

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM FOUR PAWS INTERNATIONAL



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Welcome to the 2nd Animal Welfare Conference–Indonesia, proudly supported by FOUR PAWS International, a landmark event in the realm of animal welfare and protection. As we gather in the picturesque city of Bogor on December 7th, 2023, we are not just convening a conference; we are fostering a movement, a collective awakening towards the betterment of animal welfare in Indonesia and beyond.

This year, our theme, "Improving Animal Welfare by Building Capacity, Collaboration, and Adopting a One Health Approach," is more than a statement – it's a commitment. We recognize that the journey towards enhanced animal welfare is multifaceted, requiring a blend of expertise, compassion, and proactive strategies. This international conference, a hybrid event, exemplifies our inclusive ethos, allowing for a broader participation and interaction among experts from various regions.

Our keynote sessions are curated to address pivotal aspects of animal welfare. Topics such as 'Current Status of Animal Law Protection in Indonesia' and 'The Role of Positive Collaboration among Stakeholders' are not just discussions; they are catalysts for change. 'The Vital Role of Veterinarians in Improving Animal Welfare' and the holistic approach of 'One Health One Welfare' will be spotlighted, providing invaluable insights into the interdependence of human, animal, and environmental health.

Parallel sessions on 'Animal Welfare, Policy, and Strategy' and 'Shelter Management, Stray Animal Care, and Non-Profit Community Management' offer a platform for shared learning and collaborative problem-solving. These sessions, featuring interactive discussions and workshops, are designed to empower us with the tools and knowledge to create tangible improvements in the lives of animals in Indonesia.

I am particularly excited to contribute to this event by conducting a session on 'Understanding Compassion Fatigue and Supporting Mental Health Care for Animal Welfare Professionals.' Recognizing the emotional toll of our profession, this session is aimed at providing support and strategies to sustain our mental well-being as we continue our vital work.

This conference is more than an event; it's a testament to the growing movement of animal welfare in Indonesia. As we embark on this journey together, let us pledge to forge new paths, collaborate effectively, and embrace innovative approaches to ensure a kinder, more compassionate world for all animals.

Looking forward to an enriching and inspiring conference, united by our shared passion for animal welfare. Welcome to Bogor City!

Best Regards