

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

