

# The Science of Animal Thinking and Emotion; A Conference on Sentience as a Factor in Policy and Practice

*Humane Society Institute for Science and Policy*



Foxie and Burrito groom each other at Chimpanzee Sanctuary Northwest.

Science is making stunning discoveries about animal cognition, awareness and emotion. How can we apply and leverage this information for positive change in government, industry and other sectors? Join us on Monday and Tuesday, March 17-18, 2014 at the Gallaudet University Kellogg Conference Center. This two-day conference brings together thought-leaders in the science and implications of animal sentience, and influential voices in the policy and corporate domains. As the bedrock of animal ethics, sentience deserves a more prominent place in the legislative, corporate, and institutional landscapes where decisions about animals and their care and status are made.

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## **Monday, March 17, 2014 –**

The Science and Implications of Animal Cognition

### **Morning Session Topics**

8:45am – 1:30pm

- The Emotional Brain
- Ape and Dog Cognition
- Farm Animal Cognition
- Awareness and Experience
- Lunch

### **Afternoon Session Topics**

1:30pm – 5:30pm

- The Fishes
- Animal Language
- Animal Pleasure
- Dog Emotions with fMRI

**Symposium Dinner 6:00pm – 8:00pm**

## **Tuesday, March 18, 2014 –**

The Application of Animal Cognition

### **Morning Session Topics**

9:00am – 1:30pm

- Sentience of Reptiles
- Sentience, Psychology and Social Change
- Sentience and Bio-Politics
- Sentience, Development and Cultural Change
- Lunch

### **Afternoon Session Topics**

1:30pm – 5:00pm

- Marketing Sentience through the Media
- The Influence of Sentience on Animal Research
- Sentience in the European Union
- Sentience of Cetaceans

### **Speakers include:**

Jonathan Balcombe, PhD, *Humane Society Institute for Science & Policy*

Gregory Berns, MD, PhD, *Emory University*

Victoria Braithwaite, PhD, *Penn State University*

Prof. Dr. Marita Candela, Professor in Law, *Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona*

Ian J.H. Duncan, PhD, *Global Animal Partnership*

Brian Hare, PhD, *Duke University*

Hal Herzog, PhD, *Western Carolina University*

Marguerite Kuzma, *Animal Welfare Unit of the European Commission*

Peter Li, PhD, *Humane Society International*

Robert Mitchell, PhD, Professor, *Eastern Kentucky University*

Clare Molloy, PhD, Professor, *Edge Hill University, UK*

Jaak Panksepp, PhD, *Washington State University*

Mark Simmonds, OBE, *Humane Society International*

Con Slobodchikoff, PhD, Professor Emeritus, *Northern Arizona University*

Bernard Unti, PhD, *The Humane Society of the United States*

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