Speaker: Josh Frank  Topic: Killing Our Companions

I. Introduction: Other animals suffer greater exploitation—so why are companion animals issues so important?

A. They are a part of our family and our largest point of contact with the animal world
B. What they give us: health/Emotional benefits to people
C. It is one of the “first fronts”—we won’t protect the animals we don’t interact with until we finally protect those close to us

II. Overpopulation: a solvable problem

A. Where we are today
B. The solutions—a three channel approach
   i. Reduce birth rate
   ii. Increase adoptions
   iii. Reduce abandonment
C. Why we don’t do these already
   i. Attitudes on spay/neuter
   ii. Attitudes on adoption vs. purchase
   iii. Attitudes on abandonment

III. Overcoming the two big obstacles

A. Money/resources
   i. The cost of eliminating euthanasia
   ii. What are people willing to pay?
B. Ignorance
   i. What people still don’t seem to get
   ii. How to educate/inform the public

IV. Conclusion: Our duty to our companions—what they give us and what we owe them