert witness in dogfighting investigations. She is currently an instructor for Code 3 Associates/Colorado State's Cruelty Investigations Academy and has taught throughout the U.S.



Terry MacKillop is current and past president, and legislative liaison of MAACO. He also is the director and chief administrator of the Roscommon County Animal Control and Shelter. Terry has a criminal justice background and over 23 years of animal control and sheltering experience. He represents animal control in several state-level groups, including the Michigan Department Agriculture Rural Development small companion animal committee and the Michigan State Animal Rescue Team. Terry is president of Wolfe Pack, a nonprofit organization that educates lawyers and rescue groups on animal cruelty laws and humane welfare guidelines and how to work with local animal control. He also operates TLM Consulting which brings local municipalities under state compliance and helps them to achieve the highest standards in the animal control and sheltering. Terry was voted Animal Control Employee of the year in 2007 by the National Animal Control Association. His true passion is to see animal welfare grow as the need grows in the state of Michigan.



Linda Reider is the Director of Statewide Initiatives for the Michigan Humane Society. She works closely with animal welfare professionals in Michigan to ensure that up-to-date training and networking opportunities are provided through the Michigan Partnership for Animal Welfare (MPAW). Linda has 28 years of experience in the animal welfare field.



Karen Waite is an equine extension specialist in Michigan and teaches and advises equine students in the MSU Department of Animal Science. In her extension roles she coordinates the Adult Equine Extension program, the Michigan Equine Survey, and is the director of leadership development for My Horse University. In addition, she oversees the Youth Equine Extension program and is active with eXtension Horse Quest. Her teaching responsibilities include a variety of equine courses, coaching the MSU Horse Judging Team, and faculty advisor to the MSU Equestrian team and Horsemen's Association. Karen also oversees the Michigan 4-H PEP Program for riders with disabilities. Karen is the President of the American Youth Horse Council, Vice President of the Michigan Quarter Horse Association and is a carded judge with the ABRA and POAC. With Bachelor's Degrees in Education and Animal Science, and a Master's Degree in Animal Science with a nutrition emphasis, Karen is presently working on a Doctoral degree in Sports Psychology with an emphasis on equestrian sport and activity.





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Who should attend:

Local law enforcement professionals, including animal control officers *(Note: This workshop is not appropriate for non-law enforcement individuals)*

How to register:

Fax or mail registration form to MPAW Horse Cruelty Workshop, 248-283-5700, attn. Linda Reider

Registration deadline:

Tuesday, Feb. 19, 5 p.m.

Note: This workshop has been approved by the Michigan Department of Agriculture Rural Development for Animal Control Officer training hours.

Registration Form

Name: _____ Position/Title: _____

Agency/Department: _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Meal Selection: Vegetarian Non-vegetarian

Registration Fee:

\$10 including lunch and materials (per person)

Payment Method:

Check enclosed, payable to Michigan Partnership for Animal Welfare

Charge my: Visa MasterCard

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Please fax or mail one registration form per person with payment to:

Fax: (248) 283-5700

Mail: Michigan Humane Society/MPAW Conference
30300 Telegraph Rd., Bingham Farms, MI 48025

For more information, call (248) 283-1000 or visit www.mpaw.org.