

conference on humane education - april 29-30, 2011
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Building Humane Communities:

Becoming Agents
of Positive Change

Hosted by:
American Humane Association
and **Green Chimneys**

WITHIN THE CONFERENCE, BUILDING HUMANE COMMUNITIES: BECOMING AGENTS OF POSITIVE CHANGE WE WILL:



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This is an unprecedented continuing education opportunity for:

HUMANE EDUCATORS

MENTAL HEALTH
PROFESSIONALS
with an interest in the
human-animal bond

OUTDOOR EDUCATORS

RECREATIONAL
THERAPISTS

TEACHERS

CHILD AND ANIMAL
WELFARE
PROFESSIONALS

ANYONE SEEKING TO
INSTILL KINDNESS
AND APPRECIATION
FOR CHILDREN,
ANIMALS AND PLANTS
IN COMMUNITIES
THEY SERVE

- Explore how we may need to “reboot” our very concept of community.
- Create a vision of humane communities that includes a diversity of people, animals and plants.
- Promote “safety for all” through intentional models of working with communities in a supportive fashion.
- Question some of our most firmly held ideas about humane education, community outreach and how to guide others toward behavior change on the community level.
- Discover how members of different communities may think and feel differently about the same issues.
- Propose active steps humane educators can take to maintain an enthusiastic and positive outlook despite often daunting obstacles toward creating humane communities.

While focusing on the role all of us play in creating humane communities, we will invite the Green Chimneys animals to serve as our “co-faculty” during hands-on sessions that illustrate how animals also have a place in shaping the world in which they live.

The 2011 humane education conference sessions will highlight approaches that support the building of humane communities. The 2-day program will include lectures by internationally known leaders in education, psychology, veterinary medicine, humane education and human-animal interactions.

We'll also have interactive group discussions and hands-on learning opportunities with animals on the Green Chimneys Farm, which offers conference attendees a profound and innovative learning setting.

All people and animals live in communities. Yet, how we define community and how supportive communities are varies from place to place. A teacher working in a school... an ant living in an ant hill... a stray dog... a child growing up in suburbia... an adult with autism. All experience community differently.

Communities can form in a numbers of ways, in families, neighborhoods, schools, workplaces and religious groups. You may be a part of multiple communities at one time.

How a community supports and is sensitive to the needs of diverse people, animals and nature can be the turning point. It is this goal of bringing about positive change in a changing world that most humane educators set for themselves.

Among the broadest and most overarching goals of humane education are the promotion of empathy and the prevention of violence in communities.

We hold many beliefs about how these goals are best met. War, poverty, child maltreatment, cruelty to animals, destruction of the natural environment; all erode the quality of life for communities large and small across the world. The challenges seem daunting.

The goal of our conference is to improve the long-term prospects for people, animals and plants at many levels. We are especially interested in examining how the concept of a humane community, that is inclusive of the well being of animals in a central fashion, can be instilled in children, youth and adults through development of humane education outreach. Key topics will focus on how to support the development of humane communities, to recognize that in order to impact communities positively, we all can become individual agents of positive change. The powerful experience of working directly with animals and plants in the natural settings of Green Chimneys will aim to strengthen the resolve of conference participants toward this lofty vision.



SAMPLE SESSION TITLES AND PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

**A New Vision to Creating
Communities for People, Animals
and the Environment**

**Ethical Considerations for the
Therapeutic Incorporation of
Animals into Programs**

**Humane Education in the
Netherlands: A European Perspective**

**Community Through the Ages:
A Monastic Perspective**

**Creating Sanctuary for All:
The Green Chimneys Model**

**Convincing Society that Our
Bonds with Animals Matter**

**What Horses and Dogs Can
Teach Us About Community**

**Green Chimneys Campus
and Program Tour**

**Roundtable Discussions, Panels and
Valuable Time for Personal Exchange
with Speakers and Colleagues**

speaker biographies



ALAN BECK received his Doctor of Science (Sc.D.) degree in Animal Ecology from The Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health. He has studied the ecological & public health implications of dogs and the health benefits of animal contact. Together with Aaron Katcher, M.D., he edited the book *New Perspectives on Our Lives with Companion Animals*, and co-authored the book, *Between Pets and People: the Importance of Animal Companionship*. He has written numerous articles and is a founding board member of the Delta Society. Dr. Beck is now the "Dorothy N. McAllister Professor of Animal Ecology" & Director of the Center for the Human-Animal Bond at Purdue University, School of Veterinary Medicine.



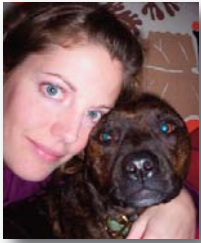
MOTHER HILDEGARD GEORGE OSB has a Ph.D. in child and adolescent psychology and a background in domestic/farm animal behavior & botany. She is one of the pioneers in the field of animal-assisted therapy with children. She has worked at Green Chimneys in Brewster, NY, where she helped establish the Animal-Assisted Intervention Program. Her work has been published in many journals and publications. At present, she lectures across North America in fields relating to animals and children as well as lectures in the School of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University. She is also a WSU Master Livestock Advisor. Mother Hildegard is shepherdess and llama herder at Our Lady of the Rock, Show Island, WA.



MARK GOLDSTEIN, DVM, CAWA, is the president of the San Diego Humane Society and SPCA. His leadership of the 130-year-old private, non-profit agency to reduce the unnecessary euthanasia of healthy and treatable animals has set new standards for animal welfare agencies nationwide. Dr. Mark was a senior staff veterinarian at the MSPCA's Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in Boston, an Associate Professor at Tufts University, Executive Director of the Boston Metropolitan Zoos and the Los Angeles Zoo and Vice President of the San Francisco SPCA. He has been published in the area of animal welfare and has served on many state and national boards including the Akaloa Foundation, the American Humane Association and the Society of Animal Welfare Administrators.



JANE GRECO-DEMING is the Director of Humane Education at American Humane (AHA). She attended Johnson & Wales University School of Business and was certified in zoo management by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA). She served as a long time zoo educator/manager and Director of Education at Providence Animal Rescue League. At AHA, Jane is responsible for the American Humane KIDS Dog Bite Prevention project, Pet Meets Baby, Connecting with Cats and a myriad of on-line materials and programs. She serves on the Humane Literacy Coalition, the Board of the Association of Professional Humane Educators and the Board of Southwick's Zoo's Earth LTD. She spent 30 years as a licensed wildlife rehabilitator and was the director of the Rhode Island Disaster Animal Response Team for more than six years.



KATENNA JONES, ScM, Associate CAAB, CABC, CPDT-KA has been a Humane Educator and Animal Behaviorist for American Humane since 2007. She holds a Bachelor's degree in

biology and earned her Master's degree in Experimental Psychology from Brown University where she studied animal behavior, learning and cognition. Her thesis work examined communication and recognition among shelter dogs. She is an Associate Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist, a Certified Animal Behavior Consultant, and Certified Pet Dog Trainer. Katenna also has experience in all aspects of animal sheltering and is experienced at working with owners and their dogs to address serious behavior problems, including anxiety, aggression and phobias.



MICHAEL KAUFMANN is Green Chimneys' Farm and Wildlife Director. He has served the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) and the American Humane Association (AHA) as a key program director in animal-

assisted activities & therapy, humane education and animal welfare. He has contributed to defining publications in the field and has served on numerous national boards and committees. He has lectured internationally on humane education, animal-assisted activities and how the link between child abuse and animal cruelty offers opportunity for collaboration between various helping professions.



SEAN KELLY, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor of Philosophy and Literature and Director of the Honors Program at Florida Gulf Coast

University, the State of Florida's environmental university. He teaches courses in the FGCU Humane Animal Research Collaborative, an interdisciplinary group of scholars working to promote humane uses of animals in academic research. This group is most interested in how universities can incorporate new uses of animals in research, uses that promote a caring and humane attitude toward animals while also fostering the academic goal of producing useful knowledge. Dr. Kelly works closely with many community agencies, including AHA, Gulf Coast Humane Society, Lee County Animal Services & The Animal Welfare Refuge Center.



MIYAKO KINOSHITA is Farm Education Program Manager at Green Chimneys. She is a NARHA Certified Advanced Level Therapeutic Riding Instructor and grad student in Education. Miyako

specializes in prevention, early detection, and intervention of emotional and behavioral crisis in an animal-assisted activity setting, and has held many workshops and lectures within the U.S. and in Japan. She was a past committee member for the Equine Facilitated Mental Health Association (EFMHA) and is the group's current president. Having led Green Chimneys Equine programs for many years, she now focuses her work on integration of the farm programs into the educational, clinical and residential programs. She also supervises Green Chimneys' international farm intern program.



DUNCAN LESTER is the Associate Executive Director of Operations at Green Chimneys. He holds an Ed.D. in Education Administration and has worked on school reform with several NY State Special Education private schools for the purpose of enhancing academic achievement. He has been part of initiatives and committees on

mentoring, professional development, and the evaluation of effective teaching, programs and technology to design and evaluate state standards and lesson plans. Currently, Dr. Lester is an American Camp Association - New York section board member and is involved with Camp America's Advisory Board.

MAUREEN MacNAMARA, MSW, CEIP has incorporated animals into her clinical work with



at-risk youth, adults with developmental disabilities, trauma survivors, and in leadership development and organizational management seminars. Widely respected in the field of animal-assisted interactions, MacNamara is past Vice President of Programs for the Delta Society and created its internationally recognized Pet Partners Program. She's

a founding member of the Equine Facilitated Mental Health Association (EFMHA) and a member of the Certification Board for Equine Interaction Professionals. Maureen is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of Denver and a fellow of the Institute for Human-Animal Connection.



MARIE SUTHERS McCABE, DVM is Vice

President of Humane Education and Veterinary Outreach for American Humane. Previously, she served as Director of Community Education for

Heifer International and at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine Center for Animal-Human Relationships (CENTAUR). She was a practicing veterinarian prior to serving as Director of the Veterinary Technology Program at Columbus State Community College in Ohio. Dr. McCabe is former president of the American Association of Human-Animal Bond Veterinarians and

serves on the Board of Directors of the International Society for Anthrozoology, the Association for Veterinary Family Practice and the Animal Related Careers Consortium.



SAMUEL B. ROSS JR.,

Ph.D. is the founder of Green Chimneys, a non-profit organization that restores possibilities and creates futures for children with emotional, behavioral, social and learning challenges. Under Dr. Ross's leadership, Green Chimneys received international recognition and acclaim for utilization of animal-assisted activities and therapy, equestrian therapy and horticultural therapy. He also spearheaded other innovative programs for children and adults. He served on the board of Paul Newman's The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, is an advisor to The Double H-Hole in the Woods Ranch in New York and helped start The Jordan River Village, a year-round camp in Israel.



MARIE-JOSE ENDERS SLEGERS, Ph.D., obtained

her Doctoral Diploma in Psychology at the University of Utrecht; a Doctorate in Psychology and a Diploma as Health Care Psychologist. Her research is focused on the meaning of human-animal interactions for vulnerable people (e.g. - elderly with dementia, traumatized children, mentally handicapped people, children with psycho/social disorders and psychiatric patients) and on the link between domestic violence and animal abuse. Dr. Slegers is a board member of the International Society for Anthrozoology. She is chairman of the Task Force on Domestic Violence and Animal Abuse and Vice President of the International Association of Human Animal Interactions Organizations (IAHAIO). She has served on the Board of American Humane, was the President of the Dutch Society for the Protection of Animals and is the founder of the Regional Animal Shelter in de Bommelerwaard, Netherlands.



AMERICAN HUMANE

Protecting Children & Animals Since 1877

Founded in 1877, the American Humane Association is the only national organization dedicated to protecting both children and animals. A nonprofit membership organization, American Humane is headquartered in Denver.

Through a network of child & animal protection agencies and individuals, American Humane provides national leadership in developing policies, legislation, curricula and training programs -- and taking actions -- to protect children and animals from cruelty, abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Hundreds of child welfare and child protective services agencies & professionals are members of American Humane. In addition, hundreds of local humane societies, SPCAs and animal control agencies across the country are member organizations of American Humane. As members, those individuals and organizations benefit from the national leadership, expertise, resources, information exchange, trainings and programs that American Humane provides.



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restoring possibilities & creating futures

Founded in 1947, Green Chimneys restores possibilities and creates futures for children with emotional, behavioral, social and learning challenges. Headquartered in Brewster, NY, it is world renowned for its animal-assisted therapy and nature-based activities programs. Green Chimneys also operates a residential treatment center, an accredited special education school, a farm & wildlife rehabilitation center, an organic farm & children's garden, horticulture therapy and therapeutic riding programs, a runaway shelter and a community outreach center, Nature's Nursery and Hillside Summer Camp, Clearpool Education Center, LGBTQ programs in NYC, programs and special events for the public and a variety of other programs. Each year, Green Chimneys serves thousand of children and their families. For information, visit www.greenchimneys.org.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

COST: The cost of the 2011 HUMANE EDUCATION CONFERENCE is \$300 per person, which includes 6 meals. Early bird registration is \$250 if payment is received in full by January 14, 2011.

LOCATION: Green Chimneys (400 Doansburg Rd., Brewster, NY) is located in the foothills of the Taconic Mountains, minutes from the Connecticut border and 35 miles north of White Plains, NY. For conference participants arriving by plane, White Plains Airport (HPN) is approximately 30 minutes away. Other accessible airports are Bradley International (BDL) in Hartford, LaGuardia (LGA), JFK and Newark (EWR). The closest train station is Southeast, which is on the Harlem line of Metro North. The train originates at Grand Central Station in NYC. For those driving, Green Chimneys is close to major highways.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Comfort Suites Hotel on Mill Plain Road in Danbury, CT, is offering a special conference rate of \$99 per night (plus tax), per room, with complimentary breakfast included. For room reservations, call (203) 205-0800 and ask for the Green Chimneys conference rate, which is available for booking until April 1, 2011.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION:

Connecticut Limousine - (203) 878-2222

CT Limo www.ctlimo.com provides shuttle service from area airports. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance. The CT Limo drop-off site is at the Maron Hotel, a distance away from the Comfort Suites Conference Hotel. Upon prior notification, the Comfort Suites Hotel can provide transport to and from the CT Limo drop off site.

On Friday and Saturday, (AM and PM), Green Chimneys will provide transportation to and from the Comfort Suites Hotel to the Green Chimneys conference site on a set schedule that will be sent to participants upon conference registration.

Via Car: For driving directions to Green Chimneys, visit www.greenchimneys.org.

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Humane Education Conference Registration Form

Registration Fee: \$300, due by April 1, 2011 (includes six meals)

Early Bird Registration: \$250, if received by January 14, 2011

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Telephone _____

E-mail Address _____

Conference Fee: \$300 **(\$250 if received by January 14, 2011)**

____ Please register me for the vegan meal option.

____ I am taking advantage of the Early Bird Registration offer.

____ Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

____ Please bill my credit card \$ _____

(circle one) American Express MasterCard Visa

Name on Card _____

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____ Authorized Signature _____

For more information, visit www.greenchimneys.org.



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