

Conference on Animal Welfare

The biennial conference, which focuses on animals in Asia, will take place in Chennai, India, Jan. 10-12, 2007.

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The welfare of Asia's wildlife will be a topic at the Asia for Animals Conference, Jan. 10-12. More than 300 delegates from around the world will attend the Asia for Animals Conference in Chennai, India, Jan. 10-12 to discuss how to protect Asia's wildlife and promote animal welfare for pets in Asian countries. The conference will be hosted by Chiny Krishna, chairman of the Blue Cross of India; Amala Akkineni, president of Blue Cross of Hyderabad; the Animal Welfare Board of India; and the C.P.R. Environmental Education Centre in Chennai.

A special pre-conference workshop, to be held Jan. 9, will examine ways to spay and neuter street cats and dogs in Asia. Sponsored by the Brigitte Bardot Foundation and conducted by Vets Without Borders, this workshop will discuss "animal birth control" options.

Keynote speaker Maneka Gandhi will represent her organization, People for Animals, which is the largest animal welfare organization in India. Swami Dayanand Saraswathi will speak about religion and ethics, while Peter Davies, president of the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA), will speak about worldwide animal issues. Other topics for discussion include:

Animals in research
ZooCheck work in Asia
Stray animal management
Rescue center operations
Farm animal welfare
Government agencies' role in animal protection
Tackling the wildlife trade
Media and communication strategies

For more information about the Asia for Animals Conference, visit the conference website.