



## DRAFT PROGRAMME – as at 04 April 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

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| 09:00 – 09:45 | <b>Registration</b>   |
| 09:45 – 10:10 | <b>Opening Address</b>  |
| 10:10 – 10:50 | Working together to change lives, two at a time! - <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 issues for rescues – Cooper &amp; Co Solicitors</i></li> <li>• <i>The impact of veterinary medicines on the environment - Dr Andrew Prentis</i></li> <li>• <i>Setting up fosterers for success - 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 | No space for rabbits? – Understanding public perception of pet rabbit ownership and accommodation requirements - <b>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>Dogs, people and society have changed: understanding the challenges in the animal welfare sector - Dogs Trust</i></li> <li>• <i>End of life decision making - an integral part of your welfare toolkit for cats - International Cat Care</i></li> <li>• <i>Opening your first charity shop - Woodlands Animal Sanctuary</i></li> </ul>  |
| 14:50 – 15:30 | <b>Breakout Sessions</b> , choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Canine health and welfare research - what gets studied, what should change? – Alison Skipper</i></li> <li>• <i>Homes beyond houses: Redefining the perfect home – Cats Protection</i></li> <li>• <i>Creating and Understanding Effective Partnerships - RSPCA</i></li> <li>• <i>Pets and wellbeing; Exploring the science of human-animal interactions – Mars Petcare</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>Effective Advocacy for Rescues – ADCH Legislative Committee</i></li> <li>• <i>American XL Bullies: Managing Typing, Exemptions, and the Next Generation - Dogs Trust, RSPCA, Cooper &amp; Co Solicitors</i></li> <li>• <i>Managing displacement behaviour in cats - Battersea</i></li> <li>• <i>Promoting better lives for pets – Unleashing the power of your teams to improve the welfare of pets in society - Woodgreen</i></li> <li>• <i>Fundraisers forum – Newcastle Dog &amp; Cat Shelter &amp; RSPCA Cotswolds</i></li> </ul> |
| 17:00 – 17:10 | <b>Closing Remarks</b>  |

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

### Evening Programme

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

## Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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| 09:00 – 09:30 | <b>Registration</b>   |
| 09:30 – 09:40 | <b>Opening Address</b>  |
| 09:40 – 10:20 | Embracing 'No': Helping More Pets and Supporting Our Teams - <b>Blue Cross</b>  |
| 10:30 – 11:10 | <b>Breakout Sessions</b> , choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Building a Successful Education Programme for Small-Medium Charities (Without Breaking the Bank!) - <b>Raystede</b></i></li><li>• <i>Home Already: Rethinking Street Dog Welfare in Sri Lanka's Communities - <b>Dogstar</b></i></li><li>• <i>Be part of the journey: What is a balanced cat population in the UK? What are we striving for? – <b>Cats Protection</b></i></li><li>• <i>Unlocking the Power of Corporate Partnerships in Animal Welfare – <b>Blue Cross</b></i></li></ul> |
| 10:30 – 11:40 | <b>ADCH Assessor Workshop – ADCH</b> ( <i>invite only</i> )   |
| 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>Community Work at Mayhew - <b>Mayhew</b></i></li><li>• <i>Are Cats Going to the Dogs? The impact of cats being bred with extreme characteristics – <b>Cats Protection</b></i></li><li>• <i>Ten Top Tips for Successful Grants Fundraising – <b>Battersea</b></i></li><li>• <i>Nutrition as the 5th Vital Sign - Considerations in a Rescue Environment – <b>Royal Canin</b></i></li></ul>  |
| 12:40 – 13:20 | <b>Breakout Sessions</b> , choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Can managing a small charity be fun - Tips on good governance for Trustees of small charities – <b>Peter Hepburn</b></i></li><li>• <i>Emotions in Motion – <b>Tom Candy</b></i></li><li>• <i>Order of Service - Biosecurity on a Budget – <b>RSPCA Manchester &amp; Salford</b></i></li><li>• <i>From crisis to care: strengthening communities to prevent relinquishment and improve welfare - <b>Woodgreen</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>  |