APPENDIX C
NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP ON ANIMAL ASSISTED PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH AT RISK

PROGRAM
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2007

8:30AM Registration

9AM Welcome and Opening Remarks
Andrew Rowan, Ph.D., Executive Vice President for Operations, Humane Society of the United States

9:30AM – 10AM
A Public Health Paradigm for Youth Violence: Risk Factors and Protective Factors
Philip Leaf, Ph.D., Director, Center for Prevention of Youth Violence, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

10:15AM-12PM Evaluating Youth Violence Prevention Programs
The State of Evaluation in Youth Violence Prevention
Freya Sonenstein, Ph.D., Director, Center for Adolescent Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Panel Discussion:
Chair: Philip Leaf, Ph.D., Director, Center for Prevention of Youth Violence, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

David Altschuler, Ph.D., Principal Research Scientist, Institute for Policy Studies, Johns Hopkins University and Faculty, Center for Prevention of Youth Violence, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Valerie Maholmes, Ph.D., CAS, Social and Affective Development/Child Maltreatment and Violence, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

Allan Cohen, Ph.D., Director, Center for Advanced Planning and Evaluation, Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation

Sara Hassan, MHS, Research Program Coordinator, Center for Prevention of Youth Violence, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

12PM-12:45PM Lunch Break

1PM – 2PM Critical Issues in Evaluating and Establishing the Effectiveness of Animal-Assisted Interventions
Alan Kazdin, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology and Child Psychiatry, Yale University; Director, Yale Parenting Center and Child Conduct Clinic; and President-elect, American Psychological Association
2PM – 4:45PM  Research on Animal Assisted Intervention for Youth At Risk:
Theories, Best Evidence, and Challenges

Chair: Barbara Carr, Executive Director, SPCA of Erie County

Theoretical Framework for Animal Assisted Interventions As Violence Prevention Strategy
Randall Lockwood, Ph.D., Senior Vice President for
Anti-Cruelty Initiatives and Legislative Services, ASPCA

Best Evidence for Animal Assisted Interventions in Adolescent Mental Health
Katherine A. Kruger, MSW, Assistant Director, Center for the Interaction of Animals and Society
Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

Challenges in Evaluating Outcomes in Animal Assisted Interventions
Barbara Boat, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychiatry, University of Cincinnati

Funding Evaluation of Animal Assisted Interventions
Mary Lou Randour, Ph.D., Director, Human-Animal Relations, Education and Outreach,
Human Society of the United States

5PM-7PM Networking Reception

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2007

8:30AM Continental Breakfast

9AM – 10:50AM  New Data on Animal Assisted Programs

Chair: Joan Dalton, Director, Project Pooch

Perspectives of Youth in Animal-Centered Correctional Vocational Program:
A Qualitative Evaluation of Project Pooch
Kate Davis, MSW, Graduate School of Social Work, Portland State University

Staff Perspectives on Animal Assisted Interventions for Youth At Risk
Avril Lindsay, LCSW, CGP, Program Manager, Children’s Village

Mechanisms of Change
Arnold Arluke, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology, Northeastern University

The Impact of Animal Visitation in an In-Class Humane Education Program
Kate Nicoll, MSW, LCSW, Executive Director, Soul Friends
William Samuels, Ph.D., Director of Research, People, Animals and Nature, Inc.

10:50AM – 11AM Coffee/Tea Break

11AM – 12:30PM  Open Forum Research Discussion:
Promising Research Directions

Chair: Carol Rathmann, Director, Forget Me Not Farm
12:30PM – 1PM  Lunch Break

1PM-2:45PM  Future Directions for Evaluation and Practice of Animal Assisted Interventions

Challenges in Researching Animal Assisted Activities: Is the Tail Wagging the Dog?
Steven Klee, Ph.D., Associate Executive Director – Clinical and Medical Services, Green Chimneys
Jay Davidowitz, Ph.D., Senior Supervising Psychologist, Green Chimneys

Bridging Clinical Practice and Research in Animal Assisted Interventions
Aubrey Fine, Ph.D., Professor, College of Education and Integrative Studies, California State Polytechnic University

Future Directions in Outcome Evaluation for Animal Assisted Programs for Youth-At-Risk
Martha-Elin Blomquist, Ph.D.

2:45PM – 3PM Coffee/Tea Break

3PM – 4:20PM  Best Practices Discussion Groups

Evaluation and Research
Facilitators: Barbara Boat, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychiatry, University of Cincinnati
Martha-Elin Blomquist, Ph.D.
KC Henry, Project Director, Humans and Horses Foundation

Program Content and Participants
Facilitators: Kenna Graunke, Humane Educator, Southern Oregon Humane Society
Alex Hollo, East Coast Assistance Dogs

Building Support: Community Partnerships, Funding, and Public Awareness
Facilitators: Rick Yount, Director of Therapeutic Interventions, Assistance Dog Institute
Carolyn Clark-Beedle, Executive Director, Assistance Dogs of the West

Program Management and Training
Facilitators: Lynn Thomas, Executive Director, Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association
Beth Shapiro, Director of Humane Education, SPCA of Erie County

4:30PM – 5:30PM  Reports from Groups

Concluding Remarks
Randall Lockwood, Ph.D., Senior Vice President for Anti-Cruelty Initiatives and Legislative Services, ASPCA

Andrew Rowan, Ph.D., Executive Vice President for Operations, Humane Society of the United States