

COMPANION ANIMALS NEW ZEALAND

TOWARDS A GOOD LIFE
VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
2021



Companion
Animals NZ

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

OCT 28 & 29, 2021



VIRTUAL PROGRAMME

Day 1: 28th October, 2021

9.30 - 9.40am **Welcome**

Chair of Companion Animals
New Zealand - Professor Nat
Waran

9.40 - 9.45am **Welcome**

Hon Damien O'Connor, Minister
of Agriculture

9.45 - 10.05am **"Living A Good Life"**

Speaker: Prof. Nat Waran,
Eastern Institute of Technology

Nat will set the scene for our
conference with her opening
address "Living a Good Life",
laying out the principles of the
'A Good Life' philosophy.

10.05 - 10.25am **"Practical Use of the 5 Domains
for Assessing Positive Welfare"**

Presenting how 5 domains can
and has been practically used to
assess positive welfare in
companion animals.

Speaker: Assoc Prof Ngaio
Beausoleil, Massey University



10.25 - 10.45am **"A Good Life in the Shelter"**
What does A Good Life look like for animals in the shelter environment, what are the barriers and how can it be achieved?

Speaker: Dr Jessica Walker,
SPCA

10.45 - 11.00am **Break**

11.00 - 11.05am **Assisi Awards**

11.05 - 11.25am **"Expression of Positive Emotion in Companion Animals"**
How positive emotions are expressed in companion animals, practical applications of assessing positive welfare

Speaker: Dr. Susan Hazel,
University of Adelaide

11.25 - 11.55am **"A Good Life for All Horses"**
Horses play many roles in society, each with their own welfare challenges. Bidda will outline key steps towards how we can help all horses have A Good Life.

Speaker: Dr Bidda Jones, Chief
Science & Strategy Officer
RSPCA Australia

11:55 - 12.15pm "Let's Talk About Cats"

How cat containment and licencing of cat breeders can lead to A Good Life for NZ Cats

Speaker: Dr Arnja Dale, SPCA

12.15 - 12.20pm Day 1 Wrap Up

Prof. Nat Waran

12.30pm

ezyVet Quiz
Open to all!



VIRTUAL PROGRAMME

Day 2: 29th October

9.30 - 9.35am

Welcome Back

Prof. Nat Waran

The Life Stages Session by



9.35 - 9.55am

"Euthanasia: Towards a Good Death"

Decision making processes around when to elect euthanasia, how to ensure both human and animal wellbeing in this process

Speaker: Dr Heather Bacon, University of Central Lancashire

The Life Stages Session by



9.55 - 10.15am **"Using science to move breeds towards A Good Life"**
Content: An overview of research on breeding and licensing for improved welfare, how breeding can contribute to A Good Life

Speaker: Rowena Packer, Royal Veterinary College

10.15 - 10.35am **"A Well-Trained Dog is a Happy Dog"**
Why a well-trained animal is a happy animal, and the influence of trainers on animal happiness.

Speaker: PhD Candidate Erin Jones, University of Canterbury

10.35 - 10.45am **"CANZ Accreditation"**
A brief introduction to CANZ Accreditation and why it was created

Speaker: Dr Lindsay Skyner, Toi Ohomai

10.45 - 11.05am **Break**



The Life Stages Session by



11.05 - 11.25am

“Old Age is not a Disease”

How guardians and veterinarians can work together to ensure A Good Life for senior animals and that age is not used as an excuse for compromised welfare.

Speaker: Dr Natalie Lloyd,
Zoetis

11.25 - 12.05pm

Panel Discussion + Q&A

Can companion animals in modern domestic situations actually live A Good Life?

12.05 - 12.10pm

Wrap Up & Close - Nat Waran

Virtual Conference
made possible thanks to



www.companionanimals.nz/conference