

What is NAIA?

The National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA) is a charitable 501(c)(3) educational organization of recreational, business, agricultural, and scientific interests founded in 1991 to support and promote best practices in responsible animal ownership and use while providing a viable alternative to animal rights extremism. NAIA's membership consists of pet owners, dog and cat clubs, rescue groups, breeders, veterinarians, research scientists, farmers, fishermen, hunters, and wildlife biologists.

NAIA is committed to preserving the human-animal bond, the special bond that exists when people live and work with animals, and supports everyone from beginners to professionals as they strive to learn more about animal care and husbandry.

What does NAIA do?

NAIA supports animal welfare and the rights of animal owners by:

- Providing factual information to the public about animals and animal welfare issues
- Creating programs to improve the care and welfare of animals
- Helping local animal welfare groups achieve their mission
- Helping local authorities write laws that target irresponsible ownership practices and inhumane treatment of animals while safeguarding the rights of responsible animal owners
- Supporting the enforcement of state and federal laws that mandate the proper treatment of animals and provide penalties for animal abuse.



To join or to learn more about the National Animal Interest Alliance, visit our website at www.naiaonline.org.

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NAIA 2015 National Conference

*Joining Forces to
Save Our Animals*



October 31-November 1, 2015
Orlando, Florida

NAIA Annual Conference Joining Forces to Save Our Animals

Our understanding of animals and ability to provide care for them is greater than ever before. In areas of behavior, medicine, habitat and environment, or simply providing conditions animals can thrive in, humans have never been able to offer as high a level of care as today. But as our understanding evolves, the issues facing the animals we love evolve as well, presenting us with new and ever greater challenges:

- Working effectively with shrinking gene pools
- Reducing genetic diseases in domestic animals
- Eliminating dog trafficking
- Addressing habitat loss, and
- Supporting science-based animal care standards.

We also face serious political and cultural challenges:

- Ideologically-driven legislation designed to weaken our communities and empower the activists
- Media smear campaigns to put our communities in a bad light and raise money

These are all serious issues, but they can all be overcome if we work together.

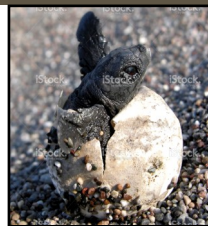
In this year's conference, we will work to present the latest and best information on animal care, breeding and genetics, provide up to date information about the status of animal industries, and we will also offer tools for dealing with propaganda campaigns and legislation!

Joining Forces to Save Our Animals is for people like you who are dedicated to caring for animals and learning about and utilizing new programs and tools created to assure animal wellbeing – both now and for future generations.

If you love and care for animals, show it by attending this conference. We need to work together to solve the problems we face. As Ben Franklin cautioned, "If we don't hang together, then assuredly we shall hang separately"



We are proud to feature presentations from animal scientists, veterinarians and breed and species experts in animal welfare husbandry, genetics, animals in research, and many other useful topics!



Featured Presentations

Dr. Candace Croney, PhD: Director Center for Animal Welfare Science and Associate Professor Animal Behavior and Wellbeing, Dept. of Comparative Pathobiology and Dept. of Animal Sciences, Purdue University: *Update on the development of dog breeding standards;*

Wendy Kiso, PhD Research and Conservation Scientist and **Jan Aria**, Director of Stewardship, Center for Elephant Conservation: *Saving the Asian Elephant—special challenges and opportunities;*

Jill (Bratina) Kermes, Senior Corporate Affairs Officer, SeaWorld: *Animal welfare, conservation, and public perception;*

Cindy Schonholtz, Outreach Coordinator for the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association; **Wendy Davis**, Associate Coordinator, Race Track Industry Program, University of AZ; and **Elizabeth Greene, PhD**, Associate professor, equine specialist, University of VT: *The state of the American horse industry;*

Fran Smith, DVM, PhD: President, Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA): *Understanding, developing and using genetic tests and other breeding technologies effectively;*

Marthina Greer, DVM, JD: *Practical strategies for using new and old technologies to make the best breeding selections;*

Adam Boyko, PhD: Asst. Professor, Cornell University, College of Veterinary Medicine: *Genetic disease and evolutionary genetics — maintaining healthy breeds despite shrinking gene pools;*

Bob Weaver, Ph.D: Cow-calf specialist, Kansas State University and Cattleman: *Breeding for the Future;*

Arnold Goldman, DVM and Patti Strand, NAIA President: *an update on dog trafficking.*

Sign Up Today!

Make your hotel reservation today! The conference will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld, Orlando, Florida. No hotel shuttle is offered. Contact www.mearstransportation.com for a shuttle or plan to catch a taxi to the hotel.

You can reserve your room by typing in the following link: <http://bit.ly/1GLwqkz>, and selecting the "Book a Room" option. You can also call (407) 352-1100 — just make sure you let them know you're with the National Animal Interest Alliance conference so you receive the discounted group rate!

The price of the conference is \$250 and includes lunch each day, as well as a dinner with live entertainment and an auction on Saturday night. You can mail your check to NAIA (see address below), or sign up online at www.naiaonline.org/get-involved/naia-annual-conference. Conference attendees who sign up before August 31 receive the special early bird rate of \$175 for their conference admission.

NAIA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

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October 31 - November 1, 2015

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Conference, Dinner & Auction: \$250

Total Enclosed Registration Fees: _____ for _____ attendees.

[] I want to join NAIA; please send information.

[] I can't attend but offer this donation to NAIA to support this valuable conference _____.

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