



## October 2016

### **CALLING ALL ANIMAL WELFARE WORKERS ACROSS THE WORLD! Join ICAWC 2017 in Nicosia, Cyprus!**

The 2016 three day International Companion Animal Welfare Conference (ICAWC) recently took place from the 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> October in Dubrovnik Croatia and was attended by 253 delegates from 100 organisations across 38 countries.

The conference began with half a day of interactive workshops covering subjects such as dog behaviour and training, fundraising and infection control within a shelter.

During the next two days there were talks and presentations from international speakers including Lindsey Stanek, Jeff Young, Steve Goward and many more on a range of matters relating to companion animal welfare. Their talks covered topics such as animal welfare legislation, education, vaccination, hoarding and legacy fundraising to name a few.

Speaking after the conference, Dogs Trust CEO and ICAWC Chairman, Adrian Burder said: "We were thrilled to welcome back many familiar faces at ICAWC this year and also to welcome those who have not attended before particularly the large number of new delegates who travelled from all over the Balkans to join us. I have attended every conference since it started 1996 and it fantastic seeing this event grow and continue to provide delegates with a platform to network with likeminded people from across the world."

The 2017 conference will be held in Nicosia, Cyprus from the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<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