

HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM WORKSHOP

Welcome Erie County veterinarians, vet techs, emergency vets, animal shelter managers and representatives, volunteers, and pet owners.

Location: Tom Ridge Environmental Center

301 Peninsula Drive, Erie, PA 16505
Room 112

Date: August 24th, 2019

Time: 9am – 12:30pm

Facilitator: Regional Science Consortium

Agenda Items

- 9:00 – 9:10** Welcome, Introductions
- 9:10 – 9:40** **Introduction to Harmful Algal Blooms**
Amber Stilwell, M.S.
Laboratory Manager, Regional Science Consortium
In this session we will define harmful algal blooms, discuss the science behind their increasing appearance in Erie County, and cover the basics of the RSC's monitoring efforts.
- 9:40 – 11:00** **Dogs and Harmful Algal Blooms**
Val Beasley, DVM, PhD
Professor of Veterinary, Wildlife, and Ecological Toxicity
College of Agricultural Sciences, The Penn State University
The curious ways that dogs are exposed (it's not just drinking the water), critical time factors, impacts, diagnostic tools, general detoxification and specific therapies.
- 11:00 – 12:00** Breakout Sessions (break into two groups, switch after 30 min)
Session A: 30 minutes; sharing experiences with HAB-related illnesses during practice, defining needs of local veterinarians
Session B: 30 minutes; overview of RSC's pilot project for analyses of potential HAB-related illnesses in Erie County canines.
- 12:00 – 12:30** Lunch (provided)

Please RSVP!

Please contact Amber Stilwell to RSVP for the workshop by August 16th, 2019. She can be reached by email at amber@regsciconsort.com.

This workshop is **free** of charge. Any and all Erie County veterinarians and animal shelter personnel are invited to attend. The attendance is limited to 50 people, so RSVP as soon as possible to hold your place!