

**BCSPCA**  
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*To Preserve and Protect*

An International Symposium on  
Regulating the Trade & Possession of Exotic Animals  
May 28-29, 2008  
Vancouver, B.C.

The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals



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*Please join us on May 28-29!*

The unregulated trafficking and sale of exotic wildlife is a growing concern across North America. The BC Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has witnessed first-hand the tragic consequences of this unregulated trade as our Cruelty Investigations Department responds to a growing number of abuse cases involving exotic animals each year. The lack of regulations has also led to serious public health and safety concerns as private owners purchase and keep exotic wild animals such as tigers, venomous snakes and other dangerous animals in urban communities. Tragically, this has resulted in cases of serious injury and even death of British Columbians.

Although a handful of municipalities have bylaws to prevent the possession of such animals, there is no uniform provincial or national approach to address the many health, animal welfare and environmental issues presented by the exotic species pet trade within Canada. As a key stakeholder in the effort to promote safe and humane communities, we invite you to join us for the BC SPCA symposium, To Preserve and Protect: Regulating the Trade and Possession of Exotic Animals, on May 28-29, 2008 in Vancouver, B.C.

This unique event will bring together experts from Canada and the United States to address key issues related to exotic wildlife in captivity, including standards of care, regulation and enforcement, and public health and safety. The symposium program includes keynote addresses by internationally recognized experts, panel discussions and break-out groups for one-on-one discussion. We are also delighted to offer a public presentation on the evening of May 28 by actress and animal advocate Tippi Hedren. Ms. Hedren, who serves as president of the American Sanctuary Association, will speak on the work carried out at her California wildlife sanctuary, Shambala Preserve.

We believe this event will be a valuable opportunity for government agencies, humane societies and representatives from the animal care and veterinary communities to address the unique challenges posed by private ownership of exotic animals and to discuss practical solutions for promoting increased animal welfare and community safety.

We look forward to your participation in this important symposium.

Sincerely,

**Craig Daniell**  
Chief Executive Officer  
BC SPCA



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## Symposium Agenda

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 28 AT 8 P.M. ~ AN EVENING WITH TIPPI HEDREN**

**Marriott Pinnacle Hotel Ballroom, Vancouver, 1128 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C.**

Actress & American Sanctuary Association president Tippi Hedren offers a unique presentation on her work with rescued exotic cats at Shambala Preserve in California

### **THURSDAY, MAY 29, 8 A.M. TO 5 P.M. ~ SYMPOSIUM ON EXOTIC ANIMALS**

**UBC Robson Square Media Centre, Vancouver, 800 Robson Street, Vancouver, B.C.**

#### **Welcome/introductions**

Sara Dubois, BC SPCA Manager of Wildlife Services

#### **Welcome from City of Vancouver**

Councillor Kim Capri

#### **Overview of the Exotic Animal Issue in Canada**

Craig Daniell, CEO, BC SPCA

#### **Keynote Speaker ~ Tippi Hedren**

The sanctuary system in the United States & challenges in finding accredited facilities in North America for animals rescued from the exotics trade.

#### **Exotic Animal Health and Safety Issues**

Speaker ~ Dr. Cathy Johnson-Delaney, Avian and Exotic Animal Medicine, Washington State

#### **Standards of Animal Care**

Speaker ~ Tony Vecchio, Director, Oregon Zoo, Professional Member, AZA – US perspective

Speaker ~ John Nightingale, CAZA President, Vancouver Aquarium President – Canadian perspective

#### **Followed by a panel discussion on Standards of Animal Care**

Gordon Blankstein, Mountain View Conservation & Breeding Centre

Dr. Chris Collis, Glenview Animal Hospital

Peter Fricker, Vancouver Humane Society

Additional panelists to be announced

#### **Challenges in Regulations & Enforcement (Case studies in Animal Cruelty Investigations)**

Shawn Eccles, BC SPCA Chief Animal Protection Officer

Marcie Moriarty, BC SPCA GM Cruelty Investigations

Hugh Coghill, Ontario SPCA Chief Inspector

#### **Followed by a panel discussion on Regulations & Enforcement**

Additional panelists to be announced

#### **Health & Safety Issues, Standards of Animal Care, Regulations & Enforcement**

Break-out groups ~ The Next Steps



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### *Tippi Hedren*

*Actress and President, American Sanctuary Association*



American activist, conservationist and actress Tippi Hedren is founder and president of The Roar Foundation, which operates and maintains the Shambala Preserve, perched on the edge of the Mojave Desert near Acton, California. Deeply involved with international conservation groups to save wildlife and an outspoken international voice against cruelty to animals, Tippi devotes much of her time to raising public awareness about animal welfare and conservation. Although she has starred in more than 60 films, including Alfred Hitchcock's *The Birds*, Tippi's greatest achievement is the difference she has made to animals through her work on the board of The Wildlife Safari, the board of The Elsa Wild Animal Appeal and in her role as president of the American Sanctuary Association.

### *Dr. Cathy A. Johnson-Delaney*

*Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners, Avian Practice*



Dr. Cathy Johnson-Delaney is a 1980 graduate of Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She has practised avian and exotic companion animal medicine in the Greater Puget Sound area for more than 25 years. She is certified by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners in Avian Practice and received the 2003 Exotic DVM of the Year Award. One of the world's leading authorities on endocrine disease and multi-neoplastic syndrome in ferrets, Cathy is an international speaker on all aspects of non-traditional companion animals and the author of the best-selling *Exotic Companion Medicine Handbook for Veterinarians*. Her various professional affiliations include the Washington State Veterinary Medical Association, the Association of Avian Veterinarians, the Association of Reptilian and Amphibian Veterinarians and the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians.

### *Tony Vecchio,*

*Director, Oregon Zoo*



Tony Vecchio's prestigious four-decade career in zoo management has led to his current position as Director of the Oregon Zoo. Tony has a bachelor's degree in Environmental Resource Management/Wildlife Conservation from Pennsylvania State University and a master's degree in Biology from the University of South Carolina, where he completed his thesis on primate social behaviour. He is a Professional Fellow of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association and a member of the American Association of Zookeepers. He also serves on the Field Conservation Committee and Pig and Peccary Taxon Advisory Group, is a past board chairman of the Zoo Conservation Outreach Group and has served on the Portland Audubon Society Board of Directors.



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### Dr. John Nightingale

*President, Board of Directors of the Canadian Association of Zoos and Aquariums*



Dr. John Nightingale is among the most well-known and respected leaders in aquarium operations and management in North America. His education includes a bachelor's degree in Biology from Eastern Oregon State College, a master's degree in Fisheries Biology and a doctorate in Physiology from the University of Washington. He has also completed post-graduate studies in business administration at Seattle University. John joined the Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Centre in 1993, and since that time he has guided the expansion of the aquarium's leadership in conservation research, while focusing operations on maintaining its financially self-supporting status. John has been responsible for the development of some of the best life-support and animal care systems in operation.

### Craig Daniell

*Chief Executive Officer, BC SPCA*



Craig Daniell joined the BC Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in November 2002 as General Manager of the Cruelty Investigations Department and was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Society in December 2003. Before joining the BC SPCA, Craig served as Director of Cruelty Investigations for the Ontario SPCA for three years. Prior to coming to Canada, Craig earned a law degree in his native South Africa and worked in a corporate law firm. He then joined the diplomatic service, serving as a legal and policy advisor for the Department of Foreign Affairs in Pretoria before accepting a post to the United Nations in New York, where he worked on matters related to animal protection, marine life and the environment. Under his leadership, the BC SPCA provides a wide range of services for nearly 42,000 homeless, abused, injured and abandoned animals every year.

### Sara Dubois

*Wildlife Manager, BC SPCA*



Sara Dubois grew up just footsteps from the BC SPCA's Wild Animal Rehabilitation Centre (Wild ARC) just west of Victoria, and returned home to take on the position of Manager of Wild ARC in 2004. In 2008, Sara took on a new challenge with the BC SPCA as Manager of Wildlife Services, where she continues to oversee Wild ARC operations but is based in Vancouver in order to focus most of her efforts on provincial wildlife welfare issues, advocacy and policy for the Society. Sara has a Biology degree from the University of Victoria and graduated in 2003 with a master's degree in Animal Welfare from the University of British Columbia.



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## Shawn Eccles

*Chief Animal Protection Officer, BC SPCA*



Shawn Eccles began his career in animal welfare 28 years ago responding to night emergency calls with the Vancouver Regional Branch of the BC SPCA. Since then, he has held various positions with the Society in shelter operations and cruelty investigations, and in 2003 he was appointed as the BC SPCA's Chief Animal Protection Officer. Shawn has been involved in thousands of animal cruelty investigations throughout his career and served as the lead investigator in a high-profile 2002 case in which more than 100 animals, including several primates and other exotic animals, were removed from two properties in Kaslo, B.C.

## Marcie Moriarty

*General Manager, Cruelty Investigations Department, BC SPCA*



With separate degrees in Animal Biology and Law, Marcie Moriarty draws on all aspects of her background and education as head of the BC SPCA's Cruelty Investigations Department. Marcie completed her degrees at the University of British Columbia, articling at the Vancouver law firm of Farris Vaughan Wills & Murphy. She was called to the bar in May 2003 and went on to practise civil litigation with the firm of Quinlan Abrioux in Vancouver. Her passion for animal welfare and advocacy soon led her to a career with the BC SPCA as General Manager of the society's busy Cruelty Investigations Department and its 54 Special Provincial Constables.

## Hugh Coghill

*Chief Inspector, Ontario SPCA*



With a keen interest in animal husbandry and a prior background working in several zoos in Ontario, Hugh Coghill started his career in animal welfare in 1977 with the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Hugh joined the BC SPCA in 2001, but returned in 2005 to the OSPCA, where he currently serves in the role of Chief Inspector. The OSPCA employs nearly 200 cruelty investigations officers who conduct more than 15,000 investigations annually, resulting in more than 500 criminal and provincial offence charges.



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## Vancouver Hotels

### Luxury (\$240-\$409+)

#### Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre

1088 Burrard Street  
Blocks from Robson Square: 3  
Rate: \$240 and up  
Contact: 604-331-1000  
Website: [www.sheraton.com/vancouver](http://www.sheraton.com/vancouver)

#### Wedgewood Hotel

845 Hornby Street  
Blocks from Robson Square: 1  
Rate: \$288 and up  
Contact: 604-689-7777  
Website: [www.wedgewoodhotel.com](http://www.wedgewoodhotel.com)

#### Sutton Place Hotel

845 Burrard Street  
Blocks from Robson Square: 1  
Rate: \$275 and up  
Contact: 1-866-3-SUTTON  
Website: [www.vancouver.suttonplace.com](http://www.vancouver.suttonplace.com)

#### Marriott Vancouver Pinnacle Hotel

(location of May 28 lecture)  
1128 West Hastings Street  
Blocks from Robson Square: 8  
Rate: \$308 and up  
Contact: 604-684-1128  
Website: [www.vancouvermarriott.com](http://www.vancouvermarriott.com)  
\* Pet friendly

#### Four Seasons Hotel

791 West Georgia Street  
Blocks from Robson Square: 1  
Rate: \$360 and up  
Contact: 604-689-9333  
Website: [www.fourseasons.com/vancouver](http://www.fourseasons.com/vancouver)

#### Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

900 West Georgia Street  
Blocks from Robson Square: 2  
Rate: \$409 and up  
Contact: 1-800-257-7544  
Website: [www.fairmont.com/hotelvancouver/](http://www.fairmont.com/hotelvancouver/)

### Mid-Range (\$149-\$239+)

#### Ramada Limited Vancouver

435 West Pender Street  
Blocks from Robson Square: 6  
Rate: \$149 and up  
Contact: 604-488-1088  
Website: [www.ramadadowntownvancouver.com](http://www.ramadadowntownvancouver.com)

#### Sandman Suites on Davie

1160 Davie Street  
Blocks from Robson Square: 7  
Rate: \$159 and up  
Contact: 1-800-SANDMAN  
Website: [www.sandmanhotels.com](http://www.sandmanhotels.com)

#### Blue Horizon Hotel

1225 Robson Street  
Blocks from Robson Square: 5  
Rate: \$169 and up  
Contact: 1-800-663-1333  
Website: [www.bluehorizonhotel.com](http://www.bluehorizonhotel.com)

#### Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Vancouver Downtown

1110 Howe Street  
Blocks from Robson Square: 3  
Rate: \$211 and up  
Contact: 1-800-663-9151  
Website: [www.holidayinnvancouverdowntown.com](http://www.holidayinnvancouverdowntown.com)  
\* Pet friendly

#### Coast Plaza Hotel & Suites

1763 Comox Street  
Blocks from Robson Square: 7  
Rate: \$239 and up  
Contact: 1-800-716-6199  
Website: [www.coasthotels.com](http://www.coasthotels.com)  
\* Pet friendly

### Economy (\$99-\$139+)

#### Bosman's Hotel

1060 Howe Street  
Blocks from Robson Square: 2  
Rate: \$99 and up  
Contact: 1-888-267-6267  
Website: [www.bosmanshotel.com](http://www.bosmanshotel.com)

#### Comfort Inn Downtown

654 Nelson Street  
Blocks from Robson Square: 3  
Rate: \$110 and up  
Contact: 888-605-5333  
Website: [www.comfortinndowntown.com](http://www.comfortinndowntown.com)

#### Ramada Inn and Suites Downtown

1221 Granville Street  
Blocks from Robson Square: 4  
Rate: \$116 and up  
Contact: 1-888-835-0078 or 604-685-1111  
Website: [www.ramadavancouver.com/](http://www.ramadavancouver.com/)  
\* Pet friendly

#### Best Western Chateau Granville Hotel

1100 Granville Street  
Blocks from Robson Square: 3  
Rate: \$119 and up  
Contact: 604-669-7070  
Website: [www.chateaugranville.com](http://www.chateaugranville.com)

#### Sandman Hotel Vancouver

180 West Georgia Street  
Blocks from Robson Square: 8  
Rate: \$135 and up  
Contact: 1-800-SANDMAN  
Website: [www.sandmanhotels.com](http://www.sandmanhotels.com)

#### Moda Boutique Hotel

900 Seymour Street  
Blocks from Robson Square: 2  
Rate: \$139 and up  
Contact: 604-683-4251  
Website: [www.modahotel.ca](http://www.modahotel.ca)  
Note: Approximate rates do not include applicable taxes, parking, pet deposits, etc.

For detailed maps of Downtown Vancouver with links to hotels, visit <http://map.mapnetwork.com/flash?rid=16675&tpcid=755> or [www.tourismvancouver.com](http://www.tourismvancouver.com) and follow the links for accommodation.