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# Companion Animal Conference 2018

## Auckland

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# HUMAN BEHAVIOUR CHANGE FOR ANIMALS



17–19 September 2018  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Auckland

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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<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2018.

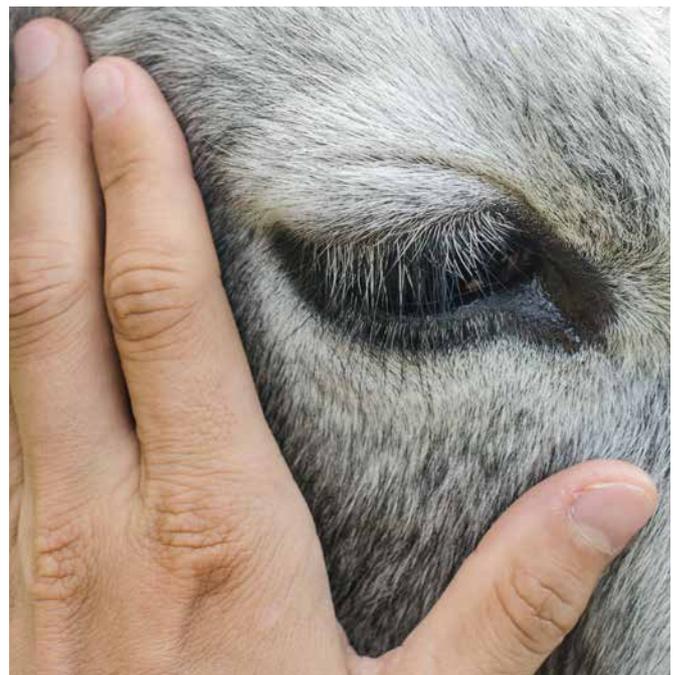
The theme of the 2018 conference is **'Human Behaviour Change for Animals'**.

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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## Registration

Registration is now open. Pay by the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2018 to benefit from the Early Bird rate.

As part of the conference registration, you will be asked to complete a short survey on significant animal welfare issues in New Zealand and abroad.

Full conference registration includes participation in all talks on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of September, your personal conference kit as well as lunch and refreshments on both days.

## Workshop

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day an invite only morning workshop will be held.

Utilising the key principles of human behaviour change explored during the conference, this workshop will dissect the five animal welfare concerns and barriers to improvement most commonly identified by conference delegates.

You will be asked to express your interest in attending this workshop when you register.

## Registration Fees

- **Full Conference – \$250**  
(Early Bird Fee payment by 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2018)
- **Full Conference – \$290**  
(payment from 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2018)
- **Full Conference – \*\$250**  
(Student or NZCAC Member)
- **Conference dinner \$100**

To register go to the following webpage:

[www.nzcac.org.nz/conference](http://www.nzcac.org.nz/conference)

## Abstracts

In 2018, the Companion Animal Conference will have a contestable abstract stream. We invite you to submit abstracts relevant to the conference theme: Human Behaviour Change for Animals.

Abstract submission will open in February and close on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2018.

## Conference Updates

Planning of an innovative programme is underway. The full conference programme, including abstracts, will be available on the conference website, one week before the start of the conference. To receive email updates about the conference please email your contact details to [info@nzcac.org.nz](mailto:info@nzcac.org.nz)

## Conference Sponsors

The New Zealand Companion Animal Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support of its sponsors at this event:



## Contact Us

Do you have questions or feedback regarding the conference? We would love to hear from you. Please connect with us in any way that is convenient.

[info@nzcac.org.nz](mailto:info@nzcac.org.nz)

**PO Box 4 Waiuku  
2341  
Auckland  
021555285**



\*You will need to upload a scan of your current student ID to be eligible for the student rate. NZCAC member organisations may receive a discount for up to 5 delegates. To become an NZCAC Member organisation: <http://www.nzcac.org.nz/nzcac/nzcac-membership/nzcac-membership-application>



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## CONFERENCE THEME

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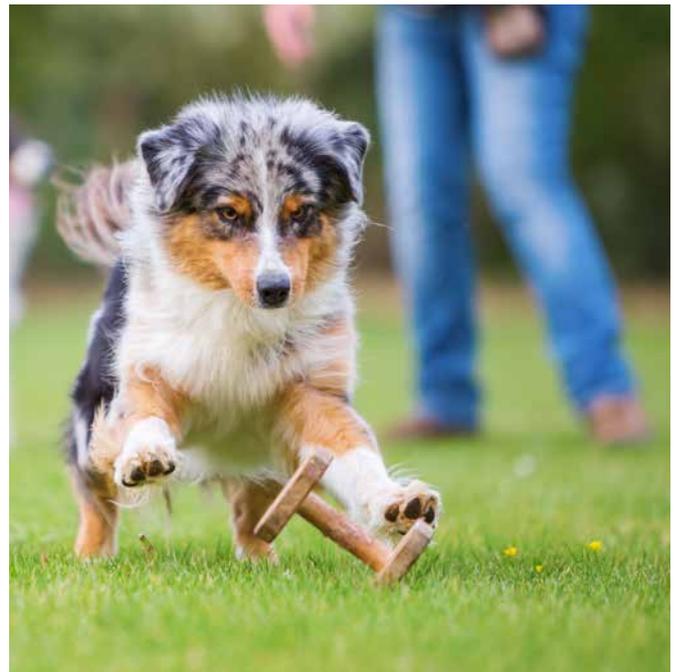
Most compromise to animal welfare arises as a result of humans doing, or not doing, something. The way that we treat animals, the products we buy and the entertainment we seek all impact on animal welfare. To meaningfully improve animal welfare, we must change the behaviour of humans.

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

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.

## Key Note Speakers



**Dr. Peter Thornber**  
Commonwealth Veterinary Association

Peter has qualifications in agriculture, veterinary science and teaching from Queensland. He worked extensive work experience in public policy and emergency management experience, 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.



**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.



**Dr Sara Dubois**  
BS 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.



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## CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

This will be updated as the programme develops. The full conference programme, including abstracts, will be available on the conference website, one week before the start of the conference.

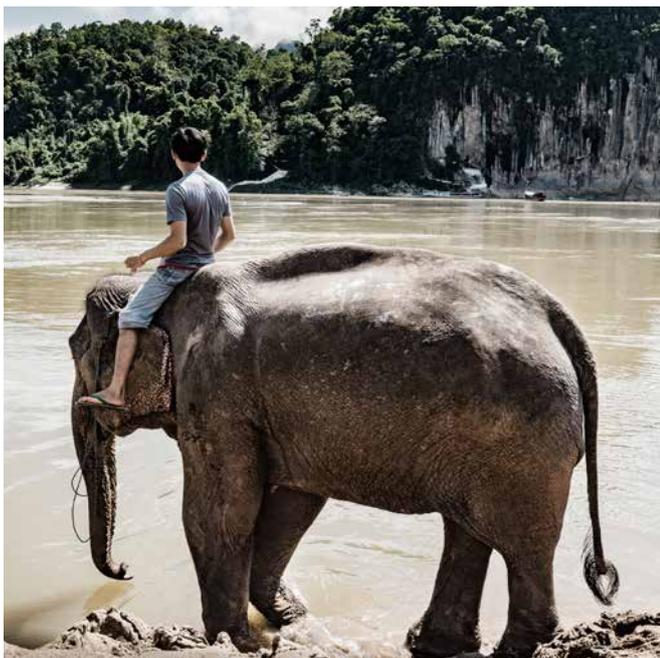
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of September</b>	08:30 – 10:00 Registration	10:00 – 13:00 Conference Presentations	13:45 – 17:30 Conference Presentations	19:00 Conference Dinner
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of September</b>		09:30 – 13:00 Conference Presentations	13:45 – 16:15 Conference Presentations	16:15 – 16:30 Conference Close
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of September</b>	09:30 – 12:00 Workshop			

## CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

On Day 3 of the conference (19<sup>th</sup> of September), a half-day workshop will be held for invited delegates identified as representing the animal welfare industry. 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.



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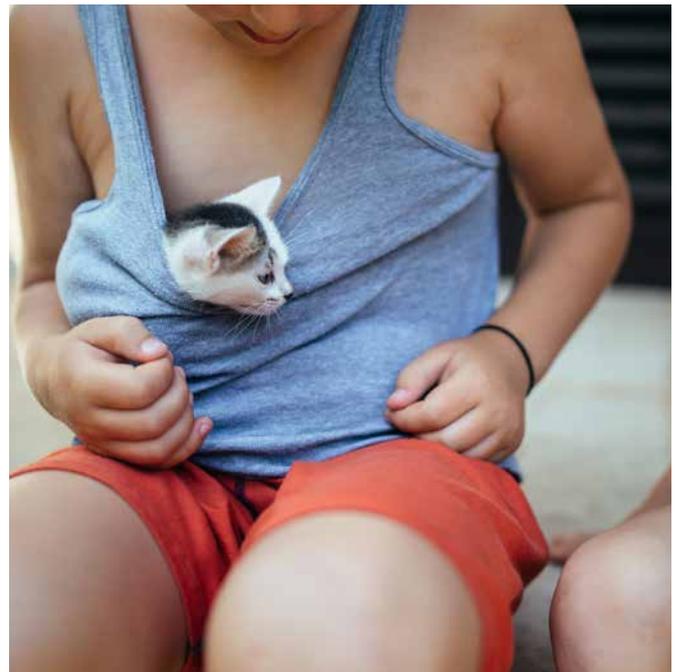
## ABSTRACTS

For the first time in over 25 years, the Companion Animal Conference will have a contestable abstract stream. Abstract submissions are now open and will close on 30 April 2018.

Please submit your abstract via the conference website. Abstracts will be reviewed by the New Zealand Companion Animal Council's Scientific Committee. Authors will be notified via email of the outcome of the review process by 31st of May 2018.

### Submission Guidelines:

- Deadline for receipt of abstracts: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018
- Upload abstract submissions via the conference website
- Abstracts may be a maximum of 350 words
- Abstracts must include a 2-3 line layperson summary
- The conference will include both oral and poster presentations. Please indicate your preference on your abstract submission. Note that some requests for oral presentations may need to be transferred to poster presentations. Further guidelines for oral and poster presentations will be provided
- Authors will be notified via email by 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2018 the outcome of the review process
- Abstracts will be published in the full conference programme, which will be available on the conference website one week before the start of the conference



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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](http://www.aucklandnz.com)

New Zealand: [www.newzealand.com](http://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.



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## ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is available at the conference venue, the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Delegates can arrange their accommodation directly with the Crowne Plaza Hotel via the hotel's website: <https://auckland.crowneplaza.com/>.

There are many alternative accommodation options near the conference venue. Some options in different price ranges are listed below. Please click on the name of the accommodation provider to access their online booking page.

### Hotels/Motels

#### Grand Millennium Auckland ★★★★★

- 400m from conference venue
- Superior room from \$215p/night

#### Ramada Suites Auckland ★★★

- 300m from conference venue
- King Single rooms from \$165 p/night

#### Best Western President Auckland ★★★

- 190m from conference venue
- Standard King Room from \$199p/night

#### Econolodge City Central ★★★

- 110m from conference venue
- Single bed rooms from \$169 p/night and double bed from \$209 p/night

### Hostels/Backpackers

#### Attic Backpackers ★★★★★

- 120m from conference venue
- Dorms from \$33 p/night and single rooms from \$65 p/night

#### Nomads Auckland ★★★

- 800m from conference venue
- Dorm rooms from \$25p/night, twin rooms from \$79p/night, and single rooms from \$108p/night.

#### Choice Backpackers ★★★

- 300m from conference venue
- Dorm rooms from \$23p/night and single from \$65 p/night

### Food

An abundance of eateries are located within a short walking distance from the conference venue, including vegetarian and vegan options and great coffee are never hard to find in Auckland. Some suggested cafes and restaurants near the conference venue are listed below.

#### Remedy Coffee

- European Breakfast/Lunch
- 230m from conference venue

#### Elliot Stables

- Range of different eateries Lunch/Dinner
- 220m from conference venue

#### Revive Cafe

- European, takeaway salads/hot meals Lunch/Dinner
- 350m conference venue

#### Food Truck Garage

- Fresh fast food European/Mexican Lunch/Dinner
- 400m from conference venue

#### Chuffed Coffee

- European Breakfast/Lunch
- 450m from conference venue

#### Hectors

- European well-known for vegan options Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner
- 450m from conference venue

#### Café Hanoi

- Vietnamese Lunch/Dinner
- 950m from conference venue

#### Misters

- Local, seasonal, organic food, mostly free of gluten, dairy and refined sugar. Breakfast/Lunch
- 350m from conference venue

#### Sunflower Café

- Vegetarian/vegan Thai food, casual dining. Lunch/Dinner
- 450m from conference venue

#### Green Time

- Vegan, casual dining. Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner
- 750m from conference venue



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## REGISTRATION

To register for the Companion Animal Conference 2018 please visit our conference website [www.nzcac.org.nz/conference](http://www.nzcac.org.nz/conference), or complete the following registration form and send it to PO Box 4, Waiuku, 2341, Auckland New Zealand.

If you experience any difficulties please email [info@nzcac.org.nz](mailto:info@nzcac.org.nz)

Full Name:	<input type="text"/>	Please check the relevant box (*): <input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference – Early Bird Fee (payment by 30 <sup>th</sup> of June 2018) – \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference (payment from 1 <sup>st</sup> of July 2018) – \$290 <input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference (Student or NZCAC Member) – \$250* <input type="checkbox"/> Conference dinner – \$100  *You will need to attach a scan of your current student ID to be eligible for the student rate. NZCAC Member organisations may receive member discount for up to 5 delegates.
Title (if applicable):	<input type="text"/>	
Email address:	<input type="text"/>	
Phone number:	<input type="text"/>	
Address:	<input type="text"/>	
Organisation:	<input type="text"/>	
Title/Role:	<input type="text"/>	Please indicate if you would be interested in attending the invite only, half day workshop, which will be held on 19 <sup>th</sup> of September 2018: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
NZCAC Member:	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
Have you attended an NZCAC conference previously:	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
How did you hear about this conference?	<input type="text"/>	
<b>As part of your NZCAC Conference Registration, we appreciate your participation in this short survey.</b>		
In your opinion, what are the three most significant animal welfare issues in New Zealand?		
Issue One:	<input type="text"/>	
Issue Two:	<input type="text"/>	
Issue Three:	<input type="text"/>	
In your opinion, what is the most significant animal welfare issue internationally?		
<input type="text"/>		

Thank you very much for registering for the 2018 NZCAC Companion Animal Conference – Human Behaviour Change for Animals. Once your registration form is received, we will invoice you for your selected registration via email. Alternatively you can include a cheque with this form.

