

VETERINARY FORENSICS: The Role of Veterinarians in Addressing Animal Abuse

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12:15 - 1:30 p.m.

South Theater
NC State College of
Veterinary Medicine

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Dr. Merck has been studying and investigating animal cruelty cases since graduating with her veterinary degree from Michigan State University in 1988. In addition to conducting veterinary forensic examinations in Georgia, she helps train veterinary and law enforcement professionals on using veterinary medicine in investigating and prosecuting animal cruelty cases. Dr. Merck currently lives in Atlanta, Ga., with an assortment of dogs and cats, many rescued from cruelty cases.