



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS Deadline: Tuesday June 4th, 2019.

Humane Canada (also known as the **Canadian Federation of Humane Societies**)

2019 Canadian Violence Link Conference

November 21 – 22, 2019
Chelsea Hotel
Toronto, Ontario

About Humane Canada

Humane Canada™ is the national voice for animal welfare and Canada's federation of SPCAs and humane societies. We bring together organizations that work with and care for animals to end animal cruelty, improve animal protection and promote the humane treatment of all animals. Since we were founded in 1957, we've earned our solid reputation and enviable credibility as the go-to national voice on animal welfare issues for industry, media, government, non-governmental organizations and the public. We work collaboratively and cooperatively with key stakeholders from across Canada, based on the premise that we can have a greater impact creating positive change by being a part of the process instead of being apart from it.

About the Conference

Humane Canada's Canadian Violence Link Conference is an innovative, ground-breaking biennial conference that examines the link between violence against human beings and animals, looking at the vulnerabilities in both populations and how they intersect. In 2017, we brought together 203 professionals from 10 key Canadian sectors that work to prevent and address violence against people or animals for cross-sector training on how to stop the cycles of violence. This was the first time a national conference of this kind happened in Canada, and it has kick-started much-needed action on violence. The conference goals are;

1. Convene the field's leading legal, enforcement, behavioural, interpersonal violence and social services experts to increase focus and cross disciplinary attention on the link between animal abuse and interpersonal violence.
2. Highlight the latest research and promising practices to advance the criminal justice system and social services system's response to animal violence and human violence.
3. Address the commonalities between vulnerable people and vulnerable animals and explore intervention programs that reduce vulnerability and violence.
4. Explore how enforcement, social services, community resources, justice systems and animal welfare organizations can work together recognize animal abuses as a dynamic in their work and routinely screen for animal welfare issues.

Why Speak?

Share your cutting-edge knowledge, build your professional network and help others work more effectively in the area of the violence link by speaking at Humane Canada's 2019 Violence Conference.

Themes for Conference Sessions

Humane Canada's Violence Link Conference is the only cross sectoral professional development event for representatives from social services, violence against women prevention, animal welfare, law enforcement, community resources, health, gender-based violence prevention, government, and veterinary sectors, as well as interested members from the public. Our program committee needs your expertise and ideas!

The committee is looking specifically for a focus on recent programs, projects, interventions or research and encourages submissions that explore innovative and creative responses to the violence link. In order to provide a comprehensive learning experience for the conference participants, the committee is interested in both successful and unsuccessful initiatives.

We're currently accepting abstracts on the following topics for our 2019 conference:

1. **Emerging shifts and trends** in addressing the Violence Link in different sectors and across sectors.
2. **Research and promising practices** to advance the criminal justice system and social services system's response to animal violence and human violence including how enforcement, social services, community resources, justice systems and animal welfare organizations can work together recognize animal abuses as a dynamic in their work and routinely screen for animal welfare issues.
3. **Intervention programs** that recognize the violence link and aim to reduce vulnerability and violence.
4. **Advocacy and Education:** Best practices or case studies on delivering innovative programs, advocacy campaigns and social media programming.

The program committee will also consider any other important violence link topics that are relevant to the Canadian context but not mentioned above.

The committee welcomes submissions for 45,60 or 90-minute presentations in the following formats:

- Presentation (with 1-2 speakers)
- Panel discussions
- Workshops

Sessions must include a 5-10 minute question period and can be delivered using PowerPoint or as an interactive, hands-on workshop.



The **deadline** for submitting an abstract for consideration is **Tuesday June 4th, 2019**.

Decisions

Abstracts will be reviewed by the conference program committee, and we will contact you with the committee's decisions by July 19th.

Compensation

If your abstract is chosen, each speaker for your session will receive a complimentary conference pass on the day they are presenting and offered a special speaker rate to register for all other days/events.

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

STEP 1

Read Humane Canada's 2019 Violence Link Conference call for abstracts and submission guidelines.

STEP 2

Complete the digital abstract submission form. Ensure you have installed the most recent version of Adobe Reader (available free online) to your computer. You will be asked to fill in personal information, answer questions and agree to conditions. You can save your work and return to it later.

STEP 3

Once all sections are complete, save the form, attach it to an email and send it to conference@humanecanada.ca. You will receive confirmation that we received the form within 1-5 business days. Please note that, if you need to make changes to your abstract after you have submitted, you can contact us at conference@humanecanada.ca.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION TERMS

Humane Canada reserves the right to edit abstracts to be in line with our required formatting, as well as for style, grammar, punctuation and capitalization errors. By submitting an abstract, you confirm that the proposed presentation is original content and that you have obtained any necessary permission (i.e: client approval, copyright permissions) to present the material at our conference. In addition, you agree to the following:

1. Humane Canada will circulate the abstract for review to the 2019 Violence Link Conference program committee. If your abstract is selected, the abstract and any other materials submitted to us that are relevant to the presentation will be used to populate the conference app and website. In addition, the presentation files you provide will be made available on our website and event app (unless you specify otherwise).
2. If the proposed presentation is accepted, Humane Canada will:
 - Promote information such as title and speaker name(s).
 - Reproduce the abstract on the event website, event app and social media.
3. Humane Canada may contact you and any other authors appearing in the abstract with information about the 2019 National Violence Link Conference.

When you have completed the form, please send it to conference@humanecanada.ca.

I understand the terms and I am ready to submit an abstract



ABSTRACT INFORMATION

What is the format of your proposed session?

Presentation

Workshop

Panel Discussion

Proposed length of session (includes 5-10 minutes for Q&A for all formats)

45 minutes

60 minutes

90 minutes

Number of Speakers:

Proposed Title – Please keep it short (10 words or less)

Abstract of your session. Please include 3 key learnings.

For examples from previous conferences visit, <https://clc.humanecanada.ca/2017> If your abstract is selected, the text below will be used to promote your presentation.

Abstract Summary:

3 Key Learnings:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



Speaker Information

Speaker's Full Name:

Please include any honorifics and list your name exactly as you would like it to read on the website and marketing materials.

Prov/ State:

City:

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Job Title:

Email(s):

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Bio of presenter

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In the section below, please include any other relevant information that you would like the program committee to know:

Name:

Date:

THANK YOU FOR SUBMITTING AN ABSTRACT FOR THE 2019 VIOLENCE LINK CONFERENCE!
Please send your completed submission to conference@humanecanada.ca.



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