



Saturday, April 12, 2025

All times listed are Eastern Time.

10:00–10:10 a.m.

Opening Remarks

Stacy LeBaron, Community Cats Podcast

10:10–11:30 a.m.

The Real Truth about Cats and Dogs in a Furry Brady Bunch World

Arden Moore of Four Legged Life

About the Session

Can cats and dogs exist under the same roof without raising the woof...or triggering yowls? Quick answer: maybe – and hopefully. Arden has been keeping the peace while living with cats and dogs together for more than 25 years. In this session, Arden will discuss how cats think – and act – differently than dogs. She will incorporate Fear Free strategies to reduce fear and anxiety in all roommates, humans, canines and felines. She will discuss introduction tips, offer strategies to ensure meal times do not become food fights and identify must-have items to keep the peace. Behavior tactics to deal with bully cats and overly excited puppies will be covered.

About Arden Moore

Arden Moore's mission is to bring out the best in pets...and their people. Known as America's Pet Health and Safety Coach, Arden happily wears many "collars" in the pet world. She is a master-certified pet first aid/CPR instructor, founder of [Pet First Aid 4U](#), and director of education for Pro Pet Hero. Her veterinarian-approved classes reach thousands all over the world and feature Pet Safety Cat Casey and Pet Safety Dog Kona,

a pair of shelter alums. She makes learning fun and practical and has drawn students from all over North America as well as Europe, Central America, New Zealand, and yes, even South Africa.

In addition, she is a Fear Free certified speaker and host of two award-winning weekly shows: [Oh Behave](#) on Pet Life Radio and [Four Legged Life](#), a nationally syndicated radio show that also airs on YouTube. The award-winning “Oh Behave” show on Pet Life Radio ranks as the longest, continuous pet podcast (on the air since 2007). This best-selling author has written more than two dozen cat and dog books. Recent titles include *The Cat Behavior Answer Book*, *The Dog Behavior Answer Book*, *A Kid’s Guide to Cats*, and *A Kid’s Guide to Dogs*. She was a columnist for Catster Magazine and the former editor of Catnip Magazine, a national monthly magazine published by Tufts University.

Arden shares her home in Dallas, TX with the Furry Brady Bunch which includes four cats and two feline-adoring dogs. She has been a feline advocate since childhood, when her first cat, Corky, happily swam with her and the family’s dogs in the backyard lake. Learn more at [ArdenMoore.com](#).

11:30–11:45 a.m.

Break

11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Decoding Feline Fury

Tabitha Kucera, RVT, CCBC, KPA-CTP, VTS (behavior)

About the Session

Decoding Feline Fury: Understanding and Managing Cat Aggression

Summary: Aggression in cats can pose challenges not only for caregivers but also for the well-being of the cats themselves. However, there are effective strategies that can be employed to manage and reduce aggressive behaviors in feline companions. In this enlightening

session, Tabitha will delve into the identification of potential causes of aggression in cats

and practical tips for managing aggression. By equipping attendees with this knowledge, we aim to empower caregivers and adopters to provide better care for their feline

companions, ultimately helping to keep more cats in their loving homes.

Learning Objectives:

1. Identify potential triggers and underlying causes of aggression in cats, including environmental stressors, medical issues, and social dynamics.
2. Implement effective management techniques to prevent the escalation of aggressive behaviors in cats
3. Explore practical strategies for managing aggression in cats

About Tabitha Kucera(2024)

Tabitha Kucera is an Elite Fear Free– and Low Stress Handling® –certified registered veterinary technician (RVT), a Certified Cat Behavior Consultant (CCBC) through the International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants, and a Karen Pryor Academy–Certified Training Partner (KPA-CTP) and one of only 30 Veterinary Technician Specialists in behavior. She is the owner of Chirrup and Chatter Cat and Dog Behavior Consulting and Training in Cleveland, Ohio.

Tabitha has been working with cats and dogs for over 15 years, and in that time has worked with a number of rescue organizations and small animal practices, where she dedicated herself to learning about the prevention, root causes, and solutions to feline and canine behavioral concerns. She helps people better understand and relate to their animal companions, which leads to a stronger bond and a more gratifying relationship between animals and humans.

Her teaching credentials include lecturing on the regional and national level and lecturing at multiple veterinary technology programs. Her lectures cover relevant topics such as canine and feline body language, cooperative care, Fear Free and low-stress handling, feline and canine aggression, prevention and management for common behavior concerns, and many others. She is a Fear Free certified speaker, a Fear Free Practice Certification Consultant, and host of the podcast, Tails from a Vet Tech. Tabitha has helped to develop training and behavior programs for various veterinary hospitals and shelters and works as a consultant for many shelters and private veterinary practices.

1:15–2:00 p.m.

Lunch Break

2:00–3:15 p.m.

Nice to Meet You, Now Get Out of My House:

Cat to Cat Introductions and Solving Introductions Gone Bad

Dr. Rachel Geller, Certified Cat Behavior & Retention Specialist

About the Session

A proper cat to cat introduction will lay the foundation for how your cats will see each other and the associations they have with each other in the future. We want both the resident cat and the newcomer to start off calmly, safely and securely with a structured introduction process that will carry them into a tolerant relationship. Cats are territorial so we will focus on understanding their need to feel secure in their own territory. A proper introduction goes at the cat's pace so that fears can be kept to a minimum. But what if the situation has devolved into a destructive cycle of fear and aggression? Once this happens, often the best course of action is to walk it back with a complete reintroduction process, going through every step as if the cats have never met each other before. This session will include setting up a safe room, troubleshooting and extra steps for introductions that are having their ups and downs and particular syndromes that may require a reintroduction such as Feline Non Recognition Aggression.

About Dr. Rachel Geller

Rachel Geller, Ed.D. is the Founder and President of All Cats All the Time, Inc. which is a 501c3 nonprofit dedicated to promoting the adoption of cats and preventing their surrender and abandonment by helping cat and animal shelters – and cat owners who cannot otherwise afford to do so – access cat behavior counseling free of charge for the cats in their care.

Rachel is certified as a: Cat Behavior and Retention Specialist, Surrender Prevention Specialist, Humane Education Specialist, Pet Chaplain, Fear Free Shelter Specialist, American Association of Feline Practitioners Cat Friendly Veterinary Advocate, Pet Chaplain, DEI certified and RedRover Reader. She is currently a cat behaviorist for cat and animal shelters all over the world, including working with adopters, training shelter volunteers, and instituting surrender prevention programs. She also provides individual cat behavior help to cat parents.

Rachel has given or participated in presentations for the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), the Massachusetts Animal Coalition, and the New England Federation of Humane Societies on topics involving cat behavior, cat behavior and retention programs, and surrender prevention. Rachel's cat behavior and retention program has been recognized by HSUS as a model program.

Rachel's book, [Saving the World, One Cat at a Time](#), was written to help resolve cats' behavioral and emotional problems with the goal of creating harmonious relationships between cats and their owners. All of the proceeds from book sales are donated to her nonprofit, All Cats All the Time. Rachel is the author of the webinar "Activities for Inclusion" for the Association of Professional Humane Educators which provides instruction and concrete techniques for animal shelters on including the special needs population as volunteers. She was a contributing author to "The Ark Project – Jewish Initiative for Animals" which focuses on the humane treatment of animals.

Rachel was a behavioral specialist for grades K–8 in the Waltham (Massachusetts) Public Schools for over 20 years. She has lived in Newton since 1992 with her husband and two cats. An avid runner, she has run (and finished!) eleven Boston Marathons.

3:30-3:45 p.m.

Break

3:45–4:00 p.m.

Cat Trivia

4:00–4:45 p.m.

Tough Questions Panel

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Stacy and the audience will bring their toughest questions to the panel for a conversation around Feline Behavior. We will also do some frequent polling of the audience to understand the greatest challenges in this area for cats today.

4:45-5:00 p.m.

Cat Trivia and Closing Remarks

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