

Shelter Medicine Conference Scheduled for October

Attendance is open to directors, techs, volunteers.

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Upper respiratory infections in cats will be among the topics addressed at the Shelter Medicine Conference Oct. 23-24. The 2009 Shelter Medicine Conference will take place Oct. 23-24 in Gainesville, Fla. The conference, organized by the Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program at the University of Florida, is open to shelter veterinarians, directors, technicians and volunteers.

Topics will include the use of veterinary forensic science to fight animal cruelty, how to improve the outcomes of impounded animals by controlling infectious diseases in the shelter and strategies for ending the use of euthanasia for population control.

There will also be presentations on feline upper respiratory infection, managing disease outbreaks and understanding how to deal with ringworm and dermatologic disease.

"New this year will be a daylong seminar presented by Maddie's Fund featuring some of the nation's top animal welfare leaders addressing ways to help your organization achieve its lifesaving goals," said Julie Levy, DVM, Maddie's Shelter Medicine Professor and program director at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine.

Specifically, the seminar will address "creating a pet evaluation matrix and building a thriving foster care program."

Continuing education credits will be offered. Only 200 slots are available.

For details, visit the conference website.