

CITY CHICKEN CARE CLASS

Sunday, September 27, 2009, 12-4 pm

Location:

**Animal Humane Society / Golden Valley
845 Meadow Ln N, Minneapolis, MN 55422**

Preregistration required- chickenrunrescue@comcast.net

Tour of Chicken Run Rescue 4-5 pm

\$20 Donation requested for tour.

ABSTRACT

Learn about chickens for the fascinating and engaging creatures that they are in their own right. Introduction to the basics of living with chickens with an emphasis on the practicalities of costs and commitment required and the emotional bond that develops between humans and chicken companions. This workshop will furnish information about providing an enriched environment to meet their instinctive interests, needs, and activities and relevant state and local laws that protect them and their predators. Presentations by local experts on chicken history and behavior, vet care and zoonoses, animal law, shelter design specific to Minnesota climate, non-lethal predator protection and landscaping for forage. Appropriate for those who currently care for chickens or are considering doing so, animal control professionals, shelter staff and veterinary technicians. CE credits MVMA approved for veterinary technicians, other CE credits pending.

BACKGROUND

This will be a first of its kind course on companion chicken care presented by Chicken Run Rescue (CRR), the only urban chicken rescue and adoption organization of its kind. CRR has worked with Minneapolis Animal Care and Control (MACC) since 2001 and with the Animal Humane Society's 5 Metro Area shelters since 2007. After their release from impound, Chicken Run has provided over 600 birds with temporary shelter and vet care, located and screened adopters within 90 miles of the Twin Cities and transported the birds to their new homes.

There is a demand for the class. Currently available classes and reference materials on chicken care focus on using chickens for breeding, showing, egg production and slaughter; however, CRR has over 550 local subscribers to its "CRR Adoption Chronicles" whose primary interest is caring for companion chickens.

CRR is a member of the Minneapolis Chicken Working Group Task Force gathering information for the Minneapolis Animal Care and Control. Poultry permit applications in Minneapolis / St. Paul have quadrupled in recent years and the City of Minneapolis is revising its chicken permit policies and is considering an education requirement for applicants and staff training opportunities. The course could offer valuable training for ACO's, shelter staff/techs and vet clinics. Approved for Continuing Education credits for veterinary technicians by the MVMA.

CITY CHICKEN CARE CLASS AGENDA

FACILITIES

Presented by David Sullenberger, Consulting Poultry Biologist

History & natural behavior

Enclosures: Construction & Materials, Size & number of animals per enclosure, Substrate, Furnishings, Access to shelter, shade, bathing, privacy, Animal safety & security, Security from vandalism or theft

Sanitation: Maintenance & cleaning of enclosures and substrates, Control of invasive, non-resident species

Climate: Heating/cooling, Ventilation, Natural/artificial light

Environmental:, Feeding & foraging, Natural/artificial elements,

FOOD:

Presented by Rachael Joseph, B.Sc. Animal Science and Nutrition, M.S.N Program

Nutritional & fluid requirements, Quality & variety, Communal feeding/drinking & monitoring of individual intake, Food safety & hygiene

CARE & ENRICHMENT

Presented by Mary Britton Clouse, Chicken Run Rescue

General: Effort and commitment required, Permit requirements, Costs, Benefits of adoption, Consequences of breeding or purchasing, Adoption agreements, Finding new homes responsibly, Number of birds, Handling & restraint, Transportation

Social: Pairs, Social grouping, Communal activities, Habitat/enclosure provisions.

Therapeutic: Treatment plan for recovery from illness or injury, treatment plan for abnormal behaviors

ANIMAL LAW

Presented by Amy Draeger, Esq.

Federal , state and local animal laws and enforcement agencies.

NON-LETHAL PREDATOR CONTROL

Presenter Connie LaFond, Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator

Predator control, wildlife rules and regulations

Break

Refreshments courtesy of **Linden Hills Co-Op**

GARDENING FOR CHICKENS

Presented by Brenda Brown, Green Earth Holistic Gardens

Backyard selection and planting strategies for attractive native, non-toxic vegetation for social enrichment and nutrition

VETERINARY MEDICAL CARE- GENERAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Presented by Cynthia Fetzer, DVM, Camden Pet Hospital

General: Veterinary specialty & availability, Critical/emergency first aid, Necropsy

Health & Wellness: Diet & exercise, Preventative medicine & prophylaxis including exams, grooming, testing, vaccination, treatment

BIOSECURITY & ZONOSSES

Presented by Nicole Wallace, Wildlife Veterinary Technician

Quarantine & Isolation: New Arrivals, Testing, Treatment, Introduction/Quarantine

Biosecurity & Zoonoses: Types of infectious/zoonotic diseases of Chickens and other birds, Vectors & transmission, Prevention

CHICKEN RUN RESCUE TOUR

CHICKEN CLASS PRESENTERS:

Mary Britton Clouse

Mary Britton Clouse and Albert Clouse founded Chicken Run Rescue (CRR) the only urban chicken rescue of its kind. CRR has worked with Minneapolis Animal Control (MAC) and 5 Metro Area humane societies since 2001 fostering and placing birds who are victims of neglect, abuse and abandonment, sometimes used as a source of eggs or intended for slaughter, fighting or ritual sacrifice. Some are the discarded outcome of "nature lessons" for children or after a hobby that no longer holds interest. CRR provides the birds with temporary shelter and vet care, locates and screens adopters within 90 miles of the Twin Cities and transports the birds to their new homes. She is a member of the Minneapolis Animal Control Chicken Working Group advising on revisions of the poultry care and permit policy. She is a past President of the Animal Rights Coalition, Co-Founder of Legislative Efforts for Animal Protection, the Minnesota Spay Neuter Project and Justice for Animals Arts Guild.

<http://www.brittonclouse.com/chickenrunrescue/>

Brenda Brown

Brenda Brown and her husband Zack own a small landscaping business called Green Earth Holistic Gardens. Their mission is to provide a full range of earth-friendly landscaping services that minimize the impact on the land and your wallet, focus on the use of hand tools over machines, and leave your yard a healthier, better functioning ecosystem that can be enjoyed by both people and animals. Brenda is a student in an ICP program which is an inter college program combining Environmental Sciences, Sustainability and Anthropology at the at the University of Minnesota, and volunteers at Chicken Run Rescue through the U of M Service Learning Program. She researched and developed the chicken safe forage plantings in the Chicken Run Rescue garden.

<http://www.greenearthlandscapedesign.com/>

Amy Draeger, Esq.

Amy Draeger graduated from Hamline University School of Law in 2006. Amy is currently a council member of the Minnesota State Bar Association's Animal Law Section. She is president of End Pound Seizure Minnesota, a nonprofit dedicated to eliminating the practice of pound seizure in Minnesota and chair of the Safe Housing for Animals Committee of the Link Coalition of Minnesota, an organization dedicated to bringing an end to human/animal violence, particularly as it relates to domestic violence. She is a board member of Dog Grounds, a nonprofit that builds, administers, and maintains off-leash play areas for dogs in downtown Minneapolis. She is also a member of the Minneapolis Animal Care and Control Advisory Board. In 2007, she helped the city of Minneapolis rewrite its dangerous animal ordinance. She has also prosecuted the appeal of two dangerous animal (dog) declarations at the Minnesota Court of Appeals. She works as a law clerk in the Fourth Judicial District.

Cynthia Fetzer, DVM

Owner of Camden Pet Hospital since 1994, Dr. Fetzer graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1988. She completed her surgical / medical internship at South Shore Veterinary Associates in Boston, worked in emergency medicine and served as president of the Board of Directors for the Affiliated Veterinary Emergency Service. In addition to dogs and cats, Dr Fetzer is experienced with rabbits,

ferrets, rodents and other critters.

Cynthia shares her home with 13 chickens adopted from Chicken Run Rescue.

<http://www.camdenpet.com>

Rachael Joseph

Rachael Joseph graduated from the University of MN with a degree in Animal Science and Nutrition (minor in Genetics) in 2003. She was an emergency veterinary technician (small animal) for fifteen years. She has worked with vets who have treated chickens medically for about a decade. She is currently employed at Abbott Northwestern ER and is working on her Masters in Nursing (emergency and critical care). She has 4 dogs, 2 cats, 1 amazon parrot and 3 Faverolle hens.

Connie LaFond, Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator

Connie LaFond has been a licensed wildlife rehabilitator for almost 25 years specializing in mammals primarily red and grey fox. Connie in real life is a CPA and she and her husband live on a 45 acre farm in Independence, Minnesota. Their current animal family consists of horses, dogs, cats, orphan and injured foxes, and many wild animals living nearby. Connie has had pet chickens and has a sister with chickens, including 7 adopted from Chicken Run Rescue.

David Sullenberger, Author, Lecturer, Consulting Poultry Biologist

(a.k.a. ProfessorChicken)

In 1986, while teaching at the New Mexico State University Department of Biology, David and Maggie Kinsey founded the TimeWarrior Farm Rare Breed Conservation Reserve located in Anthony, New Mexico. An active Conservation Biologist, lifelong poultryman and active American Livestock Breeds Conservancy member, David established and maintained breeding flocks of rare poultry and shared their progeny with other poultry producers and conservators across the United States including a small flock at BioSphere II.

In addition to being a conservation facility, TimeWarrior Farm served as a Research Lab for investigating small scale, free range, production questions and techniques generally not addressed by the cage industry, USDA, or modern university ag. courses and textbooks. These investigations have been published in a series of non-technical "white papers" under the general title: *The TimeWarrior Farm Chronicles* and as articles in various popular press venues such as *CountrySide* and *Small Stock Journal*. David also served as Scientific and Technical Consultant to the Beneficial Farm Egg Improvement Project in Santa Fe. David continues to consult to small producers in New Mexico and across the United States and is a faculty member at EcoVersity in Santa Fe teaching various chicken and domestic poultry workshops.

He is Author/Publisher of many resources including *The TimeWarrior Farm Chronicles; Poultry Housing Considerations for Small Scale Producers; Let's Talk About Calcium in Chicken Rations!; Lighting for Winter Egg Production; EcoVersity Workshop: BackYard and Small Producer Chicken Workshop, Handout Package*. He is also a frequent contributor to Yardpoultry@yahoogroups.com, Pasturepoultry@yahoogroups.com, and Chicken-feed@yahoogroups.com

<http://www.professorchicken.com/>

Nicole Wallace, Wildlife Veterinary Technician

Nicole Wallace has been active in the animal community for over ten years. Her passion for helping give back to animals was nurtured in her teens as she volunteered to walk dogs at her local animal shelter. There she saw the great need for individuals to take action and support the homeless animals in their community. While working on her Bachelors of Science Degree in Ecology at Minnesota State University, Mankato, she continued to support her local animal humane society and volunteer at the local vet clinic. As part of her Ecology program work, she spent a semester abroad in Australia which allowed her to pursue her love for conservation through education as a volunteer at the Australia Zoo. She found a perfect fit when she was introduced to the world of wildlife rehabilitation, through unique cooperation between the Wildlife Rehabilitation & Release (WRR) and Animal Humane Society (AHS), first as a wildlife exam volunteer and now is employed there as a wildlife vet technician. She remains active in wildlife education and has given many public presentations. Through AHS's cooperation with Chicken Run Rescue, she gained experience with chickens and other domestic fowl. Nicole serves as a member of the board of directors for WRR, as a proud foster parent for AHS and Rescued Pets Are Wonderful, and as a Minnesota Zoo volunteer.