

## March 22- Code Enforcement

### Protecting Community Cats: Law and Policy Considerations

#### **SPEAKER:**

Richard Angelo is a legislative attorney for Best Friends Animal Society. Focusing on Best Friends' community cat initiatives, Richard promotes legislation that will humanely and directly reduce the killing of cats in shelters across the country. He was previously a sole practitioner with an office in Davison, Michigan, focusing on companion animal–related matters and litigation, including dangerous dog matters, alternatives to breed-specific legislation, ownership disputes about companion animals, and zoning and ordinance violations regarding companion animals.

He has been a member of the animal law section of the State Bar of Michigan and has served as a council member of that section since 2009. He is also a member of the National Animal Care and Control Association, the American Bar Association, the TIPS Animal Law Committee, and the newly formed international law section of the Animal Law Committee. In addition to his work for Best Friends, Richard volunteers at his local animal control shelter and several other animal welfare organizations in Michigan. Richard resides in Goodrich, Michigan, with his wife, three dogs and three cats.