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2009 CONFERENCE of ANIMAL GRANTMAKERS

LOCATION: FIRESKY RESORT & SPA

**4925 NORTH SCOTTSDALE ROAD – EARTH, AIR & FIRE MEETING ROOMS
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA**

Monday, November 16

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Welcome:** Monica Neal, Director of Grants & Programs – PetSmart Charities
Introductions: Melanie Lambert, President – Animal Grantmakers; Vice President & Program Director – The Summerlee Foundation
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Session I: Homeless Cats in America: Clarity for Goals & Solutions**
Kit Jenkins, Program Manager, PetSmart Charities
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon **Session II: Keeping Shelter Cats Healthy & Happy**
Kate Hurley, MPVM, DVM, Director, Koret Shelter Medicine Program, University of California-Davis School of Veterinary Medicine
- 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Luncheon & Roundtable Discussions (See page 3 for list.)**
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Break
- 2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. **Session III: Sanctuaries Come of Age**
Patty Finch, Executive Director, Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries
Patti Ragan, Founder and Director, Center for Great Apes
Moderator: Sue Leary, President of the Alternatives Research and Development Foundation
- 3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Break
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Business Meeting (member organizations only)**
- 6:30 p.m. – Cocktails
7:15 p.m. – Dinner **Cocktails, Conference Dinner & Keynote: Jaguar Conservation in the Southwest**
Presented by Sergio Avila-Villegas, Wildlife Biologist & Outreach Specialist, Sky Island Alliance, *introduced by Stephanie Nichols-Young, President & Member of the Board of Directors, Wilburforce Foundation*

Tuesday, November 17

- 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast & Special Guest: Trends in Animal Welfare: A Local Legislator's Perspective**
Remarks by Kyrsten Sinema, Assistant Minority Leader, Arizona House of Representatives, *introduced by Stephanie Nichols-Young, President & Member of*

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- 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Session IV: Grantmaker Sharing Session (grantmaking organizations only): Creative Responses to the Challenging Economy**
Facilitators: Kathy Savesky, Philanthropic Advisor, A Kinder World Foundation, & Che Green, Program Director, Handsel Foundation
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 a.m. **Session V: Protecting Large Wildlife Landscapes Across Borders in Changing Times**
Dr. Oscar Moctezuma O., Executive Director, Naturalia
Dr. Gary W. Roemer, Associate Professor, Dept. of Fish, Wildlife & Conservation Ecology, New Mexico State University
Dr. Gary M. Tabor, Director, Center for Large Landscape Conservation
Facilitators: Robert Berger, Grants Program Manager, Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust and Stephanie Nichols-Young, President & Member, Board of Directors, Wilburforce Foundation
- 12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. **Luncheon & Roundtable Discussions (See page 3 for list.)**
- 1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **Session VI: Hearing from our neighbors: Challenges & Successes in Animal Welfare in Canada & Mexico**
Heather Bryan, Biologist, Rainforest Wolf Project, Raincoast Conservation Foundation
Chris Darimont, Raincoast Conservation Foundation
Mónica Pineda, Presidente, Gente por la Defensa Animal
Alain Salazar, Director, Asociación Internacional por la Protección de los Animales
Facilitator: Cecilia Vega, Antonio Haghenbeck Foundation
- 3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Session VII: The Future of Farm Animal Advocacy**
Robert Lawrence, MD, Director, Center for a Livable Future at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health
Mia MacDonald, Executive Director, Brighter Green
Andrew Gunter, Director, Animal Welfare Approved Program, Animal Welfare Institute
Sarah Ridley, Executive Director, The Tubney Charitable Trust
Facilitator: Che Green, Program Director, Handsel Foundation
- 5:00 p.m. **Conclusion of Conference**
- 6:30 p.m. **Special Post-conference Dinner (grantmaking organizations only):** Recent Market Research on Attitudes about Pets, presented by Susana Della Maddalena, Executive Director, PetSmart Charities. *Pre-registration required – contact Monica Neal*



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[PROGRAM DETAILS](#)

Luncheon Roundtables

During lunch on both days, participants are welcome to join the lunch table conversation of their choice. Topics identified for discussion for the two days include:

| Topics for Monday (convened by ...) | Topics for Tuesday (convened by ...) |
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| Q&A – cat presentations (Kit Jenkins, Kate Hurley) | Horses (David Gies) |
| Donor intent – Leona Helmsley estate (David Gies) | International grantmaking / expenditure responsibility (Kirvil Skinnarland) |
| Animal welfare in Native American communities (Wendy Haugen) | “Link” issues (Humane education) (Brad Goldberg, with Dr. Risley-Curtiss as a special guest) |
| Non-surgical sterilization (Aimee Gilbreath) | Farmed animal welfare (Sarah Ridley) |
| | Legislative update (Andrew Rowan) |

Topic Summaries

[Session I: Homeless Cats in America: Clarity for Goals & Solutions](#)

Animal welfare agencies struggle daily with the overwhelming problem of homeless cats: cats surrendered, cats abandoned, free-roaming cats, cats needing sterilization, kittens needing fostering, cats and kittens needing new homes. Sessions I and II of the conference are presented as a matched set to address the continuum of issues local agencies are facing and the progressive solutions that are emerging. During lunch that day, the two speakers will be available at one of the luncheon roundtables to continue Q&A and discussion of these topics.

Homeless Cats in America will break down the overwhelming problem of feline homelessness into manageable pieces, including definitions, goals and recommended programs. Solutions include changing attitudes and behavior for the animal welfare community as well as those of the public. Kit Jenkins' presentation at the Animal Grantmakers conference will draw from several workshops presented over the last two years to agencies around the country, from which she has continued to observe the creativity of local groups helping cats.

[Session II: Keeping Shelter Cats Healthy & Happy](#)

The second session will address solutions to disease control issues in shelters. Stress and disease are inextricably linked for cats, and cats in shelters are constantly stressed. Dr. Kate Hurley has developed a ground-breaking approach to these issues emphasizing appropriate housing. Agencies around the country have had the chance to learn from Dr. Hurley's in-depth presentations at other conferences, returning home inspired to make critical improvements to their shelter spaces and practices.



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Session III: Sanctuaries Come of Age

Patti Ragan, a premiere international expert on sanctuary for great apes, will paint a vivid picture of the need for sanctuary for great apes formerly used in the entertainment industry, how this industry fuels the “pet” industry with disastrous and tragic results for all involved, and what happens to animals when they enter sanctuary. Patti will share the demands and joys of sanctuary work. Key among these are the challenges of building solid financial and succession plans and overcoming the “black hole” funding image. She will share specific bittersweet examples of trauma healing, and sometimes the limits of healing. Patty Finch will continue this theme of sanctuaries as places of healing, discussing how trans-species psychology and the work of Dr. Gay Bradshaw and others in sanctuaries are providing a scientific basis for ethics that acknowledge the psychological and cultural similarities among humans and other animals. As an example, she will touch on the largely ignored and compelling needs of parrots. Patty will also delineate why accreditation of animal sanctuaries is needed, what exactly accreditation certifies, and how Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries’ accreditation can be of use to foundations in making funding decisions that result in strategic grants and solid exit plans.

Trends in Animal Welfare: A Local Legislator’s Perspective

Kyrsten Sinema, Assistant Minority Leader, Arizona House of Representatives, Rep. Sinema will speak about how the animal protection community can forge connections – both personal and institutional – with seemingly unlikely allies and define our values, interests and objectives in ways that broaden our range of potential partners and expand our tactical options. With irreverent humor, enthralling “war” stories, and solid, practical advice, Sinema enables us to move past “advocacy as war” and build support for animal protection on the foundation of our common humanity.

Session IV: Grantmaker Sharing Session (grantmaking organizations only): Creative Responses to the Challenging Economy

Join us in this structured discussion of how members of Animal Grantmakers, other groups of funders and the foundation community as a whole are responding to the challenging economy. Results from national and regional surveys will be compared against input from members of Animal Grantmakers. In addition, we will share some novel ways that groups of funders are communicating and working directly with grantee organizations to weather the storm.

Session V: Protecting Large Wildlife Landscapes Across Borders in Changing Times

Conservation scientists now know that, in order to protect wildlife, we must protect large habitat areas, including core reserves, corridors and buffer zones. Session V will discuss initiatives to protect large landscapes within the United States and across the Mexican and Canadian borders. Panel members will touch on the intersection of conservation science and animal protection, while focusing on current initiatives, their future, key players and what is on the horizon. Finally, the panel will look at how climate change impacts and has informed these initiatives and how mitigation and adaptation to climate change will benefit animal and human communities.



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Session VI: Hearing from our neighbors: Challenges & Successes in Animal Welfare in Canada & Mexico

Canada: Wild animals often suffer greatly as a result of trophy hunting, habitat loss, reductions in critical food supplies and introduction of invasive species and other human activities. In addition, humans or companion animals may spread disease to wildlife, which could affect individuals and, in some cases, entire populations. The Raincoast Conservation Foundation will present its three-year effort to address the issue of disease transfer among wildlife (including a unique population of wolves), dogs and humans in a sparsely populated region of British Columbia where veterinary care is rare.

Mexico: Mexico, with which the United States shares a 2,000-mile border, has more than 50 million people living below the poverty level. In a country also ravaged by escalating violence, ignorance prevails towards animals, who also suffer brutal punishment and abuse. With minimal government and community support, animal advocates are challenged to expand their services. Mónica Pineda will discuss the work of Gente por la Defensa Animal and the many, seemingly overwhelming obstacles for animal welfare in the second largest city in the world, Mexico City. In northern Mexico, collaboration has been a successful tool in animal advocacy, especially in the city of Monterrey, in the state of Nuevo Leon. Alain Salazar will highlight the strategies employed by the Asociación Internacional por la Protección de los Animales, which have resulted in the elimination of electrocution in Nuevo Leon's canine control centers, and discuss the challenges in creating a sustainable collaboration of the public and private sectors towards high-volume, high-quality spay/neuter programs.

Session VII: The Future of Farm Animal Advocacy

Consumption of animal products, including the farming of animals for food, is the single largest cause of animal suffering and death in both the United States and the rest of the world. This panel will explore current approaches to farm animal advocacy and welfare, including a discussion of industrial agriculture's implications for climate change, small farming and human health. The panel will address what advocates and funders can do to mitigate farm animal suffering and lessen the impact of agriculture on the environment and other issues critical to humans and non-human animals alike. This session also will address how farm animal advocacy is essential to creating a more humane and sustainable society.

Special Pre- and Post-conference Activities

For interested attendees, friends and members of Animal Grantmakers are offering the following added activities:

Pre-conference site visit, Saturday-Sunday, November 14-15. Departing from Scottsdale or the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport by noon on Saturday, November 14, we will travel about 3 hours to an area near Sonoita, Arizona to view black-tailed prairie dogs. This species of prairie dogs was extirpated from Arizona decades ago and was first reintroduced to this area in October 2008. A second reintroduction is planned for October 2009. Poorly understood and under-appreciated for the important role they play in the ecosystem, prairie dogs also display an intriguing (and entertaining) social network. Our observations will span the late afternoon through sunset and will reconvene at sunrise, the two time periods when the prairie dogs are most active. The viewing area is comprised of grasslands on Arizona State Trust land and in the Bureau of Land Management's Las

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Cienegas National Conservation Area. Our guides will include agency biologists who were directly involved in the reintroduction from the Arizona Game and Fish Department or the Western Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies plus NGO biologists and volunteers who helped prepare the site. The cost of travel, overnight stay and meals will be covered by the individuals attending and is **not** included with registration. **Anyone interested in joining the site visit should contact Stephanie Nichols-Young before making his or her plane reservations, to ensure a spot.** (E-mail: Stephanie.Nichols-Young@azbar.org.)

Post-conference dinner & presentation, Tuesday, November 17. PetSmart Charities recently engaged a national marketing firm to survey a panel of 2,000 people across the United States to record their attitudes about pet adoption, spay/neuter and other related topics. **Grantmakers** are invited to be PetSmart Charities' guest at a dinner to hear a presentation of the survey results and to discuss implications for the field. **Anyone interested in attending should reserve a spot on the registration form. Contact Monica Neal if you have any questions about the dinner and presentation.** (E-mail: mneal@petsmartcharities.org.)