

Seminar program

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Understanding animal ethics – foundations, principles and context

Wednesday 19 February 2025 (All times are in AEDT)

12:00 Welcome to Day 1

Official welcome: Richard Russell
Chief Executive Officer, RSPCA Australia

Chair: Dr Suzanne Fowler
Chief Science Officer, RSPCA Australia

12:15 A short history of animal ethics

Speaker: Prof David Fraser
University of British Columbia

12:55 Crossing the divide: The psychology of animal ethics

Speaker: Dr Tim Dean
The Ethics Centre

13:35 Camp Dogs: Ethical relationships between western discourses and Aboriginal worldview

Speaker: Prof Bindi Bennett
Federation University

Speaker: Dr Clare Archer-Lean
University of the Sunshine Coast

14:15 Break

14:30 Is the legal recognition of animal sentience reflective of changing animal ethics?

Speaker: Assoc Prof Jane Kotzmann
Deakin University

15:10 How much do people really care about animal welfare?

Speaker: Prof Peter Sandoe
University of Copenhagen

15:50 Panel discussion: Animal ethics – where to from here?

Panel: Day 1 Speakers

18:30 Close

Applied animal ethics – ethical aspects of animal welfare problems

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12:00 Welcome to Day 2

Chair: Dr Suzanne Fowler
Chief Science Officer, RSPCA Australia

12:10 Ethics, efficacy, and decision-making in animal research

Speaker: Prof Lawrence Hansen
University of California San Diego

12:55 Ethics versus economics: Early life killing of surplus dairy calves and the Wicked Problem it presents

Speaker: Dr Sarah Bolton
Greenham/The University of Melbourne

13:35 Ethics of aquatic invertebrate management and farming

Speaker: Dr Sarah Wainfinez
Nautilus Collaboration

14:15 Break

14:30 Wild animals, welfare and ethics: Traditional versus compassionate conservation

Speaker: Dr Simon Coghlan
University of Melbourne

15:10 There will always be too many: "Overbreeding" of animals in racing industries

Speaker: Prof Phil McManus
University of Sydney

15:50 Ethics versus aesthetics: Ethical challenges of human interactions with brachycephalic dogs

Speaker: Dr Rowena Packer
University of London

16:40 Close

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