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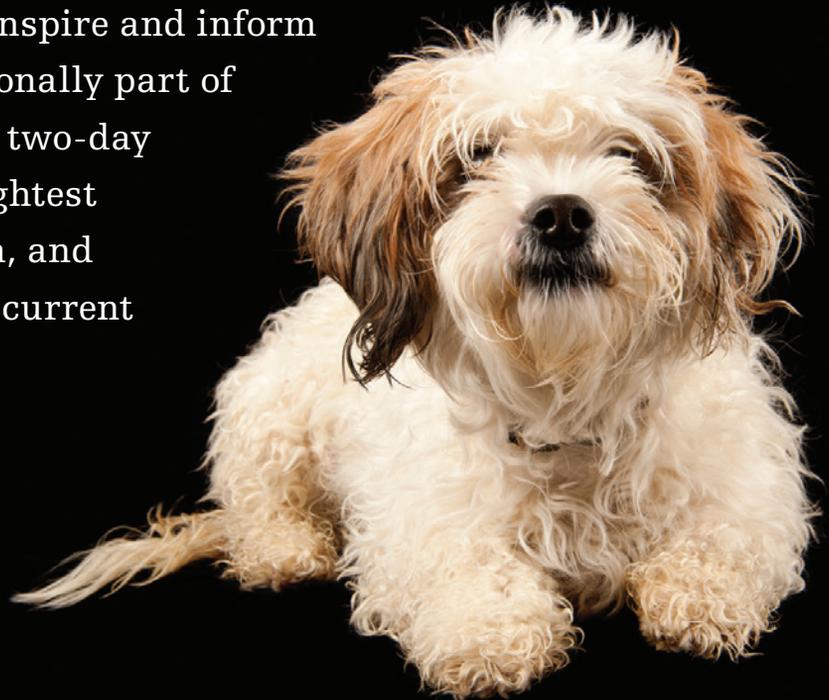
MARCH 30 & 31, 2015
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The Kirkpatrick Foundation invites you to the ANIMAL Conference: A Forum of Ideas, Impact, and Inspiration. This unique gathering is designed to inspire and inform those who are personally and professionally part of the animal-wellbeing community. The two-day conference will bring together the brightest minds in science, journalism, research, and sustainability to convene and discuss current and future trends affecting animals.

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REGISTRATION

HOW TO REGISTER

Please go to www.theanimalconference.com and click the Register Now link. You can find more information about attending the conference, speaker bios, and the conference agenda on this website as well. Should you need to pay for registration with a check, print the form and mail your remittance to Factor 110. Register early as space will fill up quickly. Scholarships are available for qualifying individuals.

February 16, 2015	Deadline for Early-Bird Conference Registration \$250
February 27, 2015	Conference Rate (\$159) Hotel Reservation Cut-Off Date
March 20, 2015	Deadline for Late Conference Registration

CONTACT US

If you have questions or would like more information about the ANIMAL Conference, please contact the Kirkpatrick Foundation at 405.608.0934. For registration information, please contact Factor 110 at 405.604.0041.

Skirvin-Hilton Hotel, One Park Avenue, Oklahoma City



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



JONATHAN BALCOMBE, director for Animal Sentience with the Humane Society Institute for Science and Policy, has published more than fifty scientific papers and book chapters on animal behavior and animal protection. His books include *Pleasurable Kingdom: Animals and the Nature of Feeling Good* and *Second Nature: The Inner Lives of Animals*.



CURT PATE conducts demonstrations and clinics on stockmanship, colt starting, horsemanship, and safety. Mr. Pate recognizes the growing public scrutiny surrounding livestock production and the impact that improved livestock handling practices create for the sustainability of the cattle industry.



CHARLES SIEBERT is a leading journalist on issues surrounding animal emotion and the complex issues of human nature related to animals. Mr. Siebert is a regular contributor to the New York Times Sunday Magazine and his several books include *The Wauchula Woods Accord: Toward A New Understanding of Animals*.



DR. AYSHA AKHTAR is a neurologist and public health specialist who says she is on a mission to demonstrate how protecting animals provides a mutual benefit to both humans and animals. She is the author of *Animals and Public Health: Why Treating Animals Better is Critical to Human Welfare*.



DIANA WEBSTER is a California attorney and an enrolled member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe (Anishinaabe) in Northern Minnesota. As president of the Native American Humane Society, Webster draws on her cultural traditions, education, experience, and passion for helping animals to make tribal communities safer for tribal members and animals.



DR. VINT VIRGA has been a leader in veterinary medicine for more than twenty-five years. As a behavioral specialist and consultant to zoos and wildlife parks, his expertise spans the animal kingdom from dogs and cats to wild species such as leopards, gibbons, wolves, and giraffes. Virga's book, *The Soul of All Living Creatures*, is a winner of the 2014 Silver Nautilus Award.

ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS INCLUDE Joel Sartore, National Geographic photographer • Nicole Forsyth, president and CEO of RedRover • Lisa Lunghofer, director of AniCare and Rapid Response for Animals and Society Institute • Phil Arkow, coordinator of the National Link Coalition • Greg Mellott, director of The Dogs of Lexington • Tim Hetzner, president of Lutheran Church Charities' K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry • Andrew Gunther, program director of Animal Welfare Approved • Kristy Wicker, M.S., principal investigator of the Oklahoma Animal Wellbeing Study. [For a complete and updated list of speakers, visit www.theanimalconference.com.](http://www.theanimalconference.com)

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

WHO WILL BE THERE

- People interested in animal care and wellbeing
- People interested in quality-of-life civic issues
- Thought and opinion leaders, policymakers, community advocates and leaders, social workers, and government officials including legislators and city councilors
- City and county animal-shelter staff, animal rescue employees and volunteers, farmers and ranchers
- Veterinarians and animal-science professionals
- Non-profit staff and board members
- Corporate and for-profit industry representatives
- Students and retirees

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

- You care about animals and the people who love and care for them.
- You want to join the dialogue, educate yourself, and share knowledge on how to improve the quality of life for animals whether on the farm, in the wild, in neighborhoods, or in homes.
- It will be fun! For two days, businesses and organizations in downtown Oklahoma City will play host to many animal-friendly activities and efforts. Lee Fairchild will present his world-champion disc dog demonstration at Myriad Gardens. Plus, the Cat Café and Full Circle Pop-Up Bookstore will feature local rescues with adoptable pets, dozens of book titles, and a variety of coffee drinks.

WHAT WE WILL DO

- Engage in dynamic conversations about animals including pets, wildlife, farm animals, and exotics
- Learn about animal behavior and recent discoveries about the animal brain
- Obtain strategies for improved animal treatment in industry and communities
- Meet leaders in the fields of animal science, public health, the human-animal bond, disaster relief, rescue and law enforcement, journalism, and philanthropy
- Discover new programs for youth to increase social and emotional learning, empathy, compassion, and character
- Build awareness of the value of animals in service, therapy, and rehabilitation
- Develop a sense of active compassion that will allow attendees to view their world, fellow humans, and animals in a different or enhanced way



“WE CAN JUDGE THE HEART OF A MAN BY HIS TREATMENT OF ANIMALS.”

—IMMANUEL KANT

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—MAHATMA GANDHI