

2019

Healthy Pets Healthy Families

Season's Greetings HPHF Coalition members,

As we begin the annual tradition of stuffing stockings with little treats and relaxing to a cup of hot cocoa, winding down the year with reflections and preparing for next year's goals, Veterinary Public Health wanted to send a heartfelt THANK YOU for your continued support, participation, and engagement this year.

On October 29, 2019, the Healthy Pets Healthy Families (HPHF) Coalition met for their 32nd meeting with over 30 people in attendance!

This meeting consisted of the annual forum with the theme of "Animal-Assisted Therapy" in which presenters Victoria Nodiff-Netanel (*Mini-Therapy Horses*,) and Eva Lund (*Special Spirit's Equine Therapy*) spoke about their respective equine therapy programs. Jim DeCarli presented on assistance animals/service and emotional support animals as well as equine-assisted interactions (PowerPoint attached).

As one of this year's "Community Spotlight" presentations focused on cannabis, please note the "Veterinary Medical Board's Guidelines for Veterinarian Discussion of Cannabis Within the Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship" effective January 1, 2020.

As we look forward to entering a new decade *and* New Year, look forward to the exciting changes and news about the Coalition!

Best wishes for happy holidays and a wonderful New Year!

2019 HPHF Highlights

- ◆ Developed the White Paper Guide (see attached)
- ◆ Developed PPTs focusing on teaching children about pet safety and pet health
- ◆ Animal-Assisted Therapy Forum
- ◆ One Health social media posts

Don't hesitate, *participate!*

Get involved with making a difference in your community.

For any questions/comments, please contact us at: vet@ph.lacounty.gov



Blue Moon at the Animal-Assisted Therapy Forum.

One Health News

Highlights

- CDC's Antibiotic Resistance Threats in the United States, 2019 is available online ([here](#))
- CDC has a new typhus fact-sheet available in 6 languages ([here](#))

Events & Observances

- January 15: One Health Fellowship Fund applications are due ([here](#))
- March 9—12: InForm (Integrated Foodborne Outbreak Response and Management) 2020 Conference, Atlanta, GA ([here](#))
- June 14—18: World One Health Congress, Edinburgh, Scotland ([here](#))

Webinars & Continuing Education

- December 12: Leveraging One Health Collaborations to enhance investigation capacity—NAACHO ([here](#))

Publications

- Minimal duration of tick attachment sufficient for transmission of infectious *Rickettsia rickettsia* by its primary vector *Dermacentor variabilis*: Duration of Rickettsial reactivation in the vector revisited ([here](#))
- Genomic Epidemiology as a public health tool to combat mosquito-borne virus outbreaks ([here](#))
- Tripartite Zoonotic Guide (TZG): "Taking a multisectoral, One Health approach — a tripartite guide to addressing zoonotic diseases in countries" ([here](#))



US Outbreaks

New

[Outbreak of *E. coli* infections linked to romaine lettuce](#)

[Outbreak of Hepatitis A Virus infections linked to fresh blackberries](#)

Updated

[Outbreak of *Salmonella* infections linked to ground beef](#)

[Outbreak of *Listeria* infections](#)

[Domestically acquired cases of Cyclosporiasis](#)



January Pet Health Awareness Dates:

National Train Your Dog Month

Walk Your Pet Month

Adopt a Rescued Bird Month

National Pet Travel Safety Day

January 2nd

National Cuddle Up Day

January 6th

National Squirrel Appreciation Day

January 21st

