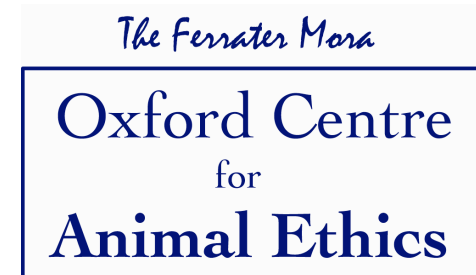


## First Announcement: One Day International Conference on the Relationship between Animal Abuse and Human Violence

Keble College, Oxford, United Kingdom, 18 September, 2007



### Aims and scope of the conference

The conference will highlight the importance of animal ethics by exploring the following questions:

- Is there empirical evidence of a link between animal abuse and violence to humans or anti-social behaviour?
- How should we interpret the evidence?
- If there is a link, what are the ethical implications?
- What are the implications for social and legal policy?

The purpose of the conference is to enable people to better understand the nature of animal abuse, the motivation that leads to cruel acts and the implications for human as well as animal welfare. This understanding is essential to help inform social and legal policy.

### Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics

The conference is being arranged by the Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics (for more info see <http://www.oxfordanimaethics.com/index.php>), founded in 2006 to enhance the ethical status of animals through academic research, teaching and publication. The aim of the Centre is to put the issue of humankind's interactions with animals on the intellectual agenda. During the last 30 years evidence has been accumulating of a link between animal abuse and violence to humans or anti-social behaviour. This conference will document and explore the meaning of this link and the implications that should follow for the making of social and legal policy.

At the heart of the Centre's work is an international fellowship of academics drawn from the sciences and the humanities. The Centre is named after the distinguished Spanish philosopher José Ferrater Mora, known for his pioneering opposition to bullfighting. One of the Centre's key research areas is the link between animal abuse and human violence.

## Attendance and delegates

The conference will appeal to academics representing a range of disciplines, including (but not limited to) ethics, philosophy, theology, psychiatry, law, psychology, criminology, medicine, social sciences and social policy. We also expect the conference to appeal to a wide range of professionals concerned with

- the care of children;
- spousal and elderly abuse;
- cruelty prevention and inspection;
- social work;
- penal policy;
- veterinary services;
- human and animal shelters;
- humane education;
- wildlife protection;
- law enforcement;
- the implementation of legal and social policy.

**We, therefore, particularly welcome attendance from anti-cruelty inspectors, teachers, medical personnel, veterinarians, social workers, health care professionals and law enforcement officials.**

## Call for papers

Academics worldwide are invited to submit brief abstracts of papers for consideration. From the abstracts submitted, the best will be selected for presentation at the conference. Each presentation will be scheduled for 15 minutes.

Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be submitted via email to Professor Andrew Linzey, Director of the Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics ([director@oxfordanimaethics.com](mailto:director@oxfordanimaethics.com)), to arrive by 15 May 2007.

Those whose abstracts are selected will be asked to supply a full academic paper of between 3,000-5,000 words by 1 September 2007. All selected papers will be published in book form.

## Call for posters

Poster contributions to the conference are welcomed. Abstracts should be submitted via email to Professor Andrew Linzey, Director of the Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics ([director@oxfordanmalethics.com](mailto:director@oxfordanmalethics.com)), to arrive by 15 May 2007.

## Conference Programme

The one-day conference includes approximately 17 presentations of 15 minutes each, as well as keynote presentations. There will be a post-conference dinner. Overnight accommodation at Keble College is available. The full academic programme will be published in May 2007. **The conference language will be English**

## Venue

Keble College is one of the largest of the constituent colleges of the University of Oxford. Founded in 1870, its original brick Victorian buildings have now been complemented and supplemented by award winning contemporary developments including a purpose-built lecture theatre in the Sloane Robinson Building. Keble's self-contained conference facilities include en suite bedrooms and one of the largest and most impressive Dining Halls in Oxford. For directions to Keble see: [www.keble.ox.ac.uk/about/location](http://www.keble.ox.ac.uk/about/location)

## Registration

You can register online for the Oxford Animal Conference or download a registration form at [www.league.org.uk/oxconreg](http://www.league.org.uk/oxconreg). If you need help filling out the form or have any questions, please contact the Conference Helpdesk at:

Telephone: **+ 44 (0) 207 403 6155 and press option 3**

Fax: **0207 403 4532**

Email: **[oxfordconference@league.org.uk](mailto:oxfordconference@league.org.uk)**

Write to: **Oxford Conference at League Against Cruel Sports, Sparling House, 83-87 Union Street, London, SE1 1SG**

## Conference Costs

| Option | Before 31st May cost<br>(10% DISCOUNT) | After 31st<br>May cost | Package Description  |
|--------|--|------------------------|--|
| A      | £449                                   | £499                   | <p><b>Conference cost to delegates including accommodation and conference dinner on Tuesday 18 September and breakfast on Wednesday 19 September (except students):</b><br/>Full cost conference fee including Tuesday lunch, evening reception, conference dinner, overnight accommodation in Keble College after the dinner and breakfast on morning of Wednesday 19 September plus all refreshment breaks in morning and afternoon during the conference.</p>   |
| B      | £360                                   | £400                   | <p><b>Conference cost to student delegates including accommodation and conference dinner on Tuesday 18 September and breakfast on Wednesday 19 September (on production of proof of student status):</b><br/>Reduced cost conference fee including Tuesday lunch, evening reception, conference dinner, overnight accommodation in Keble College after the dinner and breakfast on morning of Wednesday 19 September plus all refreshment breaks in morning and afternoon during the conference<br/><b>N.B. Only a limited number of student places are available – please book early.</b></p> |
| C      | £396                                   | £440                   | <p><b>Conference cost to delegates including conference dinner on Tuesday 18 September but excluding accommodation:</b><br/>Full cost conference fee including Tuesday lunch, evening reception and conference dinner, plus all refreshment breaks in morning and afternoon during the conference</p>  |

Fellows and Associate Fellows of the Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics are eligible for a 5% discount on Options A or C.

## **Accommodation**

Accommodation following the conference dinner is included in Options A and B. Should you require accommodation at Keble the night before the conference (17 September) this is available at a cost of £80 including breakfast. Further details appear on the registration form.

## **Sponsorship and organisation**

The Conference is being sponsored and organised on behalf of the Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics by the League Against Cruel Sports, the premier society in the United Kingdom opposed to cruelty inflicted on animals for recreational purposes. The League's aim in sponsoring the Conference is to enable people to better understand the nature of animal abuse, the motivation that leads to cruel acts and the implications for human as well as animal welfare. The League believes that this understanding is essential to help inform social and legal policy.