



Round Tables networking lunch

Join us for lunch on Sunday, August 2, for an opportunity to sit with a small group of peers to engage in deep-dive discussion on topics from **Advocacy** to **Vegan**.

The Regency Ballroom is open for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Round Table discussions will run from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Look for the table topic sign displayed at each table. Seats at the tables are available on a first-come, first-served basis. You do not need to pre-register for this event. Views expressed and materials distributed by table hosts are solely their own and not that of Humane World for Animals.

Animal welfare issues (Green)

Advocating for cats

Danielle Bays | Senior Program Manager, Cat Protection and Policy, Humane World for Animals

Advocating for wildlife in Maryland (and beyond!)

Patricia Welty | Executive Director, A Vegan Life, Inc.

Animal protection in the courts

Ralph Henry | Senior Director, Litigation, Humane World for Animals

Effectively working with law enforcement to address animal crimes

Janell Gregory | South Carolina State Director, Humane World for Animals

Efforts to protect horses in the U.S.

Dr. Joanna Grossman | Equine Program Director and Senior Advisor, Farm Animal Program, Animal Welfare Institute

Ending cruel trophy hunting and wildlife killing contests in your state

Jill Fritz | Senior Managing Director, Wildlife Protection, Humane World for Animals

Samantha Hagio | Director, Director, Wildlife Protection, Humane World for Animals

Fighting against pet discrimination in housing policies

Ariel Lefkovits | Public Policy Specialist, Puppy Mills, Humane World for Animals

Passing and adjudicating animal welfare

Jeff Callaway | Founder, EthanAlmighty's Blessings

The circus is still coming to town: Ending cruelty under the big top

Jen Leon | Program Manager, Wildlife Protection, Humane World for Animals

Understanding wildlife trade and trafficking

Gabe Wigtil | Program Director, Wildlife Trafficking, Humane World for Animals

Community engagement (Purple)

Effective advocacy communications: Strategies and messaging

Julia Seeley | Program Director, Internal Communications, Humane World for Animals

Engaging the veterinary community in animal welfare advocacy

Rebecca Goff | Nevada State Director, Humane World for Animals

Engaging youth in advocacy and empowering student voices

Lauren Dolega | Policy Volunteer, Humane World for Animals

Faith in action: Partnering with religious communities for animal advocacy

Jacquelyn Bonner | Coordinator, IDEAS - Interfaith Dialogues on Environment & Animal Stewardship

Fundraising and building support for animals

Jennifer Liarakos | Program Director, Prospect Research, Humane World for Animals

Leveraging media to drive change for animals

Kirsten Peek | Senior director, media relations, Humane World for Animals

Lobbying 101: A beginner's guide to government advocacy for animals

Kristen Tullo | Pennsylvania State Director, Humane World for Animals

Running for elected office

Jessica Irvine | Policy Volunteer, Humane World for Animals

Cruelty-free lifestyle (Orange)

Aligning human health with animal welfare

Jerry Parisella | Author, Stop Eating The Animals

Being a parent and an animal advocate

Marie Langlois | Staff Attorney, Animal Protection Litigation, Humane World for Animals

Humane hobbies: Crafting, creating and connecting with compassion

Linda Baker | Program Director, Corporate Sponsorships, Humane World for Animals

Tara Moran | Senior Program Manager, Education, Humane World for Animals

The vegan at the potluck

Corey Roscoe | Director, Policy Volunteer Program, Humane World for Animals

Policy and legislation (Red)

Building relationships with state and local elected officials

Samantha Chapman | Indiana State Director, Humane World for Animals

Congressional intent vs. agency action: Advancing pet-friendly military housing policies

Allison Ludtke | Legislative Affairs Manager, Animal Legal Defense Fund

Defensive advocacy: How to not lose when you can't win

Kurt Ehrenberg | New Hampshire State Director, Humane World for Animals

Engaging animal shelters around legislative priorities

Kate MacFall | Florida State Director, Humane World for Animals

Influential strategies for legislators who are not 'animal people'

Carrie Thomas | Policy Volunteer, Humane World for Animals

Navigating the federal appropriations process for animal wins

Mimi Brody | Senior Policy Adviser, Humane World for Animals

Passing a local humane pet store ordinance

Larry Cohen | Policy Volunteer, Humane World for Animals

Purple politics: Pursuing animal welfare legislation in a bipartisan way

Mitchell Nelson | Michigan State Director, Humane World for Animals

Rural advocacy: Building legislative momentum beyond the session

Jessica Hyder | Tennessee State Director, Humane World for Animals

Using state and local budgets to make achievements for animals

Todd Blevins | Kentucky State Director, Humane World for Animals

YOU have political power!

Jennifer Hillman | VP, Wildlife Protection US, Humane World for Animals

Brad Pyle | Political Managing Director, Humane World Action Fund

Skill-building (Blue)**Advocacy for introverts: Making an impact without shouting**

Kari Nienstedt | Senior Managing Director, Volunteer Outreach and Engagement, Humane World for Animals

AI as an animal advocacy tool: Opportunities and risks

Hannah Weir | Policy Volunteer at Humane World for Animals and Undergraduate at Cornell University

Being resilient and seeing the long game

Aaron Zellhoefer | Minnesota State Director, Humane World for Animals

How to break into animal protection work full time

Anna West | Sr. Managing Director of Media Relations, Humane World for Animals

Is this really necessary? Nonprofit lobbying and the quagmire of compliance

Susannah May | Associate General Counsel, Humane World for Animals

Leaning into what they already believe: A smarter model for persuasion

John Goodwin | Senior Managing Director, Puppy Mills and Equine Protection, Humane World for Animals

Maintaining mental health and well-being as an animal advocate

Chris Holbein | Director, Public and Corporate Policy, Farm Animal Protection, Humane World for Animals

Utilizing Airtable and other technology to support your advocacy

Noah Ramos | Public Policy Specialty for Equine Protection, Humane World for Animals

Writing for animals

Melissa Tedrowe | Midwest Region Director, Humane World for Animals