

CENTER FOR ANIMAL WELFARE SCIENCE

# CAWS MONTHLY UPDATE

APRIL 2022

### Annual CAWS Symposium

The date for the annual CAWS Symposium is set for September 29-30, 2022. Please save the date. It is not too late to join the planning committee. Let us know if you have suggestions for speakers. We are excited to partner with the Center for Food and Agricultural Business to make this event possible in Fall 2022.

### 2022-23 CAWS Seminar Series

We are looking for volunteers to serve on a planning committee to identify topics and speakers for the coming academic year. Please let us know if you're willing to serve. Email [caws@purdue.edu](mailto:caws@purdue.edu) to participate in series speaker selection.

### Micro-Course Recap

The first ever [Consumer Corner](#) inspired Micro-Course took place last week with "Consumer-Driven Changes in Ag Market Channels" featuring a collaboration between the [Center for Animal Welfare Science](#) and the [Center for Food and Agricultural Business](#). ([More details available](#))

[here](#).) Drs. Croney and Widmar delved into the social, economic, and ethical questions which have challenged livestock industries in recent years and asked participants to consider the role of science in decision-making in food and agricultural markets today. Dr. Croney conducted an interview with Malcolm DeKryger, President of Belstra Milling Co and member of Purdue University Board of Trustees, to learn about his approach to leadership in livestock industries as they face difficult social and political issues. To cap off the course, Dr. Carson Reeling walked participants through the current state of carbon markets and challenged us to consider the role of science in the development and functioning of those emerging markets.

### Did you miss the Spring CAWS Seminar?

Dr. Luiz Brito, assistant professor of quantitative genetics and genomics in the Department of Animal Sciences presented, "*Improving Livestock Welfare through the integration of genomics and complementary data sources*" on March 29, 2022. View online at: <https://youtu.be/vHgwQRnM8xo>

**SAVE THE DATES**

**CANINE WELFARE SCIENCE FORUM**  
**JUNE 24-25, 2022**

**VIRTUAL SHELL EGG ACADEMY**  
**AUGUST 15-19, 2022**

**2022 VIRTUAL CAWS SYMPOSIUM**  
**SEPTEMBER 29-30, 2022**

**Canine Welfare Science Forum will be 2 days this year!**





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**PURDUE CANINE CARE CERTIFICATION**

# *CHANGING HEARTS & MINDS ABOUT WHAT WE OWE TO DOGS*

*by Nancy Alexander*

The Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine has achieved a milestone in animal welfare by approving its first 100 Canine Care Certified (CCC) dog breeders. Purdue's CCC program, which sets rigorous science-based and expert-reviewed requirements for breeders, is positioned to become the gold standard for canine welfare assurance.

As demand grows for dogs and puppies, consumers may inadvertently seek a new pet from an irresponsible source without seeing the dog, meeting the breeder, or knowing what questions to ask or how to evaluate the answers. The CCC program offers an evidence-based solution for breeders and pet owners alike.

"This program does the ethical and scientific homework for the customer," said Dr. Candace Croney, professor of animal behavior and well-being and director of the Center for Animal Welfare Science in the colleges of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine at Purdue. "It allows people to make an informed choice about a breeder's commitment to animal welfare when they are trying to bring a healthy, happy dog into their home, and

it helps identify and support good breeders, rather than puppy mills that disregard animal welfare entirely."

CCC standards for adult dogs and puppies exceed current regulations and ensure breeders are attending to their dogs' physical, genetic and behavioral health. The standards fall into five pillars of care for nutrition, veterinary care, housing, handling, and exercise.

"What we've created here — along with a third-party auditing scheme which is widely recognized as best practice in animal assurance — is precedent-setting for the U.S. and global pet industries and pet families, and should be a huge point of pride for Purdue and the state of Indiana," Dr. Croney said. She created the initial standards of care in 2013 based on existing and ongoing research. Dr. Croney further developed them in collaboration with leaders in academic and practicing animal science and veterinary medicine who have expertise in diverse canine welfare sciences.

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