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The Homes for Horses Coalition Announces Exciting Line-Up for Its 2016 Conference

The Homes for Horses Coalition is proud to announce the agenda and list of speakers for its 2016 Conference on Friday and Saturday, September 23 and 24 in Nashville, TN. This is the only national conference designed specifically for horse rescues and sanctuaries and those in the equine welfare and protection community. The conference kicks off Friday afternoon with a spirited session on sharing fundraising successes followed by a welcome reception. Networking with likeminded individuals is one of the highlights of the conference. Following the reception, conference attendees will be honored with a private screening of the film *Harry and Snowman*, a week before its theatrical release.

Saturday will be a full day of workshops on important topics such as rescue horse rehabilitation, the FBI's animal crime incident reporting system, advanced social media tactics, planning and executing a rescue horse trainer challenge, volunteer recruitment and development, and utilizing progressive adoption practices to improve equine adoptions. "One of the best ways for rescues and sanctuaries to learn new and better methods for doing things is by hearing from other equine protection organizations that have overcome the same obstacles to excel in particular areas, so some of our speakers are from rescues and sanctuaries that are thriving," said Cindy Gendron, Manager of the Coalition; these include Dr. Hannah Mueller from Northwest Equine Stewardship Center, Natalee Cross from Blaze's Tribute Equine Rescue and Susan Hemmerle from The Horse Shelter. Other speakers include subject matter experts from a variety of organizations including, Mary Lou Randour from Animal Welfare Institute, Nelson Ferry from the FBI, Dan DeSousa from San Diego Animal Services, Suzanne D'Alonzo from The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), Heather Mohan Gibbons from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), Bob Hutchins from the digital marketing agency, **BuzzPlant** and Dawn Roberts from Rally for the Rescues.

You can view the agenda and register for the event on the conference website <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/?eventid=1808910>. "To have this cumulative expertise in one place at one time is a unique experience and I hope that many rescues will be able to take advantage of this amazing networking opportunity," said Gendron. Because of the generosity of the Coalition's sponsoring organizations, the conference is offered at minimal registration cost. To top off a weekend of learning and networking, attendees will have the opportunity to venture downtown and see a bit of the famous Music City with fellow conference goers following the workshops on Saturday evening.

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About The Homes for Horses Coalition

The Homes for Horses Coalition is supported by the ASPCA (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®), the Animal Welfare Institute and The Humane Society of the United States' Jeannie and Jim Dodson Equine Protection Fund. It is dedicated to ending horse slaughter and other forms of equine abuse, while promoting growth, collaboration and professionalism in the equine rescue and protection community. Find us online at www.homesforhorses.org and on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/HomesforHorses>.