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On behalf of FOUR PAWS International, we are pleased to support the first national conference on animal welfare in Indonesia, held at the Hotel Gran Mahakam, Jakarta, on 14th December 2022. Organised by the Jakarta Animal Aid Network, the one-day event titled 'building a kinder society through animal welfare education in Indonesia' aims to bring together academics, veterinarians, policy makers and key stakeholders involved in the animal welfare sector to exchange experiences, learn from others, share best practices and ultimately benefit animals in Indonesia.

During the conference, we will see the launch of the digital education platform, animalwelfare. id, which will provide an accessible source of information about animal welfare to veterinary schools, scientific communities, veterinarians, shelters, and animal lovers. The event will also mark the official signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with Universitas Hasanuddin, as the first veterinary school in Indonesia to offer a Shelter Medicine and Animal Welfare elective course.

In keeping with the conference themes, which include education and collaboration to improve animal welfare in Indonesia, we would like to encourage delegates to actively participate in the conference. Please talk to keynote speakers, ask questions, take part in the interactive sessions, and feel free to have your own discussions regarding animal welfare during the breaks throughout the day.

We would like to thank delegates for submitting their scientific papers in a timely manner. This has enabled the proceedings to be compiled and shared electronically for delegates to refer to during the conference. Most papers have a corresponding author email address, and we encourage delegates to meet authors personally, discuss their work and exchange contact details for future communication and collaboration in their specific areas of interest.

The success of the first national conference on animal welfare in Indonesia depends on you! Welcome to Jakarta!

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