

PAWS 2024 International Captive Wildlife Conference

Ending Wild Animals as Entertainment

November 9-10, 2024 • Los Angeles, California

DAY ONE: Saturday, November 9

Check-in Begins at 8:15 a.m.

9:00 to 9:15 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Catherine Doyle | *Director of Science, Research and Public Policy, PAWS*

Chris Draper | *CEO, PAWS*

Morning Session

9:15 to 9:45 a.m.

Shattering the Chains: Ending the Use of Wild Animals in Entertainment

Nicole Paquette | *Chief Programs and Policy Officer, Humane Society of the U.S.*

BREAK | 9:45 to 10:00 a.m.

Sponsored by The Humane Society of the United States

10:00-10:30 a.m.

Tackling the Use of Animals in Entertainment in Asia

Dave Neale | *Global Director of Animal Sentience & Welfare,
Animals Asia Foundation*

10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Campaign Strategies to Ban Wildlife Cafes and Regulate Wildlife Trade in South Korea

Hyung Lee | *Executive Director, AWARE*

11:00 to 11:45

Panel: Ending Wild Animal Acts in Circuses and Traveling Shows

Toward the End of Circuses

Carrie LeBlanc | *President & Executive Director, CompassionWorks International*

Beyond the Big Top: Big-Cat Sideshows and Monkeys on the Midway

Debbie Metzler | *Senior Director of Captive Animal Welfare, PETA Foundation*

Striking the Big Top: Legislating to End Traveling Wild Animal Acts

Laura Hagen | *Director, Captive Wildlife, Humane Society of the U.S.*

LUNCH | Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Sponsored by The Kerr Family Foundation

Afternoon Session

1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Panel: Wild Animals in International Tourism

Elephants in Tourism: Community Solutions in Thailand

Sarah Blaine | *Founder & CEO, Mahouts Elephant Foundation*

Veterinary Perspectives on Captive Elephants in Asia

Patricia London, DVM | *Founder, Asian Elephant Wellness Project*

Pseudo-Sanctuaries, Safari Parks, and Other Misleading Tourist Traps in the U.S.

Debbie Metzler | *Senior Director of Captive Animal Welfare, PETA Foundation*

Some Aspects of Wildlife Tourism in South Africa

Dave Morgan | *Field Director, Wild Welfare*

2:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Elephant Autonomy and Wellbeing: A Transformative Link in Rewilding

Liv Baker | *Chair, PAN Works; Research Director, Mahouts Elephant Foundation;
Biology, Sarah Lawrence College*

BREAK | 3:00 to 3:15 p.m.
Sponsored by Tigers in America

3:15 to 4:00 p.m.

Panel: Marine Mammals in Entertainment

Behavioral Abnormalities in Captive Orcas

Lori Marino | *Adjunct Professor, NYU; Founder & President, The Whale Sanctuary Project; Executive Director, Kimmela Center*

Health Consequences for Captive Orcas

Heather Rally, DVM | *Medical Director, Thrive Wild*

Legal Framework for Captive Orcas

Kathy Hessler | *Assistant Dean, Animal Law, & Director, Animal Legal Education Initiative, The George Washington University Law School*

4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

**Zoo Transformations: Past, Present & Future of Ancient Institutions.
Proposed Models, Examples and Learned Lessons Towards Achieving a
Successful Transformation**

Tom Sciolla | *Sanctuary Director, Biodiversity Conservation Advisor, Zoo
Transformation Specialist, Fondation Franz Weber (FFW)*

4:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Looking Beyond Zoos Roundtable

Brittany Peet | *General Counsel for Captive Animal Law Enforcement, PETA Foundation*

Chris Draper | *CEO, PAWS*

Rob Laidlaw | *Executive Director, ZooCheck*

Lori Marino | *Adjunct Professor, NYU; Founder & President, The Whale Sanctuary*

Project; Executive Director, Kimmela Center

Tom Sciolla | *Sanctuary Director, Biodiversity Conservation Advisor,*

Zoo Transformation Specialist, Fondation Franz Weber

5:30 p.m.

Comments, housekeeping

Immediately following Day One of the Conference

PAWS' 40th Anniversary Celebration

(On site at The Proud Bird)

DAY TWO: Sunday, November 10

8:45 to 9 a.m.

Welcome, housekeeping

Catherine Doyle | *Director of Science, Research and Public Policy, PAWS*

9:00 to 9:40 a.m.

Walk to Freedom: Movement Patterns of Two Reintegrated African Elephant Herds Transitioning from Captivity to Free-living

Brett Mitchell | *Chairman, Elephant Reintegration Trust*

Tenisha Roos | *Elephant Researcher, Elephant Reintegration Trust*

9:40 to 10:15 a.m.

Elephant Intelligence and Its Implications for Welfare

Mickey Pardo | *K. Lisa Yang Center for Conservation Bioacoustics,*

Cornell Lab of Ornithology

BREAK | 10:15 to 10:30 a.m.

Sponsored by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)

10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Panel: The Rise of Exotic Pets and Wild Animal Interactions for Profit

Not-a-Pet: Empowering Consumers to Safeguard Wildlife

Carson Barylak | *Campaign Manager, International Fund for Animal Welfare*

Fighting Animals in Entertainment on the Front Lines

John Di Leonardo | *Anthrozoologist & Executive Director, Humane Long Island*

A Dart Gun in the Kitchen, Silent Screams From a Boneless Frog, and Is My Chimp Dead? A Veterinary Perspective on Exotic Pets

Jackie Gai, DVM | *Director of Veterinary Services, PAWS*

Hiding in Plain Sight: The Insidious Growth of Mobile Zoos in Canada

Rob Laidlaw | *Executive Director, Zoo Check*

11:30 to Noon

Fading Attractions: The Decline of the Roadside Zoo Industry

Brittany Peet | *General Counsel for Captive Animal Law Enforcement, PETA Foundation*

LUNCH | Noon to 1:30 p.m.

1:30 to 2:15 p.m.

Captive Wildlife Sanctuaries at the Forefront

Small Cat Crisis: The Next Big Problem in the US and Abroad

Tammy Thies | *Founder & Executive Director, The Wildcat Sanctuary*

The Bear Truth

Bobbi Brink | *Founder & Director, Lions, Tigers and Bears*

The Road to Riches and Path to Suffering: The Sad Lives of Captive Wild Animals Exploited for Profit

Emily McCormack | *Animal Curator, Turpentine Creek Wildlife Rescue*

2:15 to 2:45 p.m.

Transformation of Elephant Care and Welfare at Lok Kawi Wildlife Park, Sabah, Malaysia

Margaret Whittaker | *Executive Director, Wild Welfare US*

BREAK | 2:45 to 3:00 p.m.

3:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Expansive, Diverse Habitats are Vital for the Welfare of Elephants in Captivity

Keith Lindsay | *Collaborating Researcher,*

Amboseli Trust for Elephants, Fondation Franz Weber

Presenting on behalf of himself and co-author Rob Atkinson

3:30 to 4:00 p.m.

19 Elephants: What They Taught Me

Jackie Gai, DVM | *Director of Veterinary Services, PAWS*

4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Releasing Control: Empowered Healing Through Autonomy

Scott Blais | *CEO, Global Sanctuary for Elephants*

4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Captive Elephant Campaigns

When the Grotesque is Celebrated: Campaigning Against the AZA's Captive Elephant Breeding Program

Courtney Fern | *Director of Government Relations and Campaigns, Nonhuman Rights Project*

The Decades-long Campaign to Free Billy and Raising Awareness About Elephant Captivity

Kiersten Cluster | *Co-founder, Elephant Guardians of Los Angeles & International Candlelight Vigil4Elephants*

Freedom for Joyce: Telling One Elephant's Story to Help End a Global System

Cameron Harsh | *US Director of Programs, World Animal Protection*

5:15 p.m.

Closing Remarks/End of Conference

Catherine Doyle | *Director of Science, Research and Public Policy, PAWS*

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