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17–19 September 2018
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Auckland

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THE CONFERENCE

Since 1995, the biennial Companion Animal Conference has welcomed hundreds of animal professionals, advocates, scientists and scholars from within New Zealand and around the world.

The New Zealand Companion Animal Council is pleased to warmly invite you to attend the **27th Companion Animal Conference**, to be held in Auckland, New Zealand from the 17–19 September 2018.

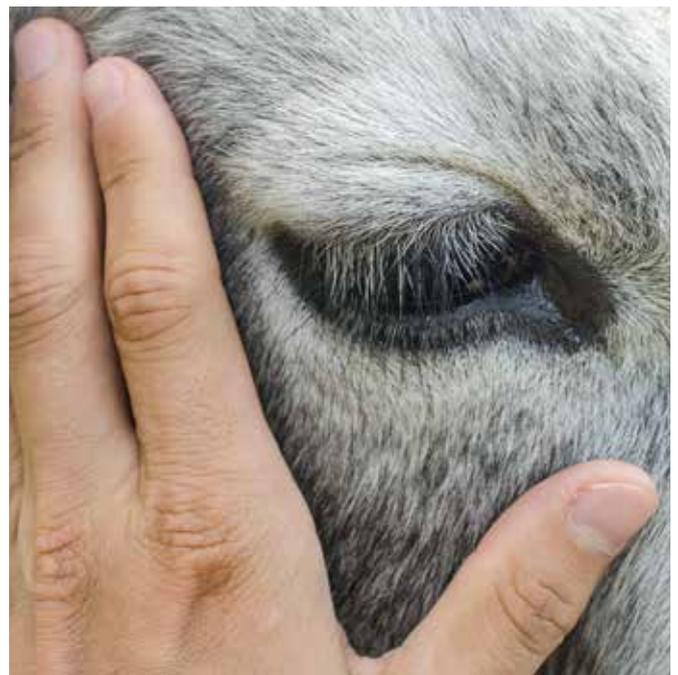
The theme of the 2018 conference is **'Human Behaviour Change for Animals'**.

Why? Because if we do not understand why humans do the things they do, and what drives them to change, we will never be effective at making the world a better place for animals. To change human behaviour we must understand the attitudes and beliefs that motivate human behaviour in relation to animals and provide solutions to develop more compassionate behaviour towards animals.

The New Zealand Companion Animal Council is honoured to be able to provide an opportunity to network, share experiences and learn from leading national and international experts in Animal Welfare and Human Behaviour Change at the 27th Companion Animal Conference as part of our on-going vision **to create a nation that values, respects and responsibly cares for companion animals.**



The 2018 Companion Animal Conference is delivered in partnership with SPCA New Zealand, Eastern Institute of Technology (EIT) and is supported by Human Behaviour Change for Animals (HBCA).



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Registration

Registration is now open. Pay by 30 June 2018 to benefit from the Early Bird rate.

As part of the conference registration, you will be asked to complete a short survey on significant animal welfare issues in New Zealand and abroad.

Full conference registration includes participation in all talks from 17–18 September, your personal conference kit as well as lunch and refreshments on both days.

Workshop

On the 3rd day an invite only morning workshop will be held.

Utilising the key principles of human behaviour change explored during the conference, this workshop will dissect the five animal welfare concerns and barriers to improvement most commonly identified by conference delegates.

You will be asked to express your interest in attending this workshop when you register.

Registration Fees

- Full Conference – \$250
(Early Bird Fee payment by 30 June 2018)
- Full Conference – \$290
(payment from 1 July 2018)
- Full Conference – *\$250
(Student or NZCAC Member)
- Conference dinner \$100

To register go to the following webpage:

www.nzcac.org.nz/conference

Abstracts

For the first time in over 25 years, the Companion Animal Conference will have a contestable abstract stream. Abstract submissions have now closed, and abstracts are currently under review by the NZCAC's Scientific Committee. We look forward to sharing these talk titles with you soon.

Conference Updates

Planning of an innovative programme is underway. The full conference programme, including abstracts, will be available on the conference website one week before the start of the conference. To receive email updates about the conference please email your contact details to info@nzcac.org.nz

Contact Us

Do you have questions or feedback regarding the conference? We would love to hear from you. Please connect with us in any way that is convenient.

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*You will need to upload a scan of your current student ID to be eligible for the student rate. NZCAC member organisations may receive a discount for up to 5 delegates. To become an NZCAC Member organisation: <http://www.nzcac.org.nz/nzcac/nzcac-membership/nzcac-membership-application>

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CONFERENCE THEME

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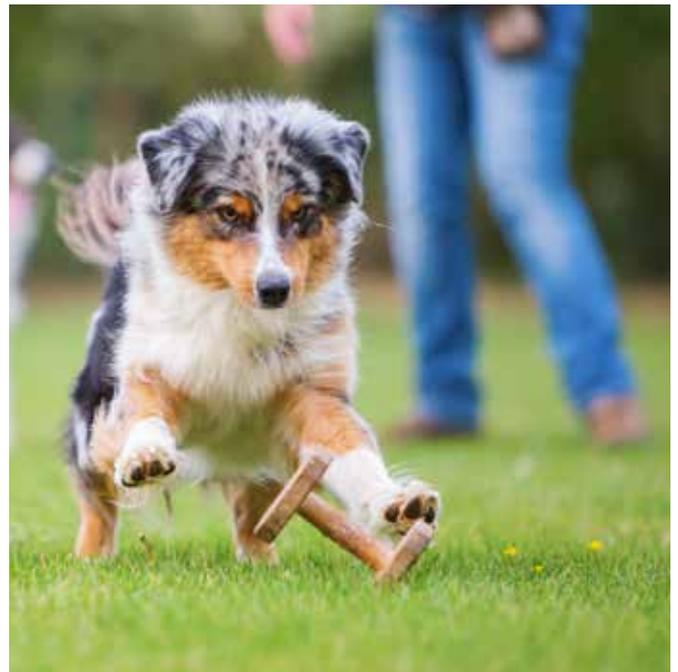
Most compromise to animal welfare arises as a result of humans doing, or not doing, something. The way that we treat animals, the products we buy and the entertainment we seek all impact on animal welfare. To meaningfully improve animal welfare, we must change the behaviour of humans.

To change human behaviour we must understand the attitudes and beliefs that motivate human behaviour in relation to animals and provide solutions to develop more compassionate behaviour towards animals.

Most people working with or for animals are trying to change the behaviour of people towards animals. The First International Conference on Human Behaviour Change for Animal Welfare (HBCAW) took place in the UK in September 2016.

The Companion Animal Conference 2018 will be the inaugural Australasian Conference exploring the Human Behaviour Change for Animals theme and will be an opportunity for us all to learn more about the key principles of human behaviour change and how to apply them for the improvement of animal welfare across all species: companion, production, research, native, non-native, pest, stray and unwanted.

The conference is supported by Human Behaviour Change for Animals (HBCA). For more information about what we mean by human behaviour change, read Suzanne Roger's (HBCA Founder) blog post: <http://www.hbcforanimals.com/hbca.html>



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PROGRAMME

The Companion Animal Conference provides an opportunity to network, share your experience and learn from leading national and international experts in Animal Welfare and Human Behaviour Change for Animals. Don't miss your chance to be inspired by fascinating talks in the vibrant and multicultural city of Auckland, New Zealand.

Keynote Speakers



Dr. Peter Thornber
Commonwealth Veterinary Association

Peter has qualifications in agriculture, veterinary science and teaching from Queensland. He has extensive work experience in public policy and emergency management, working for 23 years for the Australian Government.

He is an animal welfare specialist by examination and current President of the Welfare Chapter of the Australia New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists. He was on the OIE Animal Welfare Working Group that develops international animal welfare standards for the past 6 years and is an international animal welfare consultant. Peter is current President of the Commonwealth Veterinary Association of 54 countries.

Peter will deliver two talks at the NZCAC conference:

'The Impact of Government Policy on Human Attitudes and Behaviour – The Australian Animal Welfare Strategy experience' and 'Culture and Socioeconomics Impacting Human Behaviour – The current case of working horses and donkeys.'



Debbie Busby
Human Behaviour Change for Animals

Debbie Busby is a Clinical Animal Behaviourist, one of only four equine specialists registered with the UK's Animal Behaviour and Training Council, and is accredited by the International Association of Animal Behaviour Consultants as a Certified Horse Behaviourist. She works with referring vets on complex behaviour problems in horses and dogs, and provides expert witness services to UK courts. Debbie writes and presents webinars, seminars and workshops internationally on all aspects of behaviour, consulting and horse-human relationships. She holds a first class BSc (Hons) in Psychology and an MSc with distinction in Applied Animal Behaviour and Welfare. She is a full member of the Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors, graduate member of the British Psychological Society, and member of the British Veterinary Behaviour Association, Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour, Equine Behaviour and Training Association, UK Centre for Animal Law (A-Law) and UK Register of Expert Witnesses.

Debbie will deliver two talks at the NZCAC conference:

'Improving Animal Welfare: The human element' and 'The Human Element: Principles to practice.'



Dr Sara Dubois
BC SPCA

Sara is the Chief Scientific Officer at BC SPCA directing province-wide welfare science operations, education and advocacy projects. Her area of expertise is in wildlife welfare and human dimensions, but her role also aims to develop relationships with academia and advocate for animals used in science. She works on diverse

issues from wildlife rehabilitation and oil spill response, to captive wild animal management, exotic pets, urban wildlife conflict, and compassionate conservation and assists in wildlife cruelty investigations. Dr. Dubois, along with other passionate animal welfare colleagues, founded the national non-profit organization Animals in Science Policy Institute in 2015. As AiSPI Board President, she works to provide education on ethics and alternatives for animals used in teaching, testing and research in Canada.

Sara will deliver two talks at the NZCAC conference: 'AnimalKind Accredited: Defining humane in the animal-services marketplace' and 'Take your Values on Vacation: Animal welfare and tourism.'



Dr. Ngaio Beausoleil
Massey University

Ngaio is Associate Professor in Applied Ethology and Animal Welfare Science and Co-director of the Massey University Animal Welfare Science and Bioethics Centre. Her research employs behavioural and physiological methods to investigate various aspects of animal welfare in both domestic and wild animal species. Major research themes include: Systematic scientific evaluation of animal welfare; breathlessness in animals; humane methods of 'euthanasia'; developmental processes, recognition, modulation and alleviation of pain in farm animals; Humane vertebrate pest control; Welfare impacts associated with wildlife conservation activities.

Ngaio will deliver one talk at the NZCAC conference:

'The Role of Scientists in Human Behaviour Change for Animals: NZ case studies.'



Dr Lynette McLeod
University of New England

Lynette is a Postdoc Fellow at the University of New England. She is interested in environmental psychology, and her primary research area is applying human behaviour change approaches to improve current extension and adoption practices. She recently completed a PhD on human behaviour change and cat management. Current research projects include capacity building of wild dog coordinators so they can engage more effectively with their communities, working with RSPCA Australia and Qld to improve the adoption of cat containment practices, refining community engagement strategies for the Bruny Island cat management project, and improving the weed management outcomes of landowners who have small acreages across NSW. Lynette has over twenty five years of experience working in animal management with NSW DPI, Local Land Services and community groups. She shares her home with two cats and a chocolate labrador.

Lynette will deliver one talk at the NZCAC conference:

'Designing Effective Behaviour Change Interventions for Cat Management: A Practical Guide.'

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Monday 17 September	
8:30am–10:00am	Registration
10:00am–10:15am	Powhiri Welcome (NZCAC Chair – Barry Helem)
	Morning session theme: Human Behaviour Change – Making Animal Welfare Relevant
10:15am–11:00am	Debbie Busby – Improving animal welfare: the human element
11:00am–11:20am	Morning Tea
11:20am–12:20pm	Conference Presentations
12:20pm–1:05pm	Lynette McLeod – Designing Effective Behaviour Change Interventions for Cat Management: A Practical Guide
1:05pm–2:00pm	Lunch
	Afternoon session theme: Human Behaviour Change – Culture and Values
2:00pm–2:45pm	Peter Thornber – Culture and socioeconomics impacting human behaviour – the current case of working horses and donkeys
2:45pm–3:15pm	Conference presentations
3:15pm–3:45pm	Afternoon Tea and Poster Session
3:45pm–4:30pm	Sara Dubois – Take your values on vacation: Animal welfare & tourism
4:30pm–5:20pm	Panel Discussion and Q&A
5:20pm–5:30pm	Close of Day 1 – Dr Arnja Dale
6:30pm	Pre-Dinner Mingle @ Bar
7:00pm	Conference Dinner & Assisi Awards Pre-dinner Speaker: Prof Natalie Waran
Tuesday 18 September	
9:30am–9:40am	Day 2 welcome (NZCAC Vice Chair – Bill Kohi)
	Morning session theme: Human Behaviour Change – Improving Animal Welfare
9:45am–10:30am	Debbie Busby – The human element: principles to practice
10:30am–11:00am	Conference presentations
11:00am–11:20am	Morning Tea
11:20am–12:05pm	Ngaio Beausoleil – The role of scientists in human behaviour change for animals: NZ case studies
12:05pm–12:35pm	Conference presentations
12:35pm–1:20pm	Peter Thornber – The Impact of government policy on human attitudes and behaviour – The Australian Animal Welfare Strategy
1:20pm–2:15pm	Lunch
	Afternoon session theme: Human Behaviour Change – Veterinary and Shelter Services
2:15pm–3:00pm	Sara Dubois – AnimalKind Accredited: Defining humane in the animal-services marketplace
3:00pm–3:15pm	Conference presentations
3:15pm–3:30pm	Afternoon Tea
3:30pm–4:15pm	Conference presentations
4:15pm–4:30pm	Wrap up & conference close
Wednesday 19 September – Workshop	
9:00am–9:15am	Welcome to workshop session. Facilitators: Prof Natalie Waran; Dr Arnja Dale, Dr Jessica Walker
9:45am–10:30am	Workshop session: Meta-analysis on the Animal Welfare Concerns in New Zealand
10:30am–10:45am	Morning tea
10:45am–12:00pm	Workshop session continued: Meta-analysis on the Animal Welfare Concerns in New Zealand

Please note that development of the programme is in progress and the above draft is subject to change.



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CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

On Day 3 of the conference (19 September), a half-day workshop will be held for invited delegates identified as representing the animal welfare field. Utilising the key principles of human behaviour change explored during the conference, the workshop will analyse the five animal welfare issues and barriers to improvement most commonly identified by conference delegates. We will discuss the scientific and practical challenges of effecting human behavioural change in relation to these five animal welfare issues, with the aim of identifying actions that will enable potential solutions to the issues.

To enable this workshop to occur, we will ask all delegates to complete a short survey when registering for the conference and again during Day 2 of the conference. The results of these surveys will be shared with all delegates at the closing of the conference on Day 2. The results of both surveys will inform the discussion at the half-day workshop on Day 3.

When you register, please indicate whether you are interested in participating in the half-day workshop. Numbers are limited and will be by invitation only as we wish to ensure good representation from a range of animal welfare stakeholders.

SPONSORS

The New Zealand Companion Animal Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support of its sponsors at this event:



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LOCATION

The 2018 Companion Animal Conference will be held in Auckland, New Zealand.

Auckland is a beautiful city built around a stunning waterfront and harbour. With a population of around 1.5 million, it is New Zealand's largest city.

If you wish to experience more of Auckland (and beyond) during your visit, we suggest you visit the following websites:

Auckland: www.aucklandnz.com

New Zealand: www.newzealand.com

PARKING

Undercover parking is available in the Atrium Carpark, located at 130 Albert Street. This is adjacent to the conference venue, the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Elevators provide direct access to the Crowne Plaza Hotel lobby on Level 4.

For delegates staying at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, car parking rates are \$26 per car.

For delegates not staying at the Crowne Plaza Hotel but wishing to receive a car parking discount, 50% discount cards will be provided at the conference registration desk upon request, reducing the day parking rate from \$32 to \$16.

VENUE

The conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, a 4.5-star hotel located in the vibrant heart of Auckland City. The address of the venue is:

Crowne Plaza Hotel,
128 Albert Street,
Auckland.



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ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is available at the conference venue, the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Delegates can arrange their accommodation directly with the Crowne Plaza Hotel via the hotel's website: <https://auckland.crowneplaza.com/>.

There are many alternative accommodation options near the conference venue. Some options in different price ranges are listed below. Please click on the name of the accommodation provider to access their online booking page.

Hotels/Motels

Grand Millennium Auckland ★★★★★

- 400m from conference venue
- Superior room from \$215p/night

Ramada Suites Auckland ★★★

- 300m from conference venue
- King Single rooms from \$165 p/night

Best Western President Auckland ★★★

- 190m from conference venue
- Standard King Room from \$199p/night

Econolodge City Central ★★★

- 110m from conference venue
- Single bed rooms from \$169 p/night and double bed from \$209 p/night

Hostels/Backpackers

Attic Backpackers ★★★★★

- 120m from conference venue
- Dorms from \$33 p/night and single rooms from \$65 p/night

Nomads Auckland ★★★

- 800m from conference venue
- Dorm rooms from \$25p/night, twin rooms from \$79p/night, and single rooms from \$108p/night.

Choice Backpackers ★★★

- 300m from conference venue
- Dorm rooms from \$23p/night and single from \$65 p/night

Food

An abundance of eateries are located within a short walking distance from the conference venue, including vegetarian and vegan options and great coffee are never hard to find in Auckland. Some suggested cafes and restaurants near the conference venue are listed below.

Remedy Coffee

- European Breakfast/Lunch
- 230m from conference venue

Elliot Stables

- Range of different eateries Lunch/Dinner
- 220m from conference venue

Revive Cafe

- European, takeaway salads/hot meals Lunch/Dinner
- 350m conference venue

Food Truck Garage

- Fresh fast food European/Mexican Lunch/Dinner
- 400m from conference venue

Chuffed Coffee

- European Breakfast/Lunch
- 450m from conference venue

Hectors

- European well-known for vegan options Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner
- 450m from conference venue

Café Hanoi

- Vietnamese Lunch/Dinner
- 950m from conference venue

Misters

- Local, seasonal, organic food, mostly free of gluten, dairy and refined sugar. Breakfast/Lunch
- 350m from conference venue

Sunflower Café

- Vegetarian/vegan Thai food, casual dining. Lunch/Dinner
- 450m from conference venue

Green Time

- Vegan, casual dining. Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner
- 750m from conference venue



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REGISTRATION

To register for the 2018 Companion Animal Conference, please visit our conference website www.nzcac.org.nz/conference. If you experience any difficulties registering online, please complete the registration form, and scan and email it to info@nzcac.org.nz. If you do not have access to email, please post the completed form to: PO Box 4, Waiuku, 2341, Auckland, New Zealand. If you experience any difficulties please email info@nzcac.org.nz

Full Name:	<input type="text"/>	Please check the relevant box (*):
Title (if applicable):	<input type="text"/>	
Email address:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference – Early Bird Fee (payment by 30 June 2018) – \$250
Phone number:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference (payment from 1 st of July 2018) – \$290
Address:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference (Student or NZCAC Member) – \$250*
Organisation:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Conference dinner – \$100
Title/Role:	<input type="text"/>	*You will need to attach a scan of your current student ID to be eligible for the student rate. NZCAC Member organisations may receive member discount for up to 5 delegates.
NZCAC Member: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		Please indicate if you would be interested in attending the invite only, half day workshop, which will be held on 19 September 2018:
Have you attended an NZCAC conference previously: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
How did you hear about this conference?	<input type="text"/>	Do you have any dietary requirements? Please specify.
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

As part of your NZCAC Conference Registration, we appreciate your participation in this short survey.

In your opinion, what are the three most significant animal welfare issues in New Zealand?

Issue One:

Issue Two:

Issue Three:

In your opinion, what is the most significant animal welfare issue internationally?

Thank you for registering for the 2018 Companion Animal Conference – Human Behaviour Change for Animals. Once your online registration form has been received, you will be invoiced via email. If you register by post, you must include a cheque with the completed registration form.

