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Dr. Slater obtained her DVM from Cornell University in 1986 and spent a year in small animal practice. She returned to Cornell to complete a PhD in epidemiology in 1990. Dr. Slater was on the faculty of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University from 1990 until 2008 when she joined the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Dr. Slater is internationally recognized for her work on the sources, problems and potential solutions for free-roaming cats and dogs. Dr. Slater currently provides epidemiological and statistical support for staff across the ASPCA. Her present projects range from community cat solutions to identifying the capacity of horse rescues to what services increase pet retention in underserved neighborhoods. She is on the International Advisory Council Science Advisory Board of the Alliance for Contraception in Cat and Dogs.

Dr. Slater has more than 115 peer-reviewed publications and 2 books. Her first book, Community Approaches to Feral Cats: Problems, Alternatives, and Recommendations, was published by the Humane Society Press in 2002. Her second book Veterinary Epidemiology: an Evidence-based Approach published in 2003 describes the process of using the veterinary literature to bring new science into veterinary practice. Her invited chapters on feral cats were published in John August's Consultations in Feline Internal Medicine in 2001 (4<sup>th</sup> ed) and 2009 (6<sup>th</sup> ed), The Welfare of Cats, in 2004 edited by Irene Rochlitz and The State of the Animals III, 2005 published by Humane Society Press. She has also co-authored a chapter on the behavioral ecology of free-roaming cats for the text Animal Behavior for Shelter Medicine and Staff (2015).