



## Minding Animals

### Minding Animals International Bulletin No.8

Minding Animals International (MAI) welcomes you to its eighth Bulletin. Details contained in this Bulletin are also provided on the Minding Animals Website [www.mindinganimals.com](http://www.mindinganimals.com)

#### **MUST MEET Abstracts Deadline for the Utrecht Conference**

**15 January** – see [www.mindinganimals.com](http://www.mindinganimals.com) for instructions

#### **Minding Animals Study Circles**

An important component of Minding Animals 2 in Utrecht will be lunch-time round-table discussions to be coordinated and held by the established 18 Minding Animals Study Circles. Several lunch-time round-table discussions were held at Minding Animals 1 in Newcastle, Australia, to stimulate debate on several themes. The sessions were highly successful. After Newcastle, the concept was extended and several transdisciplinary Study Circles were formed.

It was envisaged that discussions within the groups would culminate in lunch-time roundtables at Utrecht 2012 and in joint papers to be submitted for publication; and despite some quiet times, the Study Circles are proving productive and have been providing some stimulating debate. Would you be interested in participating in any of the Study Circles? If so, sign up by following the prompts on any of the Study Circle home pages - details on Study Circle Group home pages and email addresses are listed below.

Further, some Study Circle Group Convenors still need to be appointed to steer debate and to organise the Utrecht round-tables. If you would like, not just to join a Study Circle, but to nominate as a Convenor of a Group, then send us your nomination. Nominations have been extended to the end of November and must be sent to: [mindinganimals@gmail.com](mailto:mindinganimals@gmail.com).

**An exciting development has been an offer by the International Society for Environmental Ethics to assist with the publication of papers from the Study Circles. Further announcements will be made shortly on this initiative.**

#### **Expressions of Interest for Minding Animals 3 in 2015**

MAI would like to receive Expressions of Interest from institutions interested in hosting Minding Animals 3 in July 2015. If you are interested, please contact [mindinganimals@gmail.com](mailto:mindinganimals@gmail.com) to receive a copy of the 2015 guidelines. **EOI close 9 December, 2011**



# Minding Animals Conference

July 4 – 6, 2012, Utrecht University  
The Netherlands

**Building Bridges between Science,  
the Humanities and Ethics**



Minding Animals



Universiteit Utrecht





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## Scientific, Ethical and Social Issues concerning the Human-Animal Relationship

Utrecht University invites you to the 2012 Minding Animals Conference. This conference is the second in a series of conferences about scientific, ethical and social issues related to human interactions with and uses of animals.

The aim of the conference is to bring together academics from different areas (animal welfare, animal ethics, and animal studies in general) with politicians and a broad variety of interest groups.

The conference offers a platform for exchange of information about research developments, debates about controversial political and ethical issues concerning the treatment of animals and a variety of cultural activities, including art exhibitions, on the central theme of the conference.

## Minding Animals Conference Themes

The conference covers a broad range of themes that all aim to contribute to a better understanding of the scientific, ethical and social issues related to human interactions with and uses of animals.

The themes include:

- The Human-Animal Relationship
- Animal Welfare
- Animals and Sustainability
- Animal Capacities
- Animal Ethics
- Animals and Public Policy





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## The programme

The programme consists of keynote talks, parallel academic sessions based on the call for papers, workshops for the Minding Animals Study Circles, and the Protecting the Animals Seminar Series in which animal advocacy organisations will present and discuss their work.

## Confirmed keynote speakers include:

- **Prof. Colin Allen**, Professor of Philosophy, specialized in Philosophy of Biology and Cognitive Science
- **Prof. Marc Bekoff**, Emeritus Professor of Animal Behaviour
- **Prof. John Coetzee**, Nobel Prize winning author
- **Prof. Julia Driver**, Professor of Philosophy, exploring a Humean account of duties towards animals
- **Prof. Robert Garner**, Professor of Political Theory, specialised in the political representation of non-human interests and animal rights
- **Prof. Dale Jamieson**, Professor of Environmental Studies and Philosophy
- **Prof. Christine Korsgaard**, Professor of Philosophy, developed a novel Kantian account of our duties towards animals
- **Prof. Will Kymlicka**, Professor of Political Philosophy, recently co-authored a book on political philosophy and animal rights
- **Prof. James McGaugh**, Research Professor of Neurobiology and Behaviour
- **Prof. Harriet Ritvo**, Professor of History, specialised in the history of human-animal relationships
- **Jill Robinson**, animal protectionist and founder of Animals Asia
- **Prof. Peter Singer**, Professor of Philosophy, developed a utilitarian approach to animal ethics





## Scientific Committee

Prof. Steve Baker (UK), Prof. Victoria Braithwaite (UK), Prof. Dieter Birnbacher (DE), Prof. Michel Bonneau (FR), Prof. Frans Brom (NL), Prof. Henry Buller (UK), Prof. Carlos María Romeo Casabona (ES), Dr. Alasdair Cochrane (UK), Dr. Nienke Eendenburg (NL), Dr. Mickey Gjerris (DK), Prof. John Grim (US), Prof. Robert Heeger (NL), Prof. Ludo Hellebrekers (NL), Prof. Hal Herzog (US), Dr. Hans Hopster (NL), Prof. Bas Kemp (NL), Prof. Peter Koolmees (NL), Prof. Jianjun Li (CN), Prof. Gesa Lindemann (DE), Dr. Alastair MacGugan (UK), Prof. Adam Miklosi (HU), Prof. Peter Sandøe (DK), Dr. Hans Spoolder (NL), Prof. Henk Vaarkamp (NL), Prof. Louk Vanderschuren (NL), Prof. Christopher Wathes (UK), Prof. Wendy Wheeler (UK).

## Organizing Committee

- Prof. Marcus Düwell, Ethics Institute, Utrecht University
- Prof. Frauke Ohl, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Utrecht University
- Dr. Tatjana Visak, Ethics Institute, Utrecht University
- Frederike Kaldewaij, M.A., Ethics Institute, Utrecht University
- Dr. Franck Meijboom, Ethics Institute & Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Utrecht University
- Erno Eskens, M.A., International School of Philosophy, Leusden
- Dr. Rod Bennison, CEO Minding Animals International
- Kim Stallwood, Deputy CEO Minding Animals International

**Call for abstracts now open!**

**Many pre-conference events around the globe!**

**Visit [www.uu.nl/hum/mindinganimals](http://www.uu.nl/hum/mindinganimals)**



## Minding Animals Events and Partner Conferences

### 17 to 19 November, 2011: Vancouver, Canada

Host: Emily Carr University of Art and Design, Vancouver

Event title: *Animal Influence (Interactive Futures IF'11)*

Venue: Intersection Digital Studios (IDS) at Emily Carr University of Art and Design (ECUAD)

Time and Date: 17 to 19 November, 2011

**Keynote speakers: Professor Marc Bekoff and Lisa Jevbratt**

If you would like to participate, contact the Conference Organiser, Carol Gigliotti at [gigliott@ecuad.ca](mailto:gigliott@ecuad.ca)

The event will be conducted in English

### 28 November, 2011: New Delhi, India

Host: Wildlife Trust of India and IFAW - the event forms part of the Global Buddhist Congregation

Event title: *Buddhism and the New World Order: Compassion, Animal Welfare and Conservation*

Venue: The Park Hotel, Parliament Street, New Delhi

Time and Date: 9am to 6pm, 28 November, 2011

**Keynote speakers: Dr Christopher Key Chapple, Dr Manish Vyas, Cindy Milburn, Vivek Menon and the Ven. Geshi Lhakdor**

Organiser and contact: if you want to attend this event, you must register by contacting Rupa Chaudhury [rupa@wti.org.in](mailto:rupa@wti.org.in), or Ashok Kumar [ashok@wti.org.in](mailto:ashok@wti.org.in)

The event will be conducted in English and will be free, but you must register

The event will include a panel discussion led by Vivek Menon

Further information regarding the Global Buddhist Congregation can be obtained from: <http://www.asokamission.in/event/global-buddhist-congregation-2011-new-delhi>

### 2 December, 2011: Newcastle, UK

Host: University of Newcastle, UK

Event title: *Animal Ethics and Sustainable Food Policy Conference*

Venue: Baddiley-Clark Building, University of Newcastle, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK

Time and Date: 9am-5pm, 2 December, 2011

Organiser and Contact: Jan Deckers, [jan.deckers@newcastle.ac.uk](mailto:jan.deckers@newcastle.ac.uk)

The event will be conducted in English

Registration: please register early to avoid disappointment as places are limited. To register, please complete the booking form at <http://forms.ncl.ac.uk/view.php?id=1993>

Participants are advised to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements

## 4 May, 2012: Geneva, Switzerland

Host: SHARRE (Society for Human-Animal Relationship Research & Education)

Event title: *Mon chien (...) ce héros ! / My dog (...) what a hero!*

Venue: Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève, Auditoire Marcel Jenny, Rue Gabrielle-Perret-Gentil, Geneva, Switzerland

Time and Date: 8am to 6:15pm, 4 May, 2012

**Confirmed speakers:** Àdàm Miklòsi, Jòzsef Topàl, Giuliana Galli Carminati & others

Organiser and contact: Rachel Lehotkay and Erika Lorincz at [info@sharre.ch](mailto:info@sharre.ch)

The event will be conducted in French and English

Conference details, including program, event fees and registration, will be available on the SHARRE website shortly at <http://www.sharre.ch/> - see the flyer on the next page

## 12 to 13 May, 2012: Genoa, Italy

Host: Minding Animals Italy

Event title: *The Emotional Lives of Animals*

Venue: to be confirmed in the next Bulletin

**Keynote speaker: Professor Marc Bekoff**

Organiser and contact: Alma Massaro, [almamassaro@gmail.com](mailto:almamassaro@gmail.com)

The event will be conducted in Italian and English

## 13 June, 2012: Sydney, Australia

Host: HARN - Human Animal Research Network, University of Sydney

Event title: *Animal Death*

Venue: University of Sydney Camperdown Campus

**Keynote speaker: Professor Deborah Bird Rose, Centre for Social Inclusion, Macquarie University**

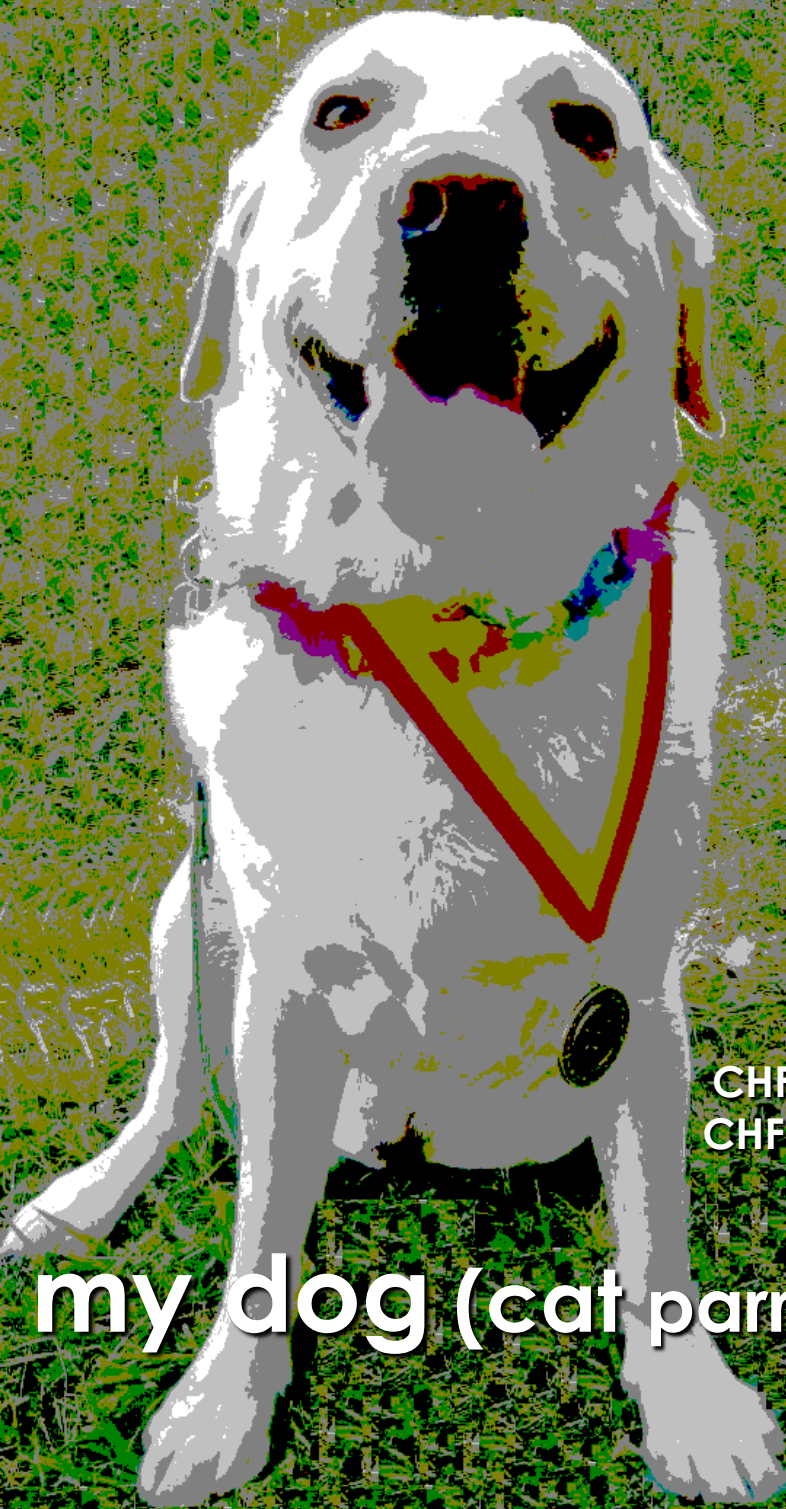
Convenors: Dr Fiona Probyn-Rapsey ([fiona.probyn-rapsey@sydney.edu.au](mailto:fiona.probyn-rapsey@sydney.edu.au)) and Dr Jay Johnston ([jay.johnston@sydney.edu.au](mailto:jay.johnston@sydney.edu.au))

The event will be conducted in English

### Call for Papers

This symposium brings together cross-disciplinary voices on the topic of Animal Death. We seek papers which explore how animal and human death are conceptualised, diverge, differ and also connect in profound ways. Papers could explore issues of sacrifice, 'necessary' expendability, utility, species extinction, human survival, climate change and conservation. We are particularly interested in human and animal relationships around the nature of death. These include (but not limited to) issues of grief (for the dead companion animal), euthanasia, rituals of slaughter, vivisection, cultures of denial, the issue of who (and who isn't attributed a 'soul'), post-death belief systems. Please send 200 word abstracts to Dr Jay Johnston: [jay.johnston@sydney.edu.au](mailto:jay.johnston@sydney.edu.au) by January 16th 2012. Individual papers will be 20 minutes in duration. Panels of up to 3 speakers are welcome.

# SHARRE Conference 2012



*Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> 2012*

*8h00-18h15*

*HUG-Auditorium Marcel Jenny*

*Rue Gabrielle-Perret-Gentil*

*1205 Geneva*

**Infos & registration**

[info@sharre.ch](mailto:info@sharre.ch)

[www.sharre.ch](http://www.sharre.ch)

Tel. : +41 76 540 86 53

**Registration fees**

CHF 100.-/80.- student, AVS, AI, ASZ

CHF 150.-/100.- from March 31<sup>st</sup> or on the spot

my dog (cat parrot rat rabbit canary ferret piton...)

what a hero!





## Animals Studies next July

Next June/July will be a very busy month with the Seventh International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Science in Barcelona (25-28 June), the Bioethics Conference in Rotterdam (26-29 June), an Animal Law Conference in Zurich (7-8 July) and our very own Minding Animals Conference in Utrecht. Another conference that is being held the week following Utrecht is the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the International Society for Anthrozoology, which also marks the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *Anthrozoös*. Here's the flyer:

# ISAZ2012

## THE ARTS AND SCIENCES OF HUMAN-ANIMAL INTERACTION

JULY 11<sup>TH</sup> TO 13<sup>TH</sup>

MURRAY EDWARDS COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE, UK



This conference is open to papers and posters from all disciplines relevant to the study of human-animal interaction. We also welcome the submission of short films and video-works on the subject of human-animal interaction.

Topics which will be covered include:

- \* Animals and human-animal interaction in film, television, literature, music and art
- \* Attitudes to animals and animal issues (contemporary and historical)
- \* The impact of human-animal interactions on the health and well-being of people and animals
- \* Cultural studies of human-animal interaction
- \* Animal welfare and ethical issues

Abstracts and short films due February 1st, 2012

2012 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Anthrozoös*, Journal of the International Society for Anthrozoology. Join us for this special event in the Journal's history.

For further information, go to: [www.isaz2012.com](http://www.isaz2012.com)



## British Animals Studies Network

Great news from Professor Erica Fudge is that the British Animal Studies Network has been revived. Here's a note from Erica:

### *The British Animal Studies Network Lives Again!*

*Wild*, Friday 25-Saturday 26 May 2012, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow

Thanks to the generosity of the University of Strathclyde, BASN is being revived - and it now has its own website: [www.britishanimalstudiesnetwork.org.uk](http://www.britishanimalstudiesnetwork.org.uk).

The first meeting of BASN-Glasgow will take place from 2.30pm on Friday 25 May to 5.00pm on Saturday 26 May 2012, at the University of Strathclyde in central Glasgow. There will be a small charge for attending the meeting to cover the cost of refreshments (which will be vegetarian and vegan). Details will be issued in the new year.

As with all previous BASN meetings, this one takes as its focus a key term in animal studies that it is hoped will be of interest to scholars from a range of disciplines. The title of the meeting is *Wild*. Invited speakers who are already confirmed for May are Tim Ingold (University of Aberdeen), Hayden Lorimer (Glasgow University) and Richard Nash (Indiana University).

As well as these invited speakers we are also issuing this call for papers. If you are interested in giving a paper addressing the topic *Wild* from whatever disciplinary perspective, please submit an abstract of no more than 200 words with a brief biography (also of no more than 200 words). These should be included within your email - that is, not as attachments. Please send them to [basn@strath.ac.uk](mailto:basn@strath.ac.uk). The deadline for abstracts is 13 January 2012. Presentations will be 20 minutes long, and we hope to include work by individuals at different career stages. Sadly, we have no money to support travel, accommodation or attendance costs.

Topics covered at this meeting might include (but are not limited to):

- The reintroduction of wild animals
- Wildness as a philosophical construct
- Wild animals in captivity
- Wildness as a cultural trope or theme
- Ferality and wildness
- Encounters with the wild - safaris, walking, urban wildlife

Also, if you'd like to join the mailing list for BASN, and receive information about this and future meetings and events please go to <http://www.britishanimalstudiesnetwork.org.uk/Home.aspx> and click on the *Register for Updates* link.

We look forward to seeing you in Glasgow in 2012!