

**HEALTH AND SAFETY PARTICIPANT PLEDGE**  
**TAKING ACTION FOR ANIMALS 2023, AUGUST 4-6, 2023, SPRINGFIELD, IL**

The Humane Society of the United States (“HSUS”) holds the health and safety of its attendees, speakers, staff, sponsors, exhibitors and vendor partners as its top priority when hosting in-person events. We strive to facilitate outstanding experiences and our commitment to creating a safe environment comes first. The HSUS will abide by city, county and state health and safety orders in which the event is taking place and notify all attendees when any safety precautions are put in place. We ask that our attendees monitor their health and not attend if they are unwell and/or potentially infectious. The HSUS strongly encourages all event participants to be up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations, including all primary series doses and boosters, before attending any event.

**Health and Safety Advisement:**

The World Health Organization has classified the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic. COVID-19 is a highly contagious and dangerous disease. Contact with the virus that causes COVID-19 may result in significant personal injury or death. Participating in person at TAFE carries with it certain inherent risks related to COVID-19 transmission and infection that cannot be eliminated, regardless of the care taken to avoid such risks. Even being vaccinated does not completely protect anyone from COVID-19 or one of its variants. By choosing to attend TAFE in person, you accept the inherent risks of participating in TAFE in person, and you agree to adhere to required health and safety protocols.

The responsibility for a safe and healthy TAFE environment is shared among the HSUS, the venue and every participant. All TAFE participants are required to abide by the health and safety protocols HSUS is implementing to protect against the spread of COVID-19. Additional information regarding specific health and safety measures may be communicated to all participants prior to the first day of TAFE and could include vaccine requirements, mask requirements, social distancing requirements and testing requirements. HSUS will email registered attendees if/when health safety protocols change; however, participants are responsible for checking for continued updates or changes to these protocols on TAFE’s official [Health and Safety web page](#).

**In-person Participant Health and Safety Rules:**

By attending TAFE, you agree that you will have NOT in the preceding ten (10) days prior to your arrival at TAFE:

1. tested positive for COVID-19 or other communicable disease or been identified as a potential carrier of COVID-19 or other communicable disease; or
2. experienced any symptoms commonly associated with COVID-19 (such as cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell) or other communicable disease; or
3. been in direct contact with or the immediate vicinity of (collectively, the “Encounter”) any person who is either confirmed or suspected of being infected with COVID-19 or other communicable disease within the last ten (10) days.

By attending TAFE, you agree to abide by the following TAFE Health and Safety Protocols during your attendance:

1. Masks are strongly recommended indoors.
2. Use hand sanitizer and wash your hands frequently.
3. Follow any physical distancing guidelines.
4. Follow any additional guidance and regulations imposed by the HSUS, regardless of whether federal, state, or local laws dictate the use of these practices. These regulations may become more or less strict at any time between now and the TAFE date, due to circumstances beyond HSUS's control.
5. You understand that if you are refused entrance or are removed from TAFE for not following these regulations, your registration fees for TAFE may be forfeited.

**In-person Participant Health and Safety Pledge:**

I agree to abide by HSUS's In-person Participant Health and Safety Rules (above), including abstaining from participating in TAFE if I become ill, am exposed to the COVID-19 virus within 10 days prior to TAFE, or exhibit any symptoms of the COVID-19 virus prior to TAFE. I understand that these rules are subject to change at the sole discretion of HSUS.