CONFERENCE SUMMARY

Sunday, November 16
Arrivals
Field Trip
Conference Check-In
Special Planning Meeting
Cocktail & Opening Reception

Monday, November 17
General Session
Cocktail Reception, Dinner & Keynote

Tuesday, November 18
AG Business Meeting
General Session
Departures

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

We have an outstanding program assembled for this year’s conference. The sessions cover a wide range of animal-related issues:
- The American Humane Movement: past, present, and future
- Innovations and trends in companion animal issues
- Opportunities for funders to influence animal agriculture reform
- Non-surgical sterilization today
- Animal welfare on Native American tribal lands
- Changes for whales and dolphins
- Animal language and community
- Improving animal philanthropy through assessment and evaluation

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HOTEL INFORMATION

ABOUT THE HOTEL

Hotel Palomar Phoenix is contemporary, connected and cosmopolitan, yet comfortable and welcoming all at once. Even better, Hotel Palomar is ideally located at CityScape, downtown Phoenix's shopping, dining and entertainment hub. Here, you're just steps away from US Airways Center, Chase Field, the Phoenix Convention Center, the Phoenix Symphony and more amazing restaurants than you'll have time to indulge in, including our own Blue Hound Kitchen & Cocktails.

You'll find everything you need right here: beginning with the rooftop pool overlooking downtown Phoenix, live entertainment at LUSTRE Rooftop Garden in the afternoon, bikes for borrow to cruise around the city, and more. And let's not forget to mention our spacious guest rooms, some of the largest in downtown Phoenix, with modern work desks and deluxe bathrooms.

You'll enjoy creative hotel amenities and comforts including:
- High-speed wireless Internet access, complimentary to Kimpton InTouch loyalty program members.
- Hosted evening wine hour for all guests from 5 - 6 pm every night. Year-round third floor outdoor pool and lounge with views of the city skyline and LUSTRE Rooftop Garden.

PET FRIENDLY

Hotel Palomar Phoenix is a pet-friendly hotel. The Hotel offers pet-friendly amenities and accept any number of pets without size or weight restrictions for no extra charge.

Hotel Palomar welcomes your pet with: Pet bed and food and water bowls delivered to your room, Leash for use during your stay, Disposable pick-up bags, Map for great Phoenix walks, Pet exercise area within walking distance of the hotel, Pet-sitting, grooming and walking services can be arranged through our concierge, List of nearby veterinarians upon request. Traveling with your pet? Complete the Online Pet Registration Form so the hotel is ready for your visit.
TRANSPORTATION

Hotel Palomar: In the heart of Downtown Phoenix at CityScape
The hotel is ideally located in downtown Phoenix between 1st Street and Central Avenue. Hotel Palomar is just a short drive or light rail ride from Sky Harbor International Airport. Onsite parking is available with In/Out privileges for a daily rate $27.

Hotel Palomar Phoenix
2 East Jefferson Street
Phoenix, AZ 85004
Local: 480-747-9903

Driving Directions From Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport (PHX) Rental Car Center to Hotel Palomar Phoenix
1805 E. Sky Harbor Circle South; Phoenix, AZ 85034
Turn LEFT onto Sky Harbor Circle South
Turn LEFT onto E. Buckeye Road
Turn RIGHT onto S. Central Avenue
Turn RIGHT onto E. Jefferson Street
Destination will be on Left.

Light Rail Directions from Sky Harbor to Central Station Light Rail
Take the free PHX Sky Train from Level 3 of Terminal 4 to the 44th Street PHX Sky Train Station. From there, take the elevator or escalator down to the platform of the 44th St/Washington Valley Metro Rail stop. If you are traveling from Terminals 2 or 3, take the free black and silver PHX Airport Shuttle to Terminal 4 and then proceed to Level 3 to connect with the PHX Sky Train. The PHX Sky Train and Airport shuttles are designed for travelers with luggage and run seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

Central Station Light Rail to Hotel Palomar
Exit westbound train at Central Station, located at Central and Adams. Walk south, cross Washington Street and enter the Hotel off the corner of Jefferson and Central.

Local Taxi & Transport Services
Discount Cab (602) 200-2000
SuperShuttle (602) 232-4610
VIP Taxi (602) 300-3000
Yellow Cab (602) 252-5252
Annual conference meeting rooms are shown in orange text.

- **CALAVERA FOYER**: Conference Check-In Desk
- **CALAVERA**: Cocktail Receptions & Dinner
- **DREAMCATCHER FOYER**: Continental Breakfast
- **DREAMCATCHER I & II**: General Sessions
- **DREAMCATCHER III**: AG Business Meeting *(AG Members Only)*
- **ZIA II**: Luncheons
- **ZIA II**: Special Planning Session *(AG Members Only)*
10:00 AM

**Depart for Field Trip**

*Field trip includes transportation to site visits and lunch at Hotel Palomar at 1:15 PM.*

Hotel Palomar
2nd Floor Living Room
Escalator to 1st Street

The Alliance for Companion Animals is a coalition of seven animal welfare groups that are working together in Maricopa County to end pet homelessness. As part of the alliance strategic plan, the Fix-Adopt-Save initiative was born in 2012. Fix-Adopt-Save is a collaboration of the alliance animal welfare organizations and a group of funders that is working together on a 3-year campaign aimed at ending pet homelessness in Maricopa county through **increased adoptions** and **free spay/neuter services**, while raising awareness about Maricopa County’s homeless animal problem. As part of today’s tour we will be visiting two alliance members focused on cat homelessness issues.

10:30 – 11:30 AM

**FIELD TRIP**

**ALTERED TAILS**

**BARNHART CLINIC**

950 W. Hatcher Road
Phoenix

Altered Tails began in 2003 as a small non-profit committed to helping the problems of pet overpopulation and needless euthanasia of cats and dogs. Throughout the change and growth of the organization, our mission has remained constant: To provide accessible and affordable spay/neuter solutions for companion animals and free-roaming cats. Our Vision is to eliminate euthanasia as a means of population control for companion animals and free-roaming cats.

In 2011, we became the 101st Humane Alliance accredited spay/neuter clinic in the nation and the only clinic in Arizona to receive that accreditation. We collaborate with Arizona Humane Society in a Shelter/Neuter/Return program; we provide sterilization services for over 70 breed rescue organizations as well as Maricopa County Animal Care and Control’s spay/neuter voucher program; and we collaborate with the Animal Defense League of Arizona in a TNR program. In November 2013, we opened a second clinic in Mesa, Arizona. In 2014, we anticipate performing approximately 18,000 surgeries.
ARIZONA HUMANE SOCIETY

Every pet deserves a good life. This passionate belief has driven the Arizona Humane Society to serve a critical role in our community for nearly 60 years. We rescue, heal, adopt and advocate for homeless, sick, injured and abused animals.

Through collaborative partnerships, affordable community services, emergency rescue and our medical trauma center, we are committed to providing second chances and saving the lives of animals.

The Arizona Humane Society is a proud member of the Alliance for Companion Animals, a coalition of seven animal welfare agencies in Arizona, that are working together to spearhead a comprehensive three-year plan to tackle Maricopa County’s homeless animal problem, helping both animals and communities in the process. The Fix.Adopt.Save initiative combats pet overpopulation and strives to reduce the number of animals needlessly euthanized in Maricopa County through adoption campaigns, increased spay/neuter efforts and an increase in foster homes while also encouraging responsible pet ownership.
MONDAY | NOVEMBER 17

7:30 – 8:30 AM  Continental Breakfast  DREAMCATCHER FOYER

8:30 – 9:30 AM  Fifty Years, 10,000 Feet, and the Way Forward  DREAMCATCHER I & II

- How has animal protection in the United States evolved since the early 1960s?
- What is the state of the movement to protect animals today, and where is it heading?
- Is there an affirmative vision for animals and the human-animal bond that should guide philanthropy and activism in this sector, and what are its hallmarks?

Speaker: Dr. Bernard Unti, Senior Policy Advisor, Humane Society of the United States

9:30 – 11:00 AM  Companion Animals – Issues and Trends  DREAMCATCHER I & II

Once in companion animal welfare there seemed to be no proactive solution to assist the millions of pets entering our shelters. Today, with transformational organizations leading the charge, the future of companion animals is bright. This session will take a look at emerging trends in animal welfare and the lifesaving results. Topics will include community cats, transport and underserved pets and their people.

Moderator: Karen Froehlich, Director, Grants and Adoptions, PetSmart Charities

Speakers: Jodi Buckman, Senior Director, Community Initiatives, ASPCA
          Julie White, Senior Director of Grants and Field Initiatives, PetSmart Charities
          Betsy McFarland, Vice President, Companion Animals, HSUS

11:00 – 11:30 AM  Break
Extreme Institutional Animal Abuse: 
exploration of the efforts to stop factory farming

Everyone at this conference already knows that confined animal agriculture is the worst offender of animal rights and welfare as well as having a dramatic impact on climate change, water quality, soil erosion, public health, local economies, social justice and our national security. This panel will explore the leading efforts underway to fight this system and explore opportunities for funders to influence these issues and help create sustainable livestock agricultural systems.

Moderator: Scott Cullen, Esq., Executive Director, GRACE Communications Foundation

Speakers: Sara Rummel, Network Coordinator, AARC  
Carter Dillard, Director of Litigation, ALDF

Luncheon | Networking
1:45 – 3:30 PM  Strategies for Increasing Impact  DREAMCATCHER I & II

A shared goal of all grantmakers is the desire to make a difference with our investments. In this session we will explore several different approaches used by funders to increase the impact of their grantmaking. These approaches include evaluation of outcomes and increased collaboration with grantees and other funders.

Moderator: Roger Haston, Executive Director, Animal Assistance Foundation

Speakers: Paul Beaudet, Associate Director, Wilburforce Foundation, Robert Berger, Program Director, Arizona, Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust

Lucille DiDomenico, Executive Director, Philanthropy Southwest

3:30 – 4:00 PM  Break

4:00 – 5:30 PM  Changes for Marine Mammals—Challenges and Successes  DREAMCATCHER I & II

From a growing dolphin and orca anti-captivity movement to greater legal support for the abolishment of whaling, it’s been what could be called a positive year for whales and dolphins. But is it really? How are whales and dolphins truly faring and is there a chance for real change? This panel will discuss how these astonishingly intelligent and highly social and complex marine beings are being researched, protected, manipulated and managed and how we can create greater opportunities for their well-being.

Moderator: John Grandy, PhD, Executive Director, The Pegasus Foundation

Speakers: Dr. Lori Marino, Executive Director, The Kimmela Center for Animal Advocacy

Richard Bloom, California State Assembly Member (invited)

Don Baur, Former General Counsel, U. S. Marine Mammal Commission

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Chasing Doctor Dolittle: The Case for Animal Language, Sentience, and the Harmony of the Natural World

Traditionally, language has been viewed as the last bastion that separates us from other species. If animals have language, then the differences between us and them become ones of degree and not the qualitative differences that some people would like to believe.

Acknowledging that animals have language allows the possibility that animals are sentient beings who are self-aware, can think about the world around them, and make intelligent decisions. In short, they are not that much different from us.

Through the stories and examples of animal language in Chasing Doctor Dolittle, Dr. Slobodchikoff makes the case that the sooner we admit that we and all animals are part of the same continuum, the sooner we will start living in harmony with the natural world around us.

Speaker: Dr. Con Slobodchikoff, Professor Emeritus, Department of Biological Sciences, Northern Arizona University
TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 18

7:30 – 8:30 AM  Continental Breakfast  DREAMCATCHER III

8:30 – 9:30 AM  AG Business Meeting  
(AG Members Only)  DREAMCATCHER III

9:30 – 10:00 AM  Break

10:00 – 11:45 AM  Improve Performance by Listening to Your Grantees  DREAMCATCHER I & II

Does your grantmaking best position your grantees for success? While most grantmakers are committed to seeing the nonprofits they support achieve their mission, foundation practices and priorities are sometimes disconnected from the real needs and challenges that our grantees experience. By building deeper relationships with grantees and actively seeking their input, grantmakers are more likely to provide the types of support that strengthen grantee outcomes.

This session will explore a range of strategies, such as soliciting feedback to streamlining process, that can strengthen grantee performance and is essential to helping them make a difference for animals.

Moderator: Che Green, Executive Director, Humane Research Council

Speakers: Emily Wexler, Program Specialist, Grantmakers for Effective Organizations
Austin Long, Director, Assessment Tools, Center for Effective Philanthropy

11:45 AM – 1:15 PM  Luncheon | Roundtable Discussion  ZIA II
1:15 – 3:00 PM  
**Effective Use of Non-Surgical Sterilization in Companion Animals and Wildlife on Native America**

Nonsurgical sterilization options are available now and this panel explores their use in both wildlife and companion animals, with a focus on Native American application. In addition to discussing the science and logistics of nonsurgical contraception, our speakers will touch on the various social, cultural, political and economic issues that impact the effective use of these techniques.

*Moderator:* **Elaine Lissner**, Executive Director, Parsemus Foundation

*Speakers:*  
**Dr. Jay Kirkpatrick**, Director of the Science and Conservation Center, ZooMontana  
**Ruth Steinberger**, Founder, SpayFirst  
**Diana Webster**, Founder, Native American Humane Society  
**Dr. Tolani Francisco**, Epidemiology Officer, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS), Veterinary Services

3:00 – 3:15 PM  
**Wrap Up and Conference Closing**