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HUMAN BEHAVIOUR CHANGE FOR ANIMALS



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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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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

Day One – Monday 17 September	
8:30am–10:00am	Registration
10:00am–10:15am	Powhiri (Te whānau o te Rauotoetoe – Papatoetoe High School) Welcome (NZCAC Chair – Barry Helem)
Morning Session – Theme: Human Behaviour Change – Making Animal Welfare Relevant (Chair – Jessica Walker)	
10:15am–11:00am	Keynote speaker: Debbie Busby – Human Behaviour Change for Animals Improving Animal Welfare: The Human Element
11:00am–11:20am	MORNING TEA
11:20am–12:10pm	Professor Natalie Waran – Eastern Institute of Technology One Welfare: Making Animal Welfare Relevant
12:10am–12:30pm	Paula Neuman – British Columbia SPCA Teaching Children to Incite Behaviour Change in the Greater Community
12:30pm–1:20pm	Keynote speaker: Dr Ngaio Beausoleil – Massey University The Role of Scientists in Human Behaviour Change for Animals: NZ Case Studies
1:20pm–2:00pm	LUNCH
Afternoon Session 1 – Theme: Human Behaviour Change – Culture and Values (Chair – Amy Ross)	
2:00pm–2:45pm	Keynote speaker: Dr Peter Thornber – Commonwealth Veterinary Association Culture and Socioeconomics Impacting Human Behaviour – The Current Case of Working Horses and Donkeys
2:45pm–3:00pm	Dr Rachel Forrest, Emma Steiner, Sarah Thomson, Maria Pearson, Levi Armstrong and Professor Natalie Waran – Eastern Institute of Technology Furry Whānau Wellbeing: Working with Local Communities for Positive Pet Welfare Outcomes
3:00pm–3:20pm	Dr Jen Jamieson Ministry for Primary Industries Using Education to Influence Human Behaviour Change to Improve Farm Animal Welfare
3:20pm–4:05pm	AFTERNOON TEA AND POSTER SESSION Stephanie Bruce – Unitec Institute of Technology Companion Cat Management: An Insight into the Predation and Risk Behaviours of Auckland Cats via the Use of Camera and GPS Technologies. Emma Steiner¹, Sarah Thomson¹, Maria Pearson¹, Dr Rachel Forrest¹, Professor Natalie Waran¹ and Levi Armstrong² – Eastern Institute of Technology¹ and PATU Aotearoa² PATU Pets – The Furry Whānau. Laureline Guinefollau, Dr Liz Norman, Associate Professor Chris Rogers, Dr Erica Gee and Dr Charlotte Bolwell – Massey University Does the Background of Veterinary Students Influence Equine Handling Skills and Knowledge of Horse Behaviour? Peter Dormon – Stray New Zealand Trust Human Behaviour Change – For Animals.
Afternoon Session 2 – Theme: Human Behaviour Change – Culture and Values (Chair – Margaret Carter)	
4:05pm–4:50pm	Keynote speaker: Dr Sara Dubois – British Columbia SPCA Take your Values on Vacation: Animal Welfare and Tourism
4:50pm–5:25pm	Panel Discussion and Q&A (Human Behaviour Change for Animals): Dr Ngaio Beausoleil, Debbie Busby, Dr Sara Dubois, Dr Lynette McLeod and Dr Peter Thornber. Chair: Dr Arnja Dale
5:25pm–5:30pm	Close of Day 1 – Dr Arnja Dale
6:30pm	PRE-DINNER MINGLE @ BAR
7:00pm	CONFERENCE DINNER AND ASSISI AWARDS. Pre-dinner Speaker: Professor Natalie Waran

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Day Two – Tuesday 18 September	
9:00am–9:05am	Day Two Welcome (NZCAC Vice Chair – Bill Kohi)
Morning Session 1 – Theme: Human Behaviour Change – Improving Animal Welfare (Chair – Bill Kohi)	
9:05am–9:50am	Keynote speaker: Debbie Busby – Human Behaviour Change for Animals The Human Element: Principles To Practice
9:50am–10:05am	Katja Isaksen¹, Dr Ngaio Beausoleil¹, Associate Professor Nick Cave¹, Lori Linney², Dr Liz Norman¹, Helen Williamson² and Dr Naomi Cogger¹ – Massey University¹ and Vetlife Timaru² Factors Influencing Career Duration in Working Farm Dogs: A First Step Towards Making Informed Decisions About Care
10:05am–10:20am	Dr Kristie Cameron, Dr Jessica Walker and Dr Arnja Dale – Unitec Institute of Technology Do Dog Owners Know Their Dogs? Identifying Preferred Rewards and Positive Behaviour During Social Interactions
10:20am–10:40am	Carmen Glanville – University of Melbourne The Role of Duty of Care in Companion Dog Care and Management
10:40am–11:00am	MORNING TEA
Morning Session 2 – Theme: Human Behaviour Change – Improving Animal Welfare (Chair – Peter Dunne)	
11:00am–11:45am	Keynote speaker: Dr Peter Thornber – Commonwealth Veterinary Association The Impact of Government Policy on Human Attitudes and Behaviour – The Australian Animal Welfare Strategy Experience
11:45am–12:00pm	John Bates¹, Huitong Zhou², Dr Rachel Forrest³ and Professor Jon Hickford² – JBT Consulting¹, Lincoln University² and Eastern Institute of Technology³ DNA Technologies for Improving Animal Welfare: Eradication of Dermatosparaxis
12:00pm–12:20pm	Dr Jessica Moore-Jones – RSPCA Darwin Human Psychology to Improve Animal Sheltering
12:20pm–1:00pm	LUNCH
Afternoon Session 1 – Theme: Human Behaviour Change – Cat Management (Chair – Zena Pigden)	
1:00pm–1:45pm	Keynote speaker: Dr Lynette McLeod – University of New England Designing Effective Behaviour Change Interventions for Cat Management: A Practical Guide
1:45pm–2:15pm	Dr Bidda Jones^{1,2}, Dr Di Evans¹, Dr Bronwyn Orr^{1,2} and Lynette McLeod³– RSPCA Australia¹, The University of Sydney² and University of New England³ Easier Said Than Done: Implementing Best Practice Domestic Cat Management in Australia
2:15pm–2:30pm	Dr Jane Newman – redzonecats Practical Methods for Identification of Lost Cats with Reclusive Behaviours
2:30pm–2:45pm	Kat Littlewood, Dr Ngaio Beausoleil, Professor Kevin Stafford and Professor Christine Stephens – Massey University The Influence of Feline Behavioural Changes on Euthanasia Decision-Making
2:45pm–3:00pm	AFTERNOON TEA
Afternoon Session 2 – Theme: Human Behaviour Change – Animal Welfare Services (Chair – Nat Waran)	
3:00pm–3:45pm	Keynote speaker: Dr Sara Dubois – British Columbia SPCA AnimalKind Accredited: Defining Humane in the Animal-Services Marketplace
3:45pm–4:15pm	Open forum and questions to all speakers and conference feedback forms
4:15pm–4:30pm	Wrap up and conference close (NZCAC Chair – Barry Helem)

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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.

Day Three – Wednesday 19 September: Workshop *(Please note this is an invited 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 – Discussion
10:30am–10:45am	Morning tea
10:45am–12:15pm	Workshop session continued: Meta-analysis on the Animal Welfare Concerns in New Zealand – Outcomes
12:15pm–1:00pm	Workshop session continued: Meta-analysis on the Animal Welfare Concerns in New Zealand – Outcomes



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Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for Veterinarians and Veterinary Nurses

We are pleased to announce that the conference has been accredited by the New Zealand Veterinary Nurses Association (NZVNA). The following CPD points are available:

Day 1: 5 CPD points

Day 2: 4.5 CPD points

Day 3 (workshop):
2 CPD points

**Total for 3 days:
11.5 CPD points.**



The NZCAC is also pleased to advise that the 2018 Companion Animal Conference fits into the continuing veterinary education (CVE) category of CPD.

One hour of attendance will equal 1 CPD point.

The NZCAC will provide all veterinarians and veterinary nurses who attend the conference with evidence of attendance.



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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.

