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As long-time supporters know, there are more than 10 years of history behind ASI, but October 16, 2017 is when the IRS recognized our work under the name Animals & Society Institute. Ken Shapiro founded Psychologists for the Ethical Treatment of Animals in 1983, starting this journey. To put this in perspective, 1983 was the year that the internet officially began and the first mobile phones were publicly available.

We can't imagine living without those things now, and ASI's work is just as important to the future of human-animal relationships and the creation of safer and more compassionate communities.

You can read more about Ken below and see an [ASI timeline on our website](#). Also, we'll be counting down 10 years in 10 days on social media, so you can get a highlight each day by following us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Thanks for your support - we look forward to the next decade with you!

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10 years of
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HAP Corner



Lisa Lunghofer, ASI's Director of Human-Animal Programs, has been invited to present two workshops at the [36th Annual Michigan Statewide Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect: Prevention, Assessment & Treatment](#) being held October 23-24, 2017, at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, Michigan. On October 23 Dr. Lunghofer will present "Animal Abuse and Children: What All Professionals

Need to Know," exploring the dynamics of animal abuse and its relevance to the work of professionals in a range of disciplines. The session will include discussion of research on the relationship between animal abuse and other types of antisocial behavior, state legislation, and ways in which human services and animal welfare professionals can better work

together to address childhood animal abuse. Dr. Lunghofer will also present "Animal Abuse and Children: Tools You Can Use," which will explore why it is important to take childhood animal abuse seriously and its relationship to other risk factors, including maltreatment. Participants will learn about animal abuse as an early marker for conduct disorder, research that suggests animal abuse may be related to other adverse childhood experiences, and trauma-focused strategies for intervening with children who have engaged in or witnessed animal abuse.

HAS Corner

We are so pleased to announce the winners of the 2017 Undergraduate Paper Prize in Human-Animal Studies. Jade Ford is ASI's Winner for her paper, *Man's Best Friend ... and Sometimes Target: How Negative Interpersonal Relations are Related to Animal Abuse Proclivity*. Honorable mentions go to Chris Sangster for his paper, *A Purr-fect Alternative to Pet Ownership? Examining the Ethical Implications of the Growing Trend of Cat Cafés*, and Jennifer Jovinelli, for her paper, *Predicting the Personality and Behavior of Dogs in their New Adoptive Homes*. [Click here](#) to learn more about our winners and their work.



Founder Spotlight

ASI's 10th anniversary would not have been possible without the help of dozens of current and former staff, board and committee members, contractors, volunteers, scholars, donors, etc., but one person has been with us on this journey every day since 1983 and has worked incredibly hard to keep this organization going for so many years.



Dr. Kenneth Shapiro is currently President of the Animals & Society Institute's [Board of Directors](#); he served as ASI's first Executive Director from 2007 to 2013 when he "retired" and matriculated to the board. Ken co-founded ASI with Kim Stallwood by merging the Society and Animals Forum (successor to Psychologists for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PSYETA)), founded by Ken, with

the Institute for Animals and Society (successor to the Animal Rights Network), founded by Kim.

Today, ASI honors its origins by improving and expanding knowledge about human-animal relationships, developing knowledge in the field of Human-Animal Studies, and supporting practices to address the relationship between animal cruelty and other violence.

Ken is the founding editor of the Brill Human-Animal Book Series, the ASI Policy Papers, and *Society and Animals: Journal of Human-Animal Studies*; he is the founding co-editor of the *Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science*.

Ken is one of the developers of AniCare and AniCare Child, the only psychological treatment models for animal abusers. He co-wrote two

books, *The identification, assessment and treatment of adults who abuse animals: The AniCare approach*, and *The assessment and treatment of children who abuse animals: The AniCare Child approach*. Ken trains therapists throughout the country on the use of these models.

Ken has also written numerous book chapters, journal articles, and book reviews. He has held several teaching positions and has extensive experience in clinical psychology. ASI benefits tremendously from Ken's experience, enthusiasm, and history with this organization. Thanks, Ken!

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