

SEVENTH ANNUAL



# THE NATIONAL DOG SHOW THERAPY DOG SYMPOSIUM AT ROWAN UNIVERSITY

Chamberlain Student Center, Eynon Ballroom



**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025  
10AM - 4:30PM EST**

## Hosts

**Michele Pich, MA, MS, CAIS**

Shreiber Family Pet Therapy Program at Rowan University

**David Frei, BS**

The National Dog Show Presented by Purina on NBC

## 10am - Opening Remarks

## 10:30am - Keynote Speaker

**Steve Dale, CABC**

*"Therapy Dogs: Where the Heart Intersects with Science"*

## 12pm - 12:30pm - Lunch

## 12:30pm - Afternoon Presentations

12:30p-12:55p

**Aviva Vincent, PhD, LSW, CTRI/ESMHL, C-AAIS**

*"Planning with Purpose: Lessons from a University Therapy Dog Program"*

1:40p-2:05p

**Amy Binder, EdD, MA, MAT, LPC, CPDT-KA, UW-AAB, & Melissa Winkle, OTR/L, FAOTA, CPDT-KA, CHAIS**

*"Does My Dog REALLY enjoy the work? Maintaining Animal Welfare and Behavior in Animal Assisted Services"*

2:50p-3:20p

**Krista Vince Garland, PhD, LMHC-P & Michaela Nunez**

*"Project Paws: Persistence and Motivation in Literacy Learning for Students with Disabilities"*

1:05p-1:30p

**Kelly Lewis & Taylor Chastain Griffin, PhD**

*"Unlocking Potential: The Role of Therapy Dogs in Correctional Care"*

2:15p-2:40p

**Karen Armsey, BS & Heddie Leger, BSSW, CFFT, CHES, CPDT**

*"Heart to Heart Communication - The Unspoken Language"*

3:30p-3:55p

**Angela Gizzi, BA; Emi Parente, CAIS, & Shelly Fisher, RN**

*"Recognizing Sentience: Advancing Ethics and Justice in Animal-Assisted Services"*

## 4pm - 4:30p - Q&A / Closing

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