

Forum 2020 Presenters

Session 2 – Animal Welfare – A Vision for the Future



Dr. Marina Von Keyserlingk

Dr. Marina (Nina) von Keyserlingk is a Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada Industrial Research Chair in Animal Welfare. Her interdisciplinary approach has focused on identifying measures and ways of improving the lives of animals under our care and she is among the first in her field to combine experimental and qualitative methods when addressing animal welfare issues. She has published over 250 peer reviewed publications and has received numerous awards, including the 2018 Hans Sigrist Foundation Prize, administered by the University of Bern, Switzerland, for her outstanding achievements as an international leader working in the field of sustainable food animal production. She was also awarded the American Dairy Science Associations Extension Award in 2018 and Award for Excellence in Dairy Science in 2013. She has received the Award for outstanding contributions to the field of ruminant well-being by the World Buiatrics Association in 2016.



Andria Jones-Bitton, DVM, PhD

Dr. Andria Jones-Bitton is a veterinarian, epidemiologist, Associate Professor in the Department of Population Medicine, and Director of Well-Being Programming at the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph. Her research largely centres on the epidemiology of mental health and resilience in the veterinary and agricultural sectors. She uses a mixed research methods approach (quantitative and qualitative) to achieve her research objectives. Andria has completed a certificate program in Applied Positive Psychology and is a certified resilience trainer. Andria loves the veterinary profession and Canadian agriculture, and is proud to work with Canadian farmers, veterinarians, and students.



Dr. René Roy

NFAHW Council Co-Chair

René Roy has a PhD in agricultural economics from McGill University. René is a pork producer from farrow to finish, a dairy farmer and a maple syrup producer. René took over the family business with his brother Mario and runs it with members of his family.

René contributes with his experience on several working groups of the Council, in particular the One welfare working group. As an agricultural producer, he knows how the health and welfare of animals is intimately linked to the psychological health of producers.

René is second vice chair of the Canadian Pork Council, where he is active in the field of animal health and welfare. He has been particularly involved in the development of the new pork certification program, Canadian Pork Excellence. René contributes to the dialogue on hog health and welfare from a producer's perspective. He is also vice-chair of Swine Innovation Porc which is managing the research cluster of the Canadian pork industry. René represents the Canadian Pork Council on the National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council.



Barbara Cartwright

Chief Executive Officer, Humane Canada

An award-winning leader in animal welfare, conservation and education, Barbara's work has spanned five continents and 25 years. Her extensive experience in developing and facilitating relationships with stakeholders, including governments, corporations and NGOs has led to innovative programs with dynamic results, including working with First Nations to initiate community-based companion animal welfare programs, partnering with the BC government to implement the first grizzly bear rehabilitation program, supporting east coast fishermen to protect the endangered right whale and mobilizing African communities across the continent to conserve great apes. Barbara is sought after for her knowledge of policy and public affairs. She has secured amendments to federal legislation, including updates to the Criminal Code, the Fisheries Act, the Migratory Bird Act and the Canadian Environmental Protection Act. In 2019 she

secured a ban on whale and dolphin captivity in Canada, as well as ensured that abusers convicted of animal sexual assault are listed on the Sex Offender Registry. Barbara has advised some of the top organizations in the world on animal welfare policy direction, including working with online giant eBay Inc. to end the illegal ivory trade on its site worldwide.

Today, as the CEO of Humane Canada, the federation of humane societies and SPCAs, Barbara convenes and represents the largest animal welfare community in Canada, working to end animal cruelty, improve animal protection and promote the humane treatment of all animals. She leads Humane Canada in fulfilling its mission through the successful execution of strategic and business plans. Over the past six years, Barbara has launched the annual National Animal Welfare Conference, the National Centre for the Prosecution of Animal Cruelty, the National Violence Link Coalition and conference as well as spearheaded the development of the first Accreditation program for Humane Societies and SPCAs in North America.

Barbara holds a Master's degree in Environmental Education and Communication, is a published author and lecturer, and received the Governor General's Gold Medal. She is the former President of the Jane Goodall Institute of Canada and past Advisor to the Pan-African Sanctuary Alliance and currently sits on the Board of Directors for PetSmart Charities of Canada and the Gorilla Rehabilitation and Conservation Education Center in Congo. Barbara has been recognized as one of 5 "WOW Woman" in Canada (Best Health Magazine) is a member of Women's Executive Network, the Council of Women Executives and part of the Distinctive Women network.