

Convergence of Regulatory Objectives

Out of Control, Into Compassion

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Recognizing that Animal Management & Animal Welfare have the same goals is a difficult concept for some to accept, especially when euthanasia is involved. During this session, advice and information will be offered on finding common ground where agencies, organizations and individuals may work together to achieve positive outcomes for communities and animals. Examples from some United States agencies will be presented from the Animal Services perspective as part of a forum seeking mutual understanding and recognition of the valuable contributions all involved can offer.

This session will cover practical examples on moving out of “control” and into “compassion”. Challenges facing our profession often hinge on outdated perceptions of our function and place in the community. Emphasis will be on how to work with other officers, agencies, organizations and individuals to achieve common goals and sustainable best practices operations addressing public safety, animal welfare and elimination of euthanasia for healthy, behaviourally sound animals. Ideas, examples and efforts on changing agency image and public perception are covered as part of a community based response to the problems related to pet overpopulation.