

Animal Grantmakers 2010 Conference

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA



Animal GRANTMAKERS

Annual 2010 Conference

November 14–16, 2010
Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center
201 Lafayette Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Sunday, November 14, 2010

- 11:00 a.m.** **Pre-conference Site Visit to the Louisiana SPCA:**
Our bus will depart from the Hilton Capitol Center Hotel at 11:00 a.m. We will stop for lunch at a restaurant in New Orleans and then continue to the Louisiana SPCA in New Orleans. It was the lead animal welfare agency responding to Katrina disaster. It rescued, provided water, food, shelter, and transported over 11,000 animals to safety following the hurricane. The storm destroyed the shelter so the facility we will visit is the new shelter. Ana Zorrilla, the CEO, will be our host. We will depart the shelter at about 3:30 p.m. and return to the hotel by 4:30 p.m. *Pre-registration is required for this event.*
- 6:00 p.m.** **Animal Grantmakers Board Meeting and Dinner:**
The Board of Animal Grantmakers will have a dinner meeting at the hotel from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- 8:00 p.m.** **Screening of the Movie *The Cove*:**
Academy Award® Winner for Best Documentary of 2009, *The Cove* follows a team of activists, filmmakers and free divers as they embark on a covert mission to penetrate a remote and hidden cove in Taiji, Japan. Utilizing state-of-the-art techniques, including hidden microphones and cameras in fake rocks, the team documents the annual dolphin drive fishery in this small seaside village, in which hundreds of dolphins are slaughtered for meat or captured for sale to aquariums and sea parks.



Photograph courtesy of the ASPCA

Monday, November 15, 2010

- 7:00 a.m.** **Conference Registration Desk Opens**
- 7:15 – 8:15 a.m.** **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** **Morning Sessions**
- 1. Hurricane Katrina Part 1: Responding to Disaster**
This session will give an overview of the impact hurricane Katrina had on animals in southern Mississippi and Louisiana. Panelists will discuss how their organizations handled the evacuation and immediate relief efforts.

Moderator: Dr. David Senior, LSU School of Veterinary Medicine

Speakers:

- Laura Maloney, Senior Vice-President of Strategic Initiatives and Communications, *San Diego Humane Society* (she was Executive Director of the Louisiana SPCA during the disaster)
- Larry Rivarde, Senior Vice-President & Managing Director, *Audubon Zoo & Park*
- Tara High, Executive Director, *Humane Society of South Mississippi*

2. Hurricane Katrina Part 2: Reflection

Panelists from Session 1 will join additional speakers in a moderated discussion about the lessons learned both regionally and nationally from the Katrina event and about how the state of animal welfare in the region has changed since the disaster.

Moderator: Ana Zorrilla, CEO, *Louisiana SPCA*

Speakers:

- Aimee St. Arnaud, Program Manager, *PetSmart Charities*
- Kate Pullen, Senior Director, Community Outreach, *American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)*

12:15 –
1:45 p.m.

Luncheon and Round Table Discussions of Animal Welfare/Protection Topics

To be announced.

1:45 –
5:15 p.m.

Afternoon Sessions

3. Animals in Research: Recent Progress and Future Challenges

Join four anti-vivisection experts and receive a comprehensive update on recent efforts to end primate research and encourage the use of non-animal alternatives. The session will also focus on international issues including sourcing of animals from other countries as well as trends in standards for laboratory animals in the United States versus Europe.

Moderator: Sue Leary, *American Anti-Vivisection Society*

Speakers:

- Thomas Hartung, MD, PhD, Chair, *Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing, Johns Hopkins University*
- Theo Capoldo, EdD, President, *New England Anti-Vivisection Society*
- Michelle Thew, Chief Executive, *British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection*

4. Coyotes, Bobcats and Bears: Oh My!

Our speakers in this session will update us on efforts to protect and recover three important and iconic American mammals: the Louisiana black bear, coyotes, and bobcats. All three species face common threats of habitat loss, conflicts with humans, and misunderstanding of their role in a healthy ecosystem.

Moderator: Melanie Lambert, *Summerlee Foundation*

Speakers:

- Paul Davidson, Executive Director, *Black Bear Conservation Coalition*
- Camilla Fox, Founding Director, *Project Coyote*
- Kevin Hansen, Author of the book: *“Bobcat: Master of Survival”*



Photograph courtesy of Project Coyote

6:30 –
9:00 p.m.

Cocktails, Conference Dinner & Keynote Address

Keynote Speaker for Monday Evening: Ric O’Barry, *Earth Island Institute*

Ric was featured in the Oscar-winning documentary *The Cove* and has been involved in efforts to publicize that film in 30 countries, educating people through the film about the largest killing of dolphins in the world and efforts to stop it. The title of his talk will be: “Behind the Dolphin Smile”: Report from the front lines on the efforts to stop the killing, live-trade, and captivity of dolphins”

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

7:30 – Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m. – Morning Sessions
12:15 p.m.

5. The Human-Animal Bond: Toward a Deeper Understanding

This session will explore the growing field of study regarding the complex and multidimensional relationship between humans and other animals. The panelists will address the importance of society's growing understanding of the human-animal bond and draw from specific examples including the youth-violence link and animal hoarding.

Moderator: Che Green, *Handsel Foundation*

Speakers:

- Kenneth Shapiro, PhD, Executive Director, *Animals and Society Institute*
- Gay Bradshaw, PhD, PhD, Director, *The Kerulos Center*
- Frank Ascione, PhD, Professor and American Humane Endowed Chair, Institute for Human-Animal Connection, *Denver University*

6. Animal Law as an Agent for Change: Using the Laws We Have and Getting the Laws We Need

This session will provide an overview of the current state of animal law. This will include an in-depth analysis of the significant changes that have occurred in animal protection legislation over the past 15 years in the United States and how American efforts compare to those in select foreign countries such as China, Brazil, New Zealand and the United Kingdom

Moderator: Kirvil Skinnarland, *Maria Norbury Foundation*

Speakers:

- Pamela Frasch, JD, Assistant Dean, *Lewis & Clark Law School, Animal Law Program*
- Pamela Alexander, Director, *Animal Law Program, Animal Legal Defense Fund*
- David N. Cassuto, JD, Professor of Law and Director, *Brazil-American Institute for Law & Environment (BAILE), Pace Law School*

12:15 – Luncheon
1:30 p.m.

1:30 – Afternoon Sessions
4:45 p.m.

7. Marine Animals and the Gulf: Looking for Signs of Hope in a Sea of Bad News

This session will cover the state of whale and dolphin conservation and protection internationally, and then focus on protection of sea turtles in the Americas. We will look at the impact of the BP oil spill disaster on the marine animals in the Gulf to see what the effects have been and assess the prospects for their recovery.

Moderator: Casey Burgess, *The Regina Bauer Frankenberg Foundation*

Speakers:

- Todd Steiner, Biologist and Executive Director, *Sea Turtle Restoration Project*
- Sue Fisher, Policy Director, North America, *Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society*
- Speaker on the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. To be announced.

8. Animal Grantmakers Business Meeting

This meeting is open to members of Animal Grantmakers. The agenda for this meeting will be sent out to members in advance of the conference.

Hotel, Airports and Area Attractions

Please make your own hotel reservations.

Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center

201 Lafayette Street

Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801

Reservations: (800) 955-6962

Hotel: (225) 344-5866:

Fax (225) 906-0595

www.hilton.com

This year's conference will be held at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center. Originally built in 1927, it re-opened in September 2006 after having been closed for 25 years. Over 70 million dollars in renovations has brought this grand hotel back to its glory. In 1986 the hotel was placed on the National Register of Historic Places and it is now one of 212 Historical Hotels of America.

Every room has a view that overlooks either the Mississippi River or downtown Baton Rouge. Each guestroom has a unique floor plan which includes a comfortable work area with a desk and rolling, high back chair, high speed internet access, wireless access, in-room coffee maker, hair dryer, individually controlled digital thermostat, iron/ironing board, and in-room safe. Weekday newspaper delivered. Choose between a king or two double beds depending on your preference.

For the conference, a block of rooms has been reserved at the special rate of **\$139 per night** for three nights — Sunday, November 14th; Monday, November 15th; and Tuesday, November 16th. (Rate does not include taxes totaling 13%.) If you wish to come early or to extend your stay, the hotel will honor these rates for two days prior to, and two days following the conference.

The special rate is available for a **limited number of rooms** on a **first-come, first-served** basis. **RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BEFORE OCTOBER 14, 2010** in order to take advantage of the special rate. After that date, any unused rooms will be released and the conference rate will no longer be available. Room cancellations must be made **72 hours in advance** to avoid a charge for one night's stay.

To reserve your room, please contact the Hilton Capitol Center by dialing (800) 955-6962 and pressing 1 to make a new reservation. In order to receive the special group rate you will need to call before October 14, 2010 and identify that you are with the Animal Grantmakers group

Or, you can make your reservations online by cutting and pasting the following link into your browser or clicking below: http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/BTRCPHF-ANI-20101113/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Transportation

It is easiest to fly in and out of the Baton Rouge airport. But in case you are unable to route your trip to this destination, we are providing information for the New Orleans airport also.

From Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport (Recommended)

- **Airport Shuttle:** The Hilton provides a free shuttle to and from the airport. To call the shuttle upon arrival, use the Hilton courtesy phone next to baggage claim.
- **Rental Car:** If you are using a rental car from the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport, the rental car counters are located adjacent to baggage claim.

- **Online Directions:** If you would like directions to the Hilton, please consult the Hilton's website at: http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/BTRCPHF-Hilton-Baton-Rouge-Capitol-Center-Louisiana/directions.do
- **Taxi:** If you are taking a taxi from the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport, the fare will be around \$20. The taxi companies listed below serve the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport. If you are taking a taxi back to the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport, the hotel staff can assist you in calling for a taxi.

AAA Cab: (225) 357-2521
 Yellow Cab: (225) 926-6400
 A's Cab Services: (225) 272-1900

From New Orleans International Airport

- **Airport Shuttle:** Tiger Airport Shuttle provides shuttle service to and from Baton Rouge. It is \$39.95 each way. Call (225) 333-8167 or email tigerairportshuttle@yahoo.com to make arrangements.
- **Rental Car:** If you are renting a car from the New Orleans International Airport, there are seven rental agencies with offices on the lower level of the airport. To see a list of companies please visit: http://www.flymsy.com/ground_transportation.htm
- **Taxi:** Cab fare from New Orleans to Baton Rouge is around \$160. Call one of the following companies that serve the airport:

United Cab: (504) 522-9771
 Coleman Cab: (504) 586-0222
 Checker Yellow Cabs: (504) 525-3311

What's in the Neighborhood?

The Hilton is adjacent to the Award winning Shaw Center for the Arts, which houses the LSU Museum of Art and Manship Theatre, as well several restaurants. For more information, please visit: <http://www.shawcenter.org>

Just next to the Shaw Center for the Arts is Louisiana's Old State Capitol, a Gothic architectural treasure. Admission is free. For tour information, hours, and locations please visit:

<http://www.sos.louisiana.gov/Home/Museums/LouisianasOldStateCapitol/TourInformation/tabid/680/Default.aspx>

While you're in town visit the current State Capitol Building and the historic Governor's Mansion for tour information please refer to the websites below:

<http://www.crt.state.la.us/tourism/capitol/capitol.htm>

<http://www.lamansionfoundation.org/>

The nearest pharmacies are:

CVS Pharmacy, 3384 Government Street, Baton Rouge, LA. (225) 387-0808.

Walgreens Pharmacy, 3550 Government Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70806. (225) 343-8878.

What About the Weather?

During the month of November, the average high is 71° F, while the average low is 48°. Bring a sweater or light jacket for the evenings.

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2010 Conference Registration Form

Please complete both pages of this form by October 8, 2010 — **one form for each person registering for the conference** — and mail with your check made out to Animal Grantmakers Inc. to:

Ms. Kirvil Skinnarland
 Maria Norbury Foundation
 PO Box 8
 Leavenworth, WA 98826

Contact information will be shared with conference attendees unless you request otherwise. (Registration for this conference is not open to the general public. Only organizations serving primarily as funders may register.) If you have any questions about your eligibility to register, please email Kirvil Skinnarland, the president of Animal Grantmakers, at kirvil@mnfdn.org or call her at (206) 390-7590.

Organization Name: _____

Organization Website: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Title: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Dietary Needs: Meals served will be vegan. If you have additional dietary needs, please advise:

During lunch on both Monday and Tuesday, we will have lunch table discussions on topics selected by members. You will be able to join the lunch table conversation of your choice. Please indicate below what topic(s) you recommend for these luncheon discussions and whether you would be interested in leading the conversation:

Topic	Would you volunteer to lead the conversation?	
	Yes	No

In addition to the conference, we are pleased to offer the following opportunities, for which advance registration is required:

- **Pre-Conference Site Visit:** On Sunday, November 14th, you may join a site visit to the Louisiana SPCA. This facility is new as the prior shelter was destroyed during Hurricane Katrina. The LA/SPCA was the lead animal welfare agency responding to the Katrina disaster. CEO Ana Zorrilla will be our host and guide for this tour. We plan to leave the Hilton Hotel by bus at 11 a.m., have lunch in New Orleans, spend 2 hours at the shelter, and return to the Hilton by about 4:30 pm. Cost of this field trip is \$75.

- Monday Night Dinner Guest: Your spouse or partner is welcome to attend our served dinner on Monday evening. A fee of \$50 is charged to defray the cost of accommodating your guest.

Payment Calculation

- Paid members of Animal Grantmakers receive free conference registration for two people. Additional representatives must pay a registration fee of \$400 per person. (The Monday night dinner and keynote talk are included in the \$400 registration fee, but the November 14th site visit is **NOT** included with registration.)
- If your organization is a funder in the area of animal welfare and protection and you are interested in attending to learn more about Animal Grantmakers, the registration fee will be waived for one representative of the organization at the first conference your organization attends. Simply fill out the registration form and mail it in. Additional representatives must pay a registration fee of \$400 per person.
- The registration fee is \$400 for any non-member of Animal Grantmakers who has previously attended the conference and for organizations that do not intend to become members, but are interested in attending this conference and learning more about animal protection issues.

If your organization is interested in becoming a member of Animal Grantmakers, please contact our Membership Committee Chair, Alicia Falsetto at (650) 248-8158, foundationbk@gmail.com.

Registration Fees <i>(Check the category that applies to you)</i>		Itemized Conference Costs	Tally Amounts in this Column
<input type="checkbox"/>	Member organization — one of two free registrations.	\$0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-member organization — single free registration for 1st timers.	\$0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Member organization — paid registration for additional attendee.	\$400	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-member organization — paid registration.	\$400	
Site Visit to LA/SPCA on Sunday November 14th*		Cost for Field Trip	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will be attending the site visit.	\$75	
<input type="checkbox"/>	My spouse or partner will be attending the site visit.	\$75	
Sunday Night, November 14th Screening of the movie <i>The Cove</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will be attending the movie screening.	Free	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	My spouse or partner will be attending the movie screening.	Free	0
Guest for Monday night's dinner and keynote address		Cost	
<input type="checkbox"/>	My spouse or partner will attend the conference dinner on Monday, November 16th.	\$50	
		Total Payment Due	\$

* *The cost for the LA/SPCA visit in New Orleans includes a bus and driver to take us to and from Baton Rouge. Lunch is not included.*

For guest list purposes, the name of my spouse or partner is: _____

Please mark below if you will **NOT** be requiring a meal for any of the following times.

	Continental Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Monday, November 15th	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday, November 16th	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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NOTE: Don't forget to reserve your room at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center by October 14, 2010.