



July 26, 2016

Dear Members and Friends of Animal Grantmakers:

You are invited to join us for the 2016 Animal Grantmakers Annual Conference! This year's conference will be held **October 23-26, 2016** at **the Curtis Hotel in Denver, Colorado.**

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

We have an outstanding program assembled for this year's conference. The sessions cover a wide range of animal-related issues:

- The future of investing in animal welfare
- Moving the needle for animals through social change
- Data-driven approaches to advancing animal protection
- Information-based strategies for effective animal advocacy
- Humans as super-predators; impacts on wildlife
- How to communicate your grantmaking values
- Trends in agriculture
- Assessing impact and status of human-animal connections

Regardless of the types of programs your foundation addresses, this conference will help you more deeply understand the range of challenges affecting animals. And, the opportunity to talk with colleagues who share similar interests is, as always, one of the best aspects of our annual gathering. **Register to Attend Online:** <http://ag2016conference.eventbrite.com>. Please register each attendee individually when using the Eventbrite website. Registration is currently scheduled to close on Saturday, October 1, 2016.

HOTEL

We think you'll enjoy staying at **The Curtis Hotel** which is right across the street from the Denver Performing Arts Complex and just two short blocks from the 16th Street Mall, putting Denver's best shopping, entertainment and attractions just steps away. Named one of the 10 Best Art Hotels in the U.S. by USA Today, The Curtis is a vibrant destination for pop art in a city known for its outstanding art collections. The hotel is home to an eclectic mix of art works created by local Colorado and nationally renowned artists.

The hotel offers:

- 24/7 Business Center
- 24/7 Fitness Center
- Room Service from the Corner Restaurant
- Complimentary Wireless Internet Access

A block of rooms has been reserved for the conference at the special rate of \$172+ per night, plus 14.75% taxes totaling \$25.37. Be sure to make your reservation early (by September 25, 2016) as our room block is limited.

Book Your Reservation online. The hotel has created a personalized web link for our conference so you may follow the link below or cut and paste it into your browser:

http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/D/DENCHDT-AG2-20161021/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Or you can call the Hotel's Reservation Department at 1-303-571-0300.

Please request **Animal Grantmakers Conference** when making the reservation. If you wish to come early or to extend your stay, the hotel will honor this room rate for 1 day before and 1 day after our conference dates (providing you make your reservation before September 25, 2016).

SITE VISITS AND A SPECIAL OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP

This year's conference features a choice of site visits on Sunday, October 23: Trip 1 will encompass a visit to two different facilities featuring the Gabriel Foundation's Aviary and then followed by the state of the art Harmony Equine Center where you can see some the amazing work going on in Colorado animal welfare. Trip 2 will be a visit to Wild Animal Sanctuary to get a glimpse of some of the amazing efforts being made for exotic animals.

SPECIAL FIELD TRIP: On Saturday, October 22, a special overnight field trip has been scheduled for the Heartland Ranch.

All field trips include meals and transportation.

On behalf of myself and the rest of the Conference Planning Committee, Roger Haston-chair, Melanie Anderson, David Gies, Leslie Hatfield, Tobie McPhail, Katie Parker, and Claire Sterling, we hope to see you this October in Denver!

Patricia Calfee

Patricia Calfee, President
Animal Grantmakers

Attached: Conference Program, Transportation Information and Special Overnight Field Trip Information

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

You may fly in and out of Denver International Airport (DEN).

Distance from Hotel: 24 mi.

Drive Time: 40-45 min.

The Hotel does not provide transportation to/from the airport: Taxi services and rental cars are available at the airport.

TAXI & TRANSPORT SERVICES

Taxicabs are readily available and provide service to the Denver metro area and surrounding counties. Some companies may also provide service to other destinations within the state of Colorado. Check with your taxicab company of choice (or with your driver at the airport) for more information on fares and destinations served.

Taxicabs pick-up and drop-off from Jeppesen Terminal, Level 5, Island 1, outside Doors 505, 507 and 511 (Terminal East), and Doors 506, 510 and 512 (Terminal West).

Here is a list of taxis that operate at DEN: Estimated cab fare \$55.00 depending on traffic. All taxis accept credit cards.

Denver Yellow Cab	(303) 777-7777	www.denveryellowcab.com
Freedom Cabs Inc.	(303) 444-4444	www.metrotaxidenver.com
Metro Taxi / Taxi Fiesta	(303) 333-3333	www.metrotaxidenver.com
Mile High Cab	(303) 337-2222	email haset20919@comcast.net
Union Taxi Cooperative	(303) 922-2222	www.uniontaxidenver.net

AIRPORT SHUTTLE

SuperShuttle (www.supershuttle.com) is a ride-share service that operates vans to and from the airport. You may pre-book shuttle service from Denver International Airport online or by calling: SuperShuttle 1 (800) 258-3826.

Super Shuttle To/From:

Denver International Airport (DEN)

Estimated cost for shared-ride van is: \$25.00

<http://www.supershuttle.com/Locations/DenverDEN>

RENTAL CAR CENTER

Denver International Airport has more than 10 major rental car companies serving Colorado travelers. Car rental agencies are located on airport property and provide courtesy shuttle service to and from Jeppesen Terminal. Shuttles pick-up and drop-off from Jeppesen Terminal Level 5, Island 4, outside doors 505-513 (east side) and 504-512 (west side).

Please visit the Denver airport website for additional details about Rental Car Services.

http://www.flydenver.com/parking_transit/car-rentals