



**INTERNATIONAL COMPANION
ANIMAL WELFARE CONFERENCE**

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ANNUAL ANIMAL WELFARE CONFERENCE CELEBRATES 21st ANNIVERSARY OF IMPROVING ANIMAL WELFARE ACROSS THE GLOBE

The 2019 International Companion Animal Welfare Conference (ICAWC) recently took place from the 8th – 10th October in Valletta, Malta and was attended by 229 delegates from 101 organisations across 39 countries.

The conference began with some delegates visiting the MSPCA facilities in Floriana, followed by a half a day of interactive workshops covering subjects such as fundraising, dog behaviour and practical advice on setting up a neutering clinic.

During the next 2 days there were talks and presentations from international speakers including Luke Gamble, Carolyn Menteith and Rachel Dean 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 Chief Executive and ICAWC Chairman, Owen Sharp said:

“Dogs Trust were thrilled to take ICAWC to Malta this year. It was my first time attending the conference and I was overwhelmed by the positivity and friendliness of all the delegates. Speaking to those in attendance, it is clear to me that the conference provides delegates with an essential forum to network with likeminded people from across the world and share ideas in an informal environment and that’s what makes it so special.”

The 2020 conference will be held in Sofia, Bulgaria from the 6-8th October, with more details available soon at www.icawc.org or contact Lucy James, ICAWC, 17 Wakley Street, London EC1V 7RQ, UK. Email ICAWC@dogstrust.org.uk

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The International Companion Animal Welfare Conference was developed by Dogs Trust 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

- 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
- 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

Dogs Trust is working towards the day when all dogs can enjoy a happy life, free from the threat of unnecessary destruction.

All organisations attending the conference have the opportunity to promote what they do to increase the sharing of information across the animal welfare community.