



**INTERNATIONAL COMPANION  
ANIMAL WELFARE CONFERENCE**

## October 2017

**CALLING ALL ANIMAL WELFARE WORKERS ACROSS THE WORLD!**  
**Join ICAWC 2018 from 9<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup> October in Krakow, Poland**

The 2017 three day International Companion Animal Welfare Conference (ICAWC) recently took place from the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> October in Nicosia, Cyprus and was attended by 234 delegates from 104 organisations across 37 countries.

The conference began with visits to Argos shelter near Larnaca, followed by a half a day of interactive workshops covering subjects such as dog behaviour, cat welfare and infection control.

During the following 2 days there were talks and presentations from international speakers including Luke Gamble, Carolyn Menteith, Karen Hiestand plus many others on a range of matters relating to companion animal welfare. Their talks covered topics such as training and behaviour, education and fundraising.

Speaking after the conference, Dogs Trust CEO and ICAWC Chairman, Adrian Burder said: "We were thrilled to take ICAWC to Cyprus this year. It's always great to welcome back many old friends and also those who have not attended before. I have attended every conference since it started 1996 and it is fantastic seeing this event attract so many new delegates from the host country each year. ICAWC continues to provide delegates with a platform to network with likeminded people from across the world and that's what makes it so special."

The 2018 conference will be held in Krakow, Poland from the 9-11<sup>th</sup> October, with more details available soon at [www.icawc.org](http://www.icawc.org) or contact Lucy James, ICAWC, 17 Wakley Street, London EC1V 7RQ, UK. Email [ICAWC@dogstrust.org.uk](mailto:ICAWC@dogstrust.org.uk)

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**The International Companion Animal Welfare Conference was developed by its organisers with the belief in working towards a world where no healthy companion animal is destroyed for want of a caring home with responsible owners.**

#### Mission Statement:

The International Companion Animal Welfare Conference (ICAWC) is dedicated to:

- Elevating the level of care for companion animals
- Promoting positive animal welfare legislation
- Developing and promoting educational programmes to encourage better understanding, appreciation and care of companion animals
- Assisting animal welfare organisations in strengthening their projects
- Providing a platform for the interchange of ideas that impact on companion animals
- Through "Strength in Numbers" making the world a better place for companion animals