

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

2018 Cannabis in Veterinary Medicine Symposium

Wheat Ridge, CO, Sept. 19 -- Leading veterinary professionals and cannabis industry experts will gather Oct. 6-7 for the 2nd Annual Cannabis in Veterinary Medicine Symposium to discuss one of hottest topics in veterinary medicine today.

Growing impatient with regulations and traditional medicine, some pet owners have begun to explore medical marijuana for their pets, commonly without guidance from a veterinarian. This has prompted vets and veterinary policy makers to define a position on veterinary cannabis that enables vets to provide education to their clients, while adhering to federal law that still classifies marijuana as a Schedule I controlled substance.

Leading the way in groundbreaking veterinary cannabis education is Dr. Casara Andre, founder of Veterinary Cannabis, Education and Consulting in Wheat Ridge. Andre is busy making final preparations for the symposium, which will take place on the CU Denver South campus in Lone Tree.

"CVMS 2018 is our second year of bringing together subject matter experts and practitioners to share ideas, challenge existing paradigms, and hopefully, push

both the veterinary and cannabis communities toward a brighter and more collaborative future," Andre said.

"We believe that scientific curiosity can and will open unexpected, exciting and hugely beneficial avenues in both industries."

CVMS 2018 recently earned RACE certification (a program of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards), to provide continuing education credits for veterinary professionals.

"We strive to ensure that the use of cannabis in veterinary medicine is examined with the scientific rigor and scrutiny to protect the health and well-being of the animals, pet parents and practitioners involved," Andre said.

A part of Andre's veterinary cannabis education program is designed to fill an existing information gap between vets and their clients: Veterinary Cannabis Guides are trained in the science, legal and product knowledge to help pet parents decide if a cannabis product is the best treatment option for their pet.

In her holistic veterinary practice, Dr. Andre incorporates animal acupuncture and therapeutic animal massage, which is helpful in the treatment of canine sports injuries. While in veterinary school, Dr. Andre commissioned as an Army Veterinary Corps officer, providing services to military working dogs, civilian and government tracking dogs, and later, search and rescue dogs in Colorado.

In 2015, Andre provided veterinary support for the Iditarod, serving as a trail veterinarian. Andre says she has a special love for any "dog with a job."

"Working dogs present a unique challenge to the veterinary practitioner, with the need to provide exceptional care without interrupting the dog's ability to accomplish its mission," she said.

For event information: [Cannabis in Veterinary Medicine Symposium](#).

Dr. Andre's holistic veterinary practice and mission to provide education was recently featured in this 420TV documentary profile: [Medical Marijuana Miracles](#).

Contact: Casara Andre, DVM, cVMA

Phone: 720-456-6599

E-Mail: info@veterinarycannabis.org; maryjrussell@gmail.com