

# One Health Domestic Violence Workshop


**We invite you to attend this amazing free registration workshop** for veterinarians, veterinary team members, social services, domestic violence groups, prosecutors, and victim

support services.

**Topics to be covered:**

- Recognizing the link between animal abuse and domestic violence
- Recognizing signs of animal abuse related to domestic violence and management within the veterinary practice
- Understanding risk factors for pets and people in domestic violence
- Understanding the role of the veterinary community in pet programs for domestic violence cases
- Understanding international perspectives in developing pet response programs
- Learning how to implement a pet response program

<b>Agenda</b>	
7:30-8:00	<b>Registration, Continental breakfast</b>
8:00-9:45	<b>Welcome: Opening Remarks</b> <b>The Link Between Animal Cruelty and Domestic Violence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Risk Factors and Barriers</li></ul> <b>Managing Suspected Animal Cruelty and Domestic Violence in Veterinary Practice</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recognition of abuse related to domestic violence<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Client discussions and management</li></ul></li></ul> <i>Dr. Melinda Merck, Veterinary Forensics Consulting, USA</i>
9:45-10:00	Break

10:00-11:45	<p><b>Domestic Violence Pet Response Plans: UK Perspective</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dogs Trust Freedom Project</li> <li>• Links Group Pet Fostering sub-group</li> <li>• Links Group: Veterinary Undergraduate Training / Links</li> <li>• Veterinary Training Initiative</li> <li>• Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons: Code of Professional Conduct</li> <li>• Animal Welfare Act</li> </ul> <p><i>Dr. Paula Boyden: Veterinary Director, Dogs Trust; Chair, The Links Group, UK</i></p>
11:45-13:00	<p><b>Lunch with Presentation: Forensic Psychology of Domestic Violence and Animal Cruelty (45 min)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insight into those that commit domestic violence and animal cruelty</li> </ul> <p><i>Mauro Paulino, Consultant Forensic Psychologist at National Institute of Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences, Lisbon, Portugal</i></p>
13:00-14:45	<p><b>Domestic Violence Pet Response Plans: USA Perspective</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animal Safety Net Program</li> </ul> <p><b>Legal and Prosecution Considerations for Domestic Violence and Animal Cruelty Cases</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunities for Legal and Prosecution Efforts</li> </ul> <p><i>Madeline Bernstein: President SPCA Los Angeles, former New York Animal Cruelty Prosecutor, USA</i></p>
14:45-15:00	Break

15:00-15:45	<p><b>Animal Cruelty and Domestic Violence: Portugal Perspective</b></p> <p><b>Beliefs and attitudes of Portuguese veterinarians about violence against animals and humans</b></p> <p><i>Dr. Anabela Santos Moreira, Veterinary Forensic Toxicologist, Faculdade de Medicina Veterinária, Lisbon, Portugal</i></p> <p><b>Bridging the gaps: perspectives from a prosecutor on investigating Crimes and protecting victims</b></p> <p><i>Dra. Eunice Marcelino, Prosecutor, Lisbon, Portugal</i></p>
15:45-16:15	<p><b>The Journey to the Purple Leash Project:</b></p> <p><i>Dr. Emily Cross</i></p>
16:15-17:00	<p><b>Panel Discussion: Implementation of Programs Q&amp;A</b></p> <p><i>All speakers</i></p>

#### **Full Presentations:**

(Click to download) [Melinda Merck – Animal Cruelty & DV Management](#)[Madeline Bernstein – ASN Emergency Pet Housing Program](#)[Paula Boyden – Pet Fostering for Victim Survivors of Domestic Abuse #1](#)[Paula Boyden – Pet Fostering for Victim Survivors of Domestic Abuse #2](#)[Mauro Pauline – Forensic Psychology of Domestic Violence & Animal Cruelty](#)[Anabela Moreira – Beliefs & Attitudes of Portuguese Veterinarians About Violence Against Animals & Humans](#)

**Additional Resources:**  
 (Click to download) [PFG Standards](#)[The Links Group Guidance](#)[ASN Information Manual](#)[DV Pet Exam Checklist](#)[Safety Planning for Pets in DV](#)