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Dear Reader,

Thank you for seeking out the proceedings of the Alliance for Contraception in Cats and Dogs' (ACC&D) 5th International Symposium on Non-Surgical Contraception Methods of Pet Population Control, held June 20-22, 2013, in Portland, OR, U.S. Whether you participated or are catching up on what you missed, we hope you find this resource helpful in your efforts to learn about and/or advance this field.

### **The Symposium**

Our attendees included over 50 speakers, plus attendees from 16 countries, including many leaders in their field that are newly involved in this work. Approximately 35% of attendees were veterinarians, and 25% had PhDs. When asked about their primary affiliation, 25% described themselves as veterinary professionals; 22%, scientists; and 21%, animal welfare professionals and advocates. The remaining cohort hailed from fields including animal health and pharmaceuticals, foundations or investors, public health, journalism, and more. So many different stakeholders have key roles to play to successfully launch initiatives for a "new neuter" or a "better way to spay." It was very exciting to help link up many attendees for the first time, and we look forward to seeing what fruit these new relationships may bear.

There's new momentum in this field, and the energy was tangible at the symposium. Nearing its 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, the Michelson Prize and Grants has granted nearly \$12 million to more than 20 scientists, many of whom presented at the Symposium. New scientific work on commercialized or nearer term technologies was also presented: Zeuterin/EsterilSol in male dogs; Suprelorin in cats and female dogs; and products now seeing their first field trials, including Calcium Chloride and GonaCon for dogs (the latter having received EPA approval for deer in 2009 and wild horses in 2013).

The Field Implementation Track generated much excitement as well, as experts and influencers from around the world pondered the ethical questions that are now possible to ask with progress in the field. Research on and guidance for legislative parameters for using new tools is available for your use online. Progress was unveiled for modeling feral cat population dynamics to better direct resources to TNR programs now, and to incorporate non-surgical tools in the future. Attendees learned about an initiative to develop better marking methods to identify treated dogs and cats. Early adopters of Zeuterin shared experiences and advice. Immediately following the Symposium, Ark Sciences held the largest Zeuterin training to date, certifying 20 veterinarians to be sterilize dogs non-surgically.

### **Using This Proceedings Document**

While it can't replace being there, the online [proceedings library](#) provides a video of each presentation or a PowerPoint presentation with the presenter's narration recorded live at the event. A packaged proceedings document is available, or you can view and save speaker biographies, an attendee list, session abstracts, and scientific posters. In addition, you will find the presentation materials and related abstracts provided by the speakers. A press release and a full written report about highlights of the symposium are also available online.

### **In Summary**

ACC&D is committed to continue being a catalyst for change that moves us forward, and to advancing partnerships that create synergy and identify common ground for the good of the cause. Please make good use of the resources here and join us in moving this work ahead.

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