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**Animals already get it.
We teach people.**

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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