

Seminar program

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Understanding Animals' Needs and Wants

Wednesday 21 February (All times are in AEDT)

12:30 Welcome to Day 1

Chair: Dr Suzanne Fowler
Chief Science Officer, RSPCA Australia
Official welcome: Richard Mussell
Chief Executive Officer, RSPCA Australia

12:45 Challenge, choice, and control provide opportunities for animals to have a good life

Speaker: Dr Kat Littlewood
Veterinary Specialist in Animal Welfare Science, Ethics, & Law and Lecturer in Animal Welfare, Massey University, NZ

13:25 The life cycle of an assistance animal and touch points impacting welfare

Speaker: Dr Tiffani Howell
Senior Research Fellow, School of Psychology and Public Health, La Trobe University

14:05 What about the equine in Equine-Assisted Services?

Speaker: Associate Professor Cathie Driscoll
Head of Audiology, Director of Animal-Assisted Interventions Research Alliance, The University of QLD

14:45 Break

15:00 When you're not welcome: The not so 'forever' home

Speaker: Fiona De Rosa
PhD candidate, College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, Flinders University

15:40 Dying well. Is there scope to improve the welfare of companion dogs and cats during euthanasia appointments?

Speaker: Dr Anne Quain
Senior Lecturer, Sydney School of Veterinary Science

16:20 Close

When Things Go Wrong

Thursday 22 February (All times are in AEDT)

12:35 Welcome to Day 2

Chair: Dr Suzanne Fowler
Chief Science Officer, RSPCA Australia

12:45 When things go seriously wrong: What happens when we don't meet animals' needs

Speaker: Dr Rebecca Ledger
Animal Welfare and Behaviour Consulting, Vancouver, Canada

13:25 Whose problem are 'behaviour problems'?

Speaker: Dr Gabrielle Carter
Veterinary Specialist in Animal Behaviour, RSPCA Victoria

14:05 Shine a light on the shadows: The animal victims of domestic and family violence (DFV)

Speaker: Associate Professor Kristin Diemar
Principal Research Fellow, Department of Social Work, School of Health Sciences, The University of Melbourne

14:45 Break

15:00 Communication to improve animal welfare outcomes

Speaker: Dr Mia Cobb
Animal Welfare Scientist, Animal Welfare Science Centre, Faculty of Science, University of Melbourne

15:40 Can sport, relaxation, tradition and entertainment involving animals be enjoyable for both humans and animals?

Speaker: Prof. Bas Rodenburg
Professor of Animal Welfare, Utrecht University, The Netherlands

16:20 Wrap up

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