

# CONTINUOUS EDUCATION IN ANIMAL WELFARE IN AMERICA

## ANIMAL CARE EXPO 2012

From May 21st to 24th the .... edition of **Animal Care Expo** took place at **Las Vegas in Nevada/USA**. This annual training course is offered to everybody who works with pets. Nearly 2000 participants from all over the United States of various professions (animal wardens, animal control officers, veterinary nurses, shelter manager, vets, etc.) had lots of opportunities to learn more in different subjects like shelter medicine, humane dog and cat population management, adoption schemes, fundraising and much more.

The “**Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)**”, is the organizer of this maxi event and the “**Humane Society International (HSI)**” is the international branch that is trying to help animal welfare people and vets from all over the world to improve their skills. This is not only to fight the world wide stray problem, but also how to handle cattle, their transportation and slaughtering. Over 150 participants from over 40 countries (only 3 European: Italy, Serbia and Spain) attended workshops and lectures to experience about “animals and religion”, “how to change attitudes in societies”, “how to draft a law and enforce it”, “how to prepare for a disaster”, but even “how to recognize the ‘burning out syndrome and how to fight it” - themes of great interest for everybody working in this field.

Very interesting the exhibition of everything that could be used in animal welfare: new drugs on the market, architects who offer the most modern design for shelters, incinerators, equipment for catching and keeping dogs and cats, mobile spay clinics that beat in size and equipment even the most fanciest European imagination: huge trucks that



accommodate visiting room, preparation room, surgery rooms, inside kennelling for after surgery and bedrooms for the operators

naturally with shower and toilet. These sophisticated clinics not only work in disaster areas, they are also moved to areas where there is a big stray problem and where there are no local vets who can work on high numbers of surgery on a daily base. The animal



welfare is highly guaranteed: instead of transporting dogs and cats long distances for spaying/neutering, the service is taken close to the animals.

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