



Introducing...

Officer Todd Stosuy is the Field Services Manager for the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter in California and has been the National Animal Care and Control Association (NACA) President since 2011. Todd has two undergraduate degrees from Rutgers University in Administration of Justice and Sociology. During college Todd worked as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) with an urban rescue squad. After graduating he worked as a first grade teacher in urban Philadelphia. This combination of college degrees and jobs working with underprivileged people has brought Todd to a unique position of enforcing animal related laws while also understanding and serving disadvantaged residents and the pets they love. Todd believes in working within the community and understanding and respecting the community's culture, while at the same time trying to transform the challenges of that culture into strengths for the sake of the animals. During his career Todd has served as Incident Commander for the Animal Shelter during numerous large scale disasters within his community and has worked "boots on the ground" doing animal rescue in Haiti with the Animal Rescue Coalition of Haiti (ARCH). Todd has presented dozens of workshops across the United States, as well as Brazil, and currently works as a consultant for the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) Pets For Life Program. Todd is a vegan and shares his life with his wife and numerous 4 legged babies.



Beyond Animal Control: Daily Community Education

On a daily basis, animal care and control officers respond to a range of calls for service in low income areas of their communities. These calls allow the officer to provide education and resources to pet owners firsthand. Far too often, however, animal care and control agencies are punitive in nature and spend a majority of time enforcing laws, issuing citations, and delivering humane notices ordering compliance. What would happen if instead of taking a law enforcement approach, officers spent their time providing educational information and resources to underprivileged pet owners? This session will focus on one agency's day-to-day operation working within low income areas of their community. Officers provide information and resources in an attempt to resolve issues without enforcement action while engaging community members and understanding their specific needs.

Proactive Community Animal Control

Animal care and control agencies often spend the majority of their resources responding to complaints after incidents have occurred. What would happen if our agencies became more proactive? This workshop will highlight a community-focused non-law enforcement program conducted by plain clothes animal control officers and shelter volunteers. This "boots on the ground" program addresses the issues of animal overpopulation, animal abuse/neglect, and nuisance complaints with positive results.

Planned Pethood: Low Cost Spay and Neuter That Makes You Money

Low cost spay and neuter services are crucial to ending the pet overpopulation crisis in our communities. Unfortunately, with limited resources government agencies often find it difficult to create a long term sustainable program. This workshop will highlight the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelters low cost spay and neuter program, Planned Pethood. This program offers low cost spay and neuter services to all residents of the County, regardless of income levels, while making money for the Shelter. This additional income helps provide free spay and neuter services to low income residents. Not only does this program make money, but it also decreases shelter intake and euthanasia over the long term.