



**TEXAS UNITES
FOR ANIMALS**

A PROGRAM OF OPERATION KINDNESS

2026 Conference

SPEAKER PROPOSALS

**accepted through
November 1, 2025**



ABOUT THE TEXAS UNITES FOR ANIMALS CONFERENCE

The Texas Unites for Animals Conference will be held April 23-26, 2026, at the Renaissance Austin Hotel.

Texas Unites provides animal welfare professionals the opportunity to connect, share, and work together to improve the lives of pets and people in their communities. At the Texas Unites for Animals Conference, you will find hundreds of animal advocates from Texas and our surrounding states coming together for professional development and a chance to broaden their network in the animal welfare industry.

AUDIENCE

Texas Unites participants come from all aspects of animal welfare including municipal shelters, private shelters, rescue groups, veterinary clinics, law enforcement agencies and others.

Our attendees have a variety of backgrounds and experience levels including:

- Animal Control Officers
- Law Enforcement
- Board Members
- Shelter Leadership
- Veterinary Technicians
- Volunteers & Fosters
- Shelter Staff
- Veterinarians
- Rescue Groups

WORKSHOPS

The Texas Unites for Animals Conference is designed for all in the animal care & control, sheltering and rescue community. Texas Unites offers quality professional development to meet the needs of our diverse audience. Workshop proposals may be submitted on any aspect of animal welfare. All sessions are 1 hour long.

Texas Unites traditionally offers content in the following areas:

- Shelter Medicine
- Dog and Cat Behavior
- Placement & Shelter Programs
- Community Outreach & Marketing
- Field Services & Investigations
- Leadership
- Collaboration & Partnerships
- Animal Law & Advocacy
- Mental Health
- Professional & Personal Development

New for 2026! We are seeking unique and engaging session opportunities for our attendees. You're invited to submit proposals not only for speaker presentations but also for panel discussions, hands-on workshops, and interactive sessions.

SPEAKERS

Presenters may range from industry leaders to those on the front lines, sharing their first hand experience. To be considered as a speaker, your program must be educational in nature. Your material should be original; otherwise, sources must be referenced. While some topics may be challenging and provide an opportunity for lively discussion, your content must be respectful and appropriate for all participants in the animal welfare community.

To keep the conference accessible and costs low for all of our participants, Texas Unites does not pay speaking fees or travel expenses for speakers. If selected as a conference speaker, you will gain visibility in the industry and contribute to the advancement of our profession. Speakers are provided a complimentary conference registration that includes several meals and entry to workshops and special events.

PROPOSAL FORMAT

Proposals will be accepted through November 1, 2025. Please submit your proposal using our online form: [Submit your proposals here!](#) You will be asked to attach the following:

- One paragraph workshop description
- One paragraph bio for each speaker in the presentation
- Headshot for each speaker in the presentation
- List of previous events or groups for which you have spoken

Presentations should last one hour. Multi-session and multi-speaker presentations are welcome.

SELECTION PROCESS

Proposals are reviewed by a committee of animal welfare professionals from across the state and selections will be made in the fall months. You will be notified of the status of your proposal by the end of December.

Looking for inspiration? Frequently requested topics are:

- Field services issues and resources
- Rescue/foster based topics and resources
- Adoption and other shelter based programs
- Inter-agency relationships
- Public relations and the media
- Health and herd management
- Cruelty investigations and prosecutions
- Cat/dog behavior and handling
- Community outreach and pet retention
- Staff development and team building resources
- Expanding your social media/digital audience
- Disease prevention and treatments

The latest trends and opportunities in animal welfare!

**Thank you for your interest in presenting at the
Texas Unites for Animals Conference!**