

# One Welfare Conference Report

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# The Conference

- September 26-28 2016
- 2 days of speakers and break out groups
- 1 day Workplace Psychological First Aid

# The Conference

- 150 participants
- 23 speakers
- 8 poster presentations
- 6 Industry Booths
- 9 primary sponsors

# The Conference

- Key sponsor NFAHWC
- Manitoba Government
- CFIA, PHAC, CAHC, Growing Forward
- Canadian Red Cross, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, Manitoba Pork Council
- SafeWork Manitoba, Dairy Farmers Canada, Dairy Farmers Manitoba, Canada Pork Council, MB Beef, MB Chicken Producers, MB Egg Farmers, MVMA, MB Medicine Faculty, NCCID

# The Conference

- Object:
  - Explored the topics where animal welfare intersects with human health and mental health
  - The conference was designed to address the many facets of managing complex social situations where the welfare of both the humans and the animals involved are carefully considered in a positive solution

# One Welfare Definition

- “Through a ‘One Health, One Welfare’ lens, the increased empathy, compassion, and stewardship of early career veterinary professionals will undoubtedly lead to improved animal and human welfare, and thus improved community health.”<sup>1</sup>
- Is this an approach we should have for all health professionals?

# Topics

- Hoarding – object and animal
- Agrarian imperative - Agriculture psychosocial health
- Professional burn out
- PTSD secondary to traumatic work events in the agricultural industry and first responders
- Remote community animal welfare

# Topics

- LINK program for the veterinary profession
- Multi-agency programs
- Proactive industry initiatives
- Positive effects of pet ownership
- One Welfare educational programs
  - Australia and WCVM
- Psychological First Aid course

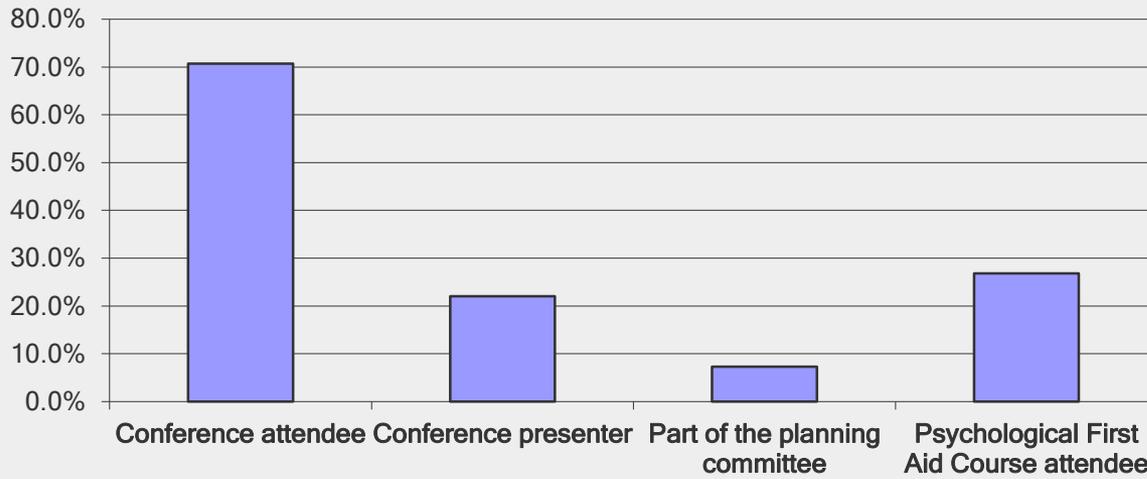
# Topics

- General Roméo Dallaire keynote
- Gala dinner
- Canadian Museum of Human Rights
- “Mental Health support is a human right”
- Challenged government to be leaders in improving resources for mental health programs

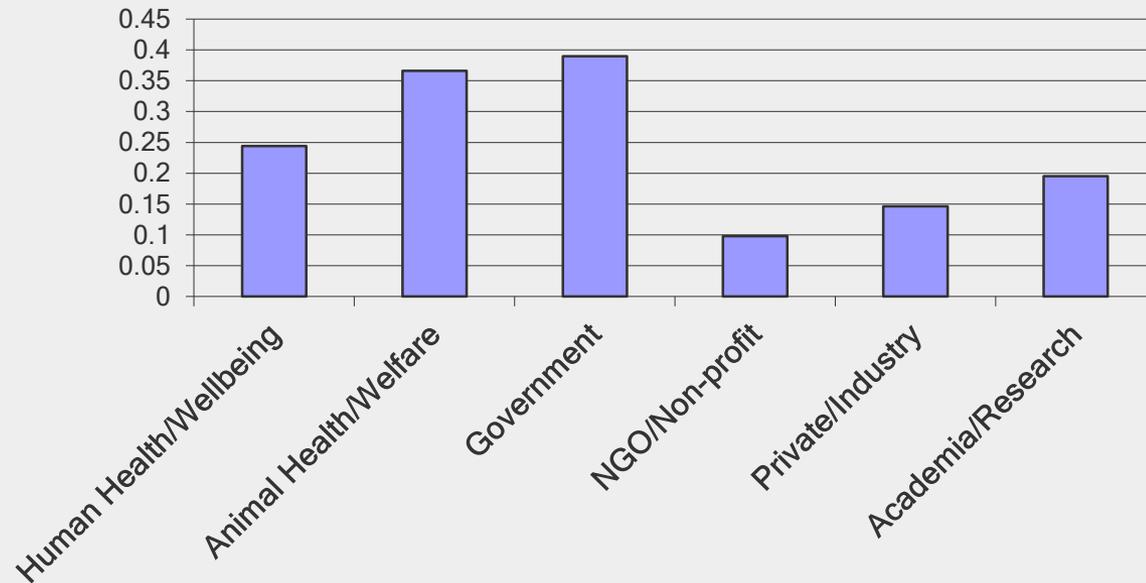
# Conference Feedback

- Survey response – 33% of participants
- Strong support for ongoing education around topics in One Welfare – 90%
- Strong support to repository for information
- Strong support for another conference

How would you describe your participation at the International One Welfare Conference? (check all that apply)



How would you describe your organization? (check all that apply)



*What type of governance is required / who should lead the ongoing promotion and facilitation of One Welfare initiatives?*

“The National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council with active participation of a local event committee appears to be the right group that already exists rather than creating a new governance structure.”

“CVOs and CMOHs should take a lead. NFAHW Council could be a vehicle for creating a working group.”

# Conference Feedback

- Main themes to focus on:
  - PFA
  - Effect of animal welfare on human health
  - Importance of domestic violence and animal welfare linkage

# Future Steps

- Dr Anne Fawcett – One Welfare in Australia in discussions with Sydney Veterinary University to hold second conference there in 2 years time
- Conference abstract and executive summary still pending

Thank you for your time

Questions?