



Washington, D.C. October 2 - 4, 2017

Calling All Friends of NAIA!

Preparations are in full swing as we gear up for our 26th National Conference in Washington D.C. – *Animal Nation!* This year promises to be more informative and impactful than ever before. In addition to a robust line-up of renowned presenters and professionals who will introduce new ideas and innovative strategies for achieving success.

The conference will kick-off Monday evening, October 2, with a reception on Capitol Hill. Members of Congress and their staff members will be among those in attendance. Tuesday, October 3, will be a day of fascinating presentations by world-class experts about cutting edge topics. A networking lunch will be held mid-day Tuesday with dinner and music to follow in the evening. Wednesday, October 4, is Lobby Day on Capitol Hill. The morning will begin with an educational breakfast workshop on effective lobbying, followed by pre-arranged appointments for you to meet with your federal representatives. All meals are included in the conference sign-up fee.

Here's a preview of speakers and topics scheduled for Tuesday, October 3:

- **Alison Frase, Founder and President of Frase Foundation; Casey Childers, DO, PhD, Rehabilitation Medicine Professor and Investigator at the University of Washington Institute for Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine:** *Why Dogs?*
- **Candace Croney, PhD, Director of the Center for Animal Welfare Science and Professor of Animal Behavior and Well-Being at Purdue University:** *Advancing Canine Welfare in Commercial Breeding Operations: Science-Based Approaches to Assessment and Continuous Improvement*
- **David J. Waters, DVM, PhD, Director of the Center for Exceptional Longevity Studies at the Gerald P. Murphy Cancer Foundation:** *To be Kind You Need to Know What is True: Research as the Root of Re-thinking*
- **Mark Dunn, Sr. VP AKC:** *National Security at Stake: The AKC Addresses the Growing Need for Explosive Detection Dogs (with Detection Dog Demonstration)*
- **Doug Ljungren, VP Sports and Events AKC:** *Preserving Canine Instincts While Having Fun: The Evolution of AKC Sports and Events*
- **Cindy Buckmaster, PhD, Director of the Center for Comparative Medicine at Baylor College:** *Homes for Animal Heroes: Ask Me Why I'm a Hero*
- **Kendal Frazier, CEO, National Cattlemen's Beef Association:** *Challenges, Opportunities and Success*

The conference is just two months away. **Register and Reserve Your Hotel Room Now** to ensure your spot at the must attend event of the year - *Animal Nation!* Hotel space is limited and filling quickly so sign up today.

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