

# MACA NEWS

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## 2020 AND 2021 CONFERENCE LOCATION CHOSEN!!

We are excited to announce the 2020 and 2021 Missouri Animal Control Association Conference will be held at Camden on the Lake in Lake of the Ozarks Missouri.

This hotel has a lot of amazing features including the famous H-Toads and a private movie theater. We look forward to you joining us in 2020 and 2021.

## MACA LEGISLATIVE CHAIR Q AND A

We asked your questions and MACA Legislative Chair Dan St. Lawrence answered them.

**Q: What are some current bills we need to be concerned with?**

A: Our main concern at the moment is HB 559, Working Animals- It eliminates zoning ordinances and removes authority from ACO's acting under health departments. There is only 2 days left in this session and legislation is moving very fast. It is possible for this bill to pass. Let's kill it by calling our senators.

**Q: What should we do if we have concerns over current bills?**

A: Notify me of your concerns. I will investigate and research the bill. I will report my findings to the MACA board and if the bill needs addressed, I will issue an alert per the board's approval. If needed I would be willing to testify at committee hearings.

**Q: Can I really make a difference?**

A: YES, everyone can make a difference. We need everyone to get involved by going to MAAL's Facebook page, and by liking and sharing alerts. Have all your ACO's in your department follow MACA's Facebook page and liking and sharing posts. When alerts are posted we need EVERYONE to call your representatives and/ or senators ASAP. They would rather hear from their constituents in their districts than lobbyist. Your voice does matter. You can have friends and family also call. We need to flood them with calls over our concerns.



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*President Griffin and Vice President Bowie*

## ANIMAL CARE EXPO

President Nycole Griffin and Vice President Holly Bowie enjoyed several great classes and had an amazing time at the 2019 Animal Care Expo in New Orleans, Louisiana. While visiting the Expo Griffin and Bowie spoke to numerous exhibitors and other attendees. They both really enjoyed the experience and hope to be able to attend future events.

## 2019 Training Conference

Vice President Holly Bowie has been working tirelessly to provide us with another amazing conference this year. The Lodge at Old Kinderhook will again be the location for the conference this year. Holly has some exciting new speakers lined up along with some old favorites. As usual we have some delicious food and fun scheduled as well as plenty of time for learning at networking. We look forward to seeing you all in September.



Do you love to write and have a story you think other MACA members should read? If the answer is yes then we want you to write for us. Please send your stories, big or small to [macapresident1@gmail.com](mailto:macapresident1@gmail.com) and you may see your story in a future MACA newsletter. Don't forget to include your name and please credit any resources you used for your story. Thank you.