

**Animal Welfare Research Symposium
Campbell Centre for the Study of Animal Welfare
University of Guelph**

First Announcement and Call for Abstracts

The Campbell Centre for the Study of Animal Welfare invites you to participate in its inaugural **Animal Welfare Research Symposium**. The symposium will cover a range of topics related to animal welfare, animal ethics and the role of animals in society.

The Campbell Centre, with over fifty Associated Faculty working in disciplines ranging from animal science and veterinary medicine to philosophy and psychology, is uniquely positioned as a centre of excellence in animal welfare. This meeting aims to showcase this excellence; to provide a forum for faculty and graduate students to share research results, techniques and ideas (even problems and sticking points!); and to foster discussion and collaboration among the many interested individuals and research groups across campus.

The symposium will feature short research talks (15 - 20 mins. + 5 for questions) as well as poster presentations. There will be a prize for best student talk and best student poster. We will also have a visiting guest lecturer, Dr. Ron Swaisgood (UCLA/Zoological Society of San Diego), speaking on the role of stress reduction in the successful captive breeding of endangered mammals.

Date, location, registration etc.

The symposium will be held on **Monday, April 28th, 2008** (9am – 5pm), in the Lifetime Learning Centre, OVC, University of Guelph. **Registration is free.**

A second announcement in early April will provide details of the final program. In the interim, if you need more information please contact Kim Sheppard, Communications Coordinator for the Campbell Centre (ksheppar@uoguelph.ca) or Prof. Georgia Mason, Canada Research Chair in Animal Welfare (gmason@uoguelph.ca).

Call for Abstracts

If you or your students would like to present a talk or poster on your research, we invite you to submit one or more abstracts. Please submit by **5pm March 14th, 2008**, by e-mail to ksheppar@uoguelph.ca. Details of how to format your abstract are provided below. You will receive a confirmation when your abstract has been received, and you will be notified on the status of your submission (accepted as talk or poster) by April 1st.

Abstract Guidelines

1. The study or concept described in the abstract must be directly related to animal welfare science, ethics, or the role of animals in society.
2. Please state clearly whether you'd like to give a TALK or a POSTER.
3. The abstract should have a title, and contain a clear statement of aims and, where appropriate, hypotheses and predictions.
4. Methods and results should be clearly explained (including sample sizes, data and test statistics, unless a theoretical paper).
5. A concluding sentence should sum up the implications of the research.
6. The whole abstract should not exceed 350 words.
7. If accepted, your abstract will be available online in a pdf of the symposium's program and schedule. Please format accordingly, ie. proof-read to ensure accuracy, correct spelling and grammar, and correct appearance of any symbols! Also make sure that all authors' names and affiliations are given in full.