



**Minnesota Animal Control Association  
Spring Conference  
April 13 & 14, 2010  
Best Western, Detroit Lakes, MN**

This year's Spring MACA Conference will address animal diseases, urban wildlife, animal handling, dangerous dog legislation, gangs and emergency animal sheltering.

Sessions:

- ***Zoonotic Diseases***

**Dr. Joni Scheffel, Epidemiologist, Minnesota Dept of Health and Public Health Veterinarian.** Zoonotic diseases continue to be of significant concern for Animal Control agencies. Dr. Scheffel will provide a review of current knowledge of zoonotic issues, epidemiology, prevention and procedures.

- ***Urban Wildlife Issues***

**Dr. John Hadidian, Director Urban Wildlife Programs, Humane Society of the United States** Prior to coming to The HSUS Dr. Hadidian served as the Regional Wildlife Biologist for the National Park Service's Center for Urban Ecology in Washington, DC. There he conducted field research on raccoon, deer, and squirrels in urban parks, as well as research on wildlife habitat relationships and human-wildlife conflict issues in urbanizing environments. John has served on the U.S. Department of State's Man and the Biosphere Program as a member of the Human Dominated Systems Directorate, Associate Editor for the journal Urban Ecosystems, Chair of the Wildlife Society's Urban Wildlife Working Group, and member of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's National Wildlife Service's Advisory Committee. He is the principal author of the book *Wild Neighbors: the Humane Approach to Living with Wildlife*. He is currently an adjunct instructor in the Natural Resource's Program at Virginia Tech's Northern Virginia campus.

- ***Panel discussion on dangerous dog issues and animal handling***

**Dan Nizolek: Manager, City of Minneapolis Animal Care and Control.**

Dan is the Manager of Minneapolis Animal Care and Control (MACC) for the past two years. Prior to MACC, Dan worked two years in three divisions (Business Licensing, Problem Properties, and Development Review) within Minneapolis Regulatory Services. Dan also; served four years as a Council Member on the Minneapolis City Council, and prior to that worked eight years as a Crime Prevention Specialist on the Minneapolis Police Department.

**Bill Forbes, Animal Control Officer, Bloomington Animal Control**

Bill Forbes has been an animal control officer for the city of Bloomington since 1981, and has been involved in MACA since 1982.

### **Bill Stephenson, Supervisor, St Paul Animal Control**

Bill has been an Animal Control Officer with St. Paul Animal Control for 23 years (and only bitten with injuries 4 times!), 15 of those years as Supervisor. He has also served on the MACA Executive Committee for 15 years, was involved with the Minnesota Animal Disaster Coalition and continues to serve on legislative committees regarding issues of dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs, animal fighting and animal cruelty.

- ***Gang related issues***

### **Tim Noll, Police Officer, Lino Lakes Police Department**

Tim has been a police officer for four years and has served on the Metro Gang Strike Force from 2007 to 2009. While on the Gang strike Force he received extensive training on narcotics and gangs, learned from the DEA how to build federal narcotic and RICO cases on organized crime groups and investigated, documented and focused on Minnesota and Wisconsin gang members. One of the Gang Strike Force missions is to educate law enforcement and non-law enforcement members on gangs and gang trends in the Metro area. Tim has trained school teachers and staff and Police Officers on how to identify and properly document possible gang members.

- ***Civilian Emergency Response & Shelter In Place***

### **Sheryl Hogg: Pleading Paws Rescue, MNADC, EARS.**

Sheryl has been active in working with animal issues on a volunteer basis for many years. She served as an owner liaison for two major sheltering groups for eight months following Katrina, volunteered with the Emergency Animal Rescue Service for animal sheltering operations following the Cedar Rapids, Iowa flood, and helped to coordinate resources for animal issues for the Hugo Tornado and Red River flood in Fargo-Moorhead. Her professional background is in securities analysis and management consulting and she currently runs her own business as a translator of Japanese business and financial documents into English. Sheryl is a Chartered Financial Analyst and holds B.A. degrees in Japanese and Linguistics, and an M.A. in Linguistics. Her particular interest in animals is in felines, particularly feral cats. She has volunteered on the Animal Ark Shelter mobile surgery unit at TNR events for several years and is currently enrolled in the veterinary technology program at Purdue University. Sheryl is a board member for Pleading Paws Pet Rescue in the Twin Cities and Secretary of the Minnesota Animal Disaster Coalition.

### **Charlie O'Brien: Richfield Public Safety, MNADC, MNVOAD, MACA.**

Charlie is the Code Compliance Officer for the City of Richfield, a Minnesota Certified Emergency Manager, and Executive Chair of the Minnesota Animal Disaster Coalition, a board member of Minnesota Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters and a board member of MACA. Charlie has worked in animal control since 1987 and in Emergency Management since 1990. He has represented MNADC as a subject matter expert panelist on animal issues in disasters at a FEMA/CERT supplemental training material planning session. Co-authored and co-presented a session at the 2009 International Association of Emergency Management National Conference on Community Preparedness, Charlie has assisted with disaster operations in the Red River Valley, Fargo ND, Rosemount MN, and during the 2009 RNC in Minneapolis/St. Paul.

- **Registration:**

Registration includes continental breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack each day.

You can register with the attached form or online at the MACA website at:

[registration@minnesotaanimalcontrol.org](mailto:registration@minnesotaanimalcontrol.org)

- **Accommodations**

The conference will be held at the Best Western Holland House, 615 Highway 10 E, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501, 218-847-4483 / 800-338-8547, <http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/productInfo.do?propertyCode=24054>.

Hotel accommodations are the responsibility of the individual registrant. A block of guest rooms have been reserved for us for \$70 per night until March 22. Be sure to mention MACA conference when reserving your room.

To contact MACA: For more information contact Tom Mahan at (763)531-5161 (use \* key to enter voice mail) or email at [tmahan@ci.new-hope.mn.us](mailto:tmahan@ci.new-hope.mn.us).

- **Schedule**

Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup> 2010:

- **8:00-8:30 AM: Registration, Welcome, coffee and pastries provided**
- **8:30-10:00 AM: Zoonotic Diseases, Dr. Joni Scheffel**
- **10:00-10:15 AM: Break**
- **10:15 AM-Noon: Zoonotic Diseases, Dr. Joni Scheffel**
- **Noon-1:00 PM: Lunch provided**
- **1:00-2:30 PM: Urban Wildlife, Dr. John Hadidian**
- **2:30-2:45 PM: Break, snacks provided**
- **2:45-4:00 PM: Urban Wildlife, Dr. John Hadidian**

Wednesday April 14<sup>th</sup> 2010

- **8:00-8:30 AM: Registration, coffee and pastries provided**
- **8:30-10:30 AM: Dangerous Dog Panel Discussion**
- **10:30-10:45 AM: Break**
- **10:45-12:00: Gang Issues, Tim Noll**
- **12:00-1:00 PM: Lunch provided**
- **1:00-2:30 PM: CESIP**
- **2:30-2:45 PM: Break, snacks provided**
- **2:45-4:00 PM: CESIP/Shelter exercise**

# **MACA 2010 Spring Conference Registration Form**

Best Western Holland House, Detroit Lakes, MN

April 13 & 14, 2010

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## **Conference fees**

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**Two day fee:** \$50.00 for current 2010 MACA/NACA member  
\$80 for non-MACA/NACA members (includes \$30 2010 Minnesota Animal Control Association/National Animal Control Association dues).

**One day fee:** \$35 for current 2010 MACA/NACA member  
\$65 for non-MACA/NACA member (includes \$30 2010 Minnesota Animal Control Association/National Animal Control Association dues).

For one day attendance please indicate which day you will attend:

April 13 \_\_\_\_\_ or April 14 \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian meals requested \_\_\_\_\_ Vegan meals requested \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** There will be a non-refundable cancellation fee of \$25.00 for cancellations made after April 1, 2010.

**Make check payable to: MACA, mail to Tom Mahan, 4401 Xylon Av N, New Hope, MN, 55428.**