



## Animal-Assisted Services: Focus on the Animal

April 29-30, 2022 · Brewster, New York, USA

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### Preliminary Schedule

*As of Sept 2, 2021*

*Program and times are subject to change.*

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 29

- 7:45am **Bus pick-up at Hilton Garden Inn Hotel** in Danbury, CT  
 Drop-off at Green Chimneys in Brewster, NY
- 8:00am **Registration Opens**
- 8:00-8:45am **Continental Breakfast Available**
- 8:45am **Greeting by Green Chimneys, University of Denver Institute for Human-Animal Connection (IHAC)** Welcome, Conference Intent, Program, Sponsor Introduction and Overview
- 9:00am **OPENING KEYNOTE**  
**Mutually Beneficial? When Animals Interact with Us**, H. Marie Suthers, DVM
- 10:00-11:00am **Guided Tour of Green Chimneys** – Tour the campus, farm, equine program, wildlife rehabilitation center, and the school and gardens to see our model of experiential education in action, Green Chimney Staff Tour Guides
- 11:15am-12:15pm **BREAKOUT SESSION 1** – Choose from one of the following:
- A. Dogs in Human Services: Working with Subtle Behaviors**, Jane Kopelman
  - B. Horses: Stress Behaviors and Wellbeing in Human Services**, Nina Ekholm Fry
  - C. Guinea Pigs in Human Animal Services: Handling, Health Care and Training**  
 Karin Hediger, Ph.D.
  - D. Keeping the Animal Safe: Tips for Therapists**, Tara Doran, LCSW; Denise Luft, LMHC;  
 Shauna McWilliams, LMSW
- 12:15-1:15pm **Networking Lunch**  
 Pick up lunch, choose a designated interest area and meet new people.
- 1:15-2:00pm **KEYNOTE**  
**The Intersections Between Animal Welfare and Wider Community Health**  
 Kevin Morris, Ph.D.
- 2:15-3:15pm **BREAKOUT SESSION 2** – Choose from one of the following:
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  - C. Guinea Pigs in Human Animal Services: Handling, Health Care and Training**  
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- 3:15pm **Break**
- 3:30pm **Open Farm** – Green Chimneys staff (animal caretakers, teachers, program facilitators, therapists and interns) explain/demo different nature-based program areas with more detail and in an informal and informative fashion. A map illustrating designated areas will be provided. Visit one, two or more areas. Meet, mingle, ask questions and engage in dialogue.
- 5:00pm **Cocktails, Snacks, Share Time** (literature table)
- 6:00pm **Dinner**  
VIP/Sponsor Greetings
- KEYNOTE – Dining Hall  
**Animals and the Stories We Tell** (tentative title), Michael Yellow Bird, Ph.D.
- 8:00pm **Bus pick-up at Green Chimneys** in Brewster, NY  
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### SATURDAY, APRIL 30

- 7:45am **Bus pick-up at Hilton Garden Inn Hotel** in Danbury, CT  
Drop-off at Green Chimneys Brewster, NY
- 8:00-8:45am **Continental Breakfast Available**
- 8:45-9:30am KEYNOTE  
**Understanding Animal Behavior: How Conditioning and Training Can Improve Quality of Life**, Rebecca Husted, Ph.D.
- 9:30am **Introduction of Animal Ethics**, Sarah Bexel, Ph.D.  
*Prelude to the discussion planned for today's lunch.*
- 10:00-11:00am BREAKOUT SESSION 3 – Choose from one of the following:
- A. Large Animal Euthanasia/End of Life: Navigating a Medical and Social Decision**  
Jennifer Enger, DVM; Miyako Kinoshita; Michael Kaufmann
  - B. Sheep as Human-Service Partners**, Danielle Powers, Maggie Pasquarella
  - C. The Green Chimneys Research Project in Partnership with IHAC**  
Kevin Morris, Ph.D., Erin Flynn, and Team
  - D. Lessons from the Green Chimneys Staff Owned Dog Program** Maureen Doherty, Heidi Duelfer, Debbie Moore
- 11:00am **Break**



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- 11:15am-12:15pm      **BREAKOUT SESSION 4 – Choose from one of the following:**
- A. Large Animal Euthanasia/End of Life: Navigating a Medical and Social Decision**  
Jennifer Enger, DVM; Miyako Kinoshita; Michael Kaufmann
  - B. Sheep as Human-Service Partners**, Danielle Powers, Maggie Pasquarella
  - C. The Green Chimneys Research Project in Partnership with IHAC**  
Kevin Morris, Ph.D., Erin Flynn, and Team
  - D. Lessons from the Green Chimneys Staff Owned Dog Program**, Maureen Doherty, Heidi Duelfer, Debbie Moore
- 12:15-1:15pm      **DISCUSSION LUNCH**  
**Ethics in Human-Animal Interaction**, Sarah Bexel, Ph.D.  
Pick up lunch and choose a designated ethical topic table.
- 1:15pm      **Debrief of Animal Ethics Lunch**, Sarah Bexel, Ph.D.
- 1:40-2:15pm      **KEYNOTE**  
**A Global Review of Human Animal Interaction**, Karin Hediger, Ph.D.
- 2:30-3:30pm      **BREAKOUT SESSION 5 – Choose from one of the following:**
- A. Structuring Mounted Lessons with an Eye on Equine Welfare**, Samantha Arevalo, Claire Oestreich, Valerie Parody
  - B. Animal Rescue Demo**, Rebecca Husted, Ph.D.
  - C. Stabilizing and Caring for Wild Bird Rescues**, Dave Spillo
  - D. Reaching Pakistani Audiences with an Animal Welfare Message**, Sabrina Sehbai
- 3:30- 4:15pm      **CLOSING KEYNOTE**  
**Mutually Beneficial? When Animals Interact with Us**, H. Marie Suthers, DVM
- 4:15pm      **Closing**
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