



## DRAFT PROGRAMME – as at 27 February 2025

*Please note: Titles, speakers, and timings are subject to change.  
Room allocations and finalised timeslots will be confirmed in the coming weeks.*

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**15:00** – Pre-Conference Tour – **TECHNIK Veterinary Site** (Short drive from the venue)

**19:30** – Pre-Conference Social – **Telford International Centre**

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025

09:00 – 09:45	<b>Registration</b>
09:45 – 10:10	<b>Opening Address</b>
10:10 – 10:50	<b>Service Dogs UK &amp; Dogs Trust Partnership</b>
10:50 – 11:10	<b>Break - visit our sponsors and exhibitors</b>
11:20 – 12:10	<b>Regional Catch-Ups</b>
12:20 – 13:00	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> , choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ownership disputes - Trevor Cooper</i></li> <li>• <i>The impact of veterinary medicines on the environment - TBC</i></li> <li>• <i>Balanced cat population work - Cats Protection</i></li> <li>• <i>Fundraising on a budget - Leicester Animal Aid</i></li> </ul>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch &amp; Networking</b> – visit our sponsors and exhibitors
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Small Animals Workshop - Woodgreen</b>
14:00 – 14:40	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> , choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How to achieve good biosecurity on site - RSPCA &amp; Byotrol</i></li> <li>• <i>Non-traditional homing (interactive workshop) - Cats Protection</i></li> <li>• <i>Opening your first charity shop - Woodlands Animal Sanctuary</i></li> <li>• <i>Other - TBC</i></li> </ul>
14:50 – 15:30	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> , choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Euthanasia discussion - Dogs Trust</i></li> <li>• <i>Euthanasia discussion - International Cat Care</i></li> <li>• <i>Setting up an education programme for small-medium charities - Raystede</i></li> <li>• <i>Other - TBC</i></li> </ul>
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Break - visit our sponsors and exhibitors</b>
16:10 – 16:50	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> , choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>XL Bullies, how we dealt with challenges - Dogs Trust, RSPCA, Trevor Cooper</i></li> <li>• <i>Managing displacement behaviour in cats - TBC</i></li> <li>• <i>Fundraisers forum</i></li> <li>• <i>Other - TBC</i></li> </ul>
17:00 – 17:10	<b>Closing Remarks</b>

### Evening Programme

19:00 – 19:30	<b>Petplan Drinks Reception</b>
19:30 – 00:00	<b>Petplan and ADCH Animal Charity Awards</b> (delegates, finalists and invited sponsors only)



Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	
09:00 – 09:30	<b>Registration</b>
09:30 – 09:40	<b>Opening Address</b>
09:40 – 10:20	<b>Saying No - Relinquishment and Adoption, Blue Cross</b>
10:30 – 11:10	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> , choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Setting up fosterers for success - <b>Cats Protection</b></i></li> <li>• <i>Street dogs are not strays: rethinking community welfare for dogs &amp; cats in Sri Lanka - <b>Dogstar</b></i></li> <li>• <i>Corporate Fundraising - <b>Blue Cross</b></i></li> <li>• <i>Other - <b>TBC</b></i></li> </ul>
11:10 – 11:40	<b>Break - visit our sponsors and exhibitors</b>
11:50 – 12:30	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> , choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Importance of good governance: how to achieve it in a small organisation - <b>Peter Hepburn</b></i></li> <li>• <i>Therapaws - <b>Mayhew</b></i></li> <li>• <i>Order of service - <b>RSPCA Manchester &amp; Salford Branch</b></i></li> <li>• <i>Top tips for grant fundraising (workshop) - <b>TBC</b></i></li> </ul>
12:40 – 13:20	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> , choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dog behavioural session - <b>Tom Candy</b></i></li> <li>• <i>Extreme traits/pure cat welfare - <b>Cats Protection</b></i></li> <li>• <i>Creating effective partnerships for a community approach - <b>RSPCA</b></i></li> <li>• <i>Session title TBC - <b>Royal Canin</b></i></li> </ul>
13:30 – 13:50	<b>Closing Remarks</b>
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Lunch, Networking &amp; Prize draws</b> – last chance to <i>visit our sponsors and exhibitors</i>
15:30	<b>Close</b>