

March 4 – Shelter Medicine
11:15 am – 1:00 pm

Medical Evidence to Collect & Document in Cases of Neglect & Physical Injury

The case-based presentation covers three main areas of forensic veterinary medicine. First, recognizing and reporting animal cruelty is reviewed, including animal cruelty cases as medico-legal cases and the veterinarian's role. Second, criminal neglect of an animal's health and well-being, including starvation, extreme cases of hair matting, embedded collars, and failure to treat an injured animal. Third, non-accidental physical injury of animals – intentional injury caused by blunt force trauma, sharp force trauma, gunshot injuries and dog fighting.

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