



Minding Animals Conference

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



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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





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Call for abstracts now open!

Many pre-conference events around the globe!

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