



Second International Academic and Community Conference on Animals and Society:

Minding Animals 2

July, 2012, Utrecht, The Netherlands

A transdisciplinary conference exploring
the interrelationships between animals and society

- Where science meets the humanities
- Where academic meets activist
- Where environmentalist meets animal advocate
- Where all can participate in consideration of past, present and future interrelationships between human animals, nonhuman animals and the total environment

The Conference Objectives

- To reassess the relationship between the animal and environmental movements in light of climate change and other jointly-held threats and concerns
- To examine how humans identify and represent nonhuman animals in art, literature, music, science, and in the media and on film
- How, throughout history, the objectification of nonhuman animals and nature in science and society, religion and philosophy, has led to the abuse of nonhuman animals and how this has since been interpreted and evaluated
- To examine how the lives of humans and companion and domesticated nonhuman animals are intertwined, and how science, human and veterinary medicine utilise these important connections
- How the study of animals and society can better inform both the scientific study of animals and community activism and advocacy
- How science and community activism and advocacy can inform the study of nonhuman animals and society

The Disciplines

- Animal studies, society and animals, and critical animal studies
- Conservation biology and biodiversity conservation
- Environmental history and the history of animals
- Animals in religion
- Animal liberation, rights and welfare - philosophy
- Environmentalism, political science and law

- Veterinary science
- Animal geography
- Animals and sociology
- Anthrozoology, zooanthropology and zooarchaeology
- Ethnobiology and ethnozoology
- Animals and gender studies
- Animals in literature, music, and the arts
- The internet, media and communications
- Animals and film
- Ecotourism
- Zoo science
- Animals and assisted therapies
- Animal behaviour, psychology and cognitive ethology

Conference Structure

- Opening and Closing Plenary Sessions
- Keynote Speakers
- Dinner speaker
- Concurrent Sessions
- Poster Sessions

Key Aspects of the Conference

- Study Circles Round-tables
- Protecting the Animals Seminar Series
- Animals and Art Festival
- Animal Docos Film Event
- Animals and Religion Interfaith Service
- The Conference Dinner
- The Social Programme

Reminder

Abstracts open April 2011

Registrations open November 2011