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Please join us by the sea for a unique two-day conference in scenic Portland, Maine. The National Town Meeting is so-called because it provides an opportunity to gather as like-minded professionals who want to be part of a national community to advance The Link®. Whether you are part of a regional or state coalition to address the connection between violence to people and violence to animals, a professional who is concerned about this issue and wants practice and policy changes, or someone who simply wants to come and learn more about building multidisciplinary coalitions and sustaining the Link effort, this National Town Meeting is for you. The Town Meeting builds on a New England tradition of the community gathering to hear from experts and to provide feedback to those experts based on your own experience about what's needed to build strong coalitions, change policy or influence practice. At the end of the two-day National Town Meeting, a group of leaders/experts from national organizations will meet to use your feedback to help develop plans for their respective organizations, both individually and collectively.

Why Maine? The Linkage Project, a statewide multidisciplinary coalition, has achieved great success in strengthening Maine's community response to human violence and animal cruelty, helping to pass cross-reporting and pets-in-protection-order legislation and much more. Along with the American Humane Association and the Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust, The Linkage Project is hosting this national interactive conference specifically designed to advance public policy and share experiences in community coalition-building.

Noted speakers include:

Phil Arkow, Interim Director, Human-Animal Bond, American Humane Association, and Chair, Animal Abuse & Family Violence Prevention Project, The Latham Foundation

Frank Ascione, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology, Utah State University, and Adjunct Advisor to American Humane on The Link

Barbara Boat, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Cincinnati

Howard Davidson, J.D., Director, American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law

Mark Kumpf, C.A.W.A., President, National Animal Control Association

Randall Lockwood, Ph.D., Senior Vice President, Anti-Cruelty Initiatives and Legislative Services, The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)

Lila Miller, D.V.M., Vice President, ASPCA Veterinary Outreach

Gary Patronek, V.M.D., Ph.D., Director of Animal Welfare and Protection, Animal Rescue League of Boston

Allie Phillips, J.D., Director of Public Policy, American Humane Association

Ken Shapiro, Ph.D., Executive Director, Animals and Society Institute

Bernie Unti, Ph.D., Senior Policy Advisor, Special Assistant to the CEO, The Humane Society of the United States

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Goals of the National Town Meeting

This National Town Meeting offers a unique opportunity to learn from one another and to provide feedback to experts from national organizations about what works and what is needed in order to expand our work to raise awareness and implement practices related to The Link between animal cruelty and human violence. In other words, you will have the opportunity to meet with colleagues from around the country and inform national organizations about local work and needs. This Town Meeting will:

1. Strengthen community responses to family violence by convening Link experts, community coalition members and other professionals to strategize a nationwide coordinated effort.
2. Determine how current and planned research, public policy initiatives and coalition-building successes will impact Link programming on the national, state and local levels.
3. Provide interested parties with an opportunity to advance Link public policy by prioritizing national legislative and program initiatives.
4. Utilize the successes and barriers of Link community coalitions to develop models for successful coalition program development, activities implementation and ongoing sustainability.
5. Create a multidisciplinary and national network to enable local coalitions to learn from one another's experiences in addressing animal cruelty and human violence.

Who Should Attend?

- Professionals in the social services, animal welfare, criminal justice, veterinary practice, humane societies, prosecution, education and more
- Individuals involved in local coalition-building or who are interested in beginning a local coalition
- Individuals interested in promoting the welfare of people and animals

Planning Committee

Phil Arkow, Interim Director, Human-Animal Bond, American Humane Association

Linda Jariz (Chair), Coordinator, The Linkage Project

Sarah Johnson, M.N.O., Vice President for Development, Youth Alternatives

Katie Lisnik, Maine State Director, The Humane Society of the United States

Andrea Paul, Vice President, Advocacy & Strategic Initiatives, Youth Alternatives

Allie Phillips, J.D., Director of Public Policy, American Humane Association

Ken Shapiro, Ph.D., Executive Director, Animals and Society Institute

Norma Worley, Director, Animal Welfare Program, Maine Department of Agriculture



National Town Meeting Agenda (subject to change)

Sunday, June 8

8 to 9 a.m. Registration and Breakfast

9 to 9:30 a.m. Welcome from the Sponsors

Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust, American Humane Association, The Linkage Project

9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Using Research to Advance The Link

Frank Ascione, Ph.D., Department of Psychology, Utah State University

There has been a growth of research in many areas related to The Link. What have we learned? Where are we going?

10:30 to 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. to Noon Using Public Policy to Advance the Link

Phil Arkow, Interim Director, Human-Animal Bond, American Humane Association, and Chair, Animal Abuse & Family Violence Prevention Project, The Latham Foundation

Allie Phillips, J.D., Director of Public Policy, American Humane Association

In recent years, a surge of interest has occurred on the state level to address The Link. What have been the successes? How can we build on those? Where have we failed?

Noon to 1:30 p.m. Lunch – Networking

1:30 to 2:45 p.m. Practice and Program – Community Coalitions, Local Programs

A moderated panel discussion on successes and challenges of local coalitions.

2:45 to 3 p.m. Break

3 to 4:30 p.m. Town Meeting, Part I – What’s Working Now?

Moderator: Kenneth Shapiro, Ph.D., Executive Director, Animals and Society Institute

An opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas on what’s working, what’s challenging within your profession, community or coalition.

4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Social Hour

Get together to meet and chat with conference participants in an informal setting.

5:30 p.m. Dinner on your own

Relax and enjoy Maine’s scenic rockbound seacoast!





Monday, June 9

7 to 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30 to 10 a.m. Panel Presentation, Part I

Panelists will discuss the challenges that we, as Link proponents, have to deal with when we approach child protective services staff, veterinarians, academics, animal control personnel and others with our ideas.

Getting the Children's Services Field Involved – *Barbara W. Boat, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Child Abuse & Neglect, Department of Psychiatry, University of Cincinnati*

Engaging Veterinarians – *Lila Miller, D.V.M., Vice President, Veterinary Outreach, The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals*

Utilizing Multidisciplinary Response to Hoarding – *Gary Patronek, V.M.D., Ph.D., Director, Animal Welfare & Protection, Animal Rescue League of Boston*

Engaging Animal Control Officers – *Mark Kumpf, CAWA, President, National Animal Control Association*

10 to 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. to Noon Panel Presentation, Part II

Panelists will discuss issues, challenges and workable strategies.

Prosecution and the Law – *Allie Phillips, J.D., Director of Public Policy, American Humane Association*

Assessment and Treatment – *Kenneth Shapiro, Ph.D., Executive Director, Animals and Society Institute*

Statewide Efforts – *Linda Jariz, Coordinator, The Linkage Project*

Noon to 1:30 p.m. Lunch – Networking

1:30 to 3 p.m. Town Meeting, Part II – Advancing Research, Policy and Practice

Moderator: Kenneth Shapiro, Ph.D., Executive Director, Animals and Society Institute

An opportunity to share your thoughts on what actions are needed to advance research, policy/law and practice and recommend other future activities.

3 to 4 p.m. Keynote: A Brief Look Back From the Front

Speaker: Randall Lockwood, Ph.D., Senior Vice President, Anti-Cruelty Initiatives and Legislative Services, The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Wrap-up: Weaving the themes from the conference into the future. Where do we go from here?

4 p.m. National Town Meeting Ends





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About the Holiday Inn By the Bay (www.innbythebay.com)

Overnight Accommodations

Our special overnight room rate is \$140, single or double, plus 7 percent tax. Reserve your overnight accommodations by May 7, 2008, by calling the Holiday Inn By the Bay at (207) 775-2311 or (800) 345-5050. Please mention The Linkage Project when you call.

Guest Services

- Free high-speed wireless Internet access in all rooms
- Complimentary parking for overnight guests
- Courtesy vans available to Portland International Jetport (PWM), Amtrak and bus terminals
- Large indoor pool along with a fitness center and sauna
- 24-hour Business Center includes wireless Internet access, copying and fax service, PC and printer
- All overnight rooms include hair dryer, iron and ironing board, and coffee maker

Come dressed casually — Be prepared to roll up your sleeves and work on a national agenda!

About Portland, Maine

Portland is an old seacoast town. It is also a funky city filled with galleries, one-of-a-kind boutiques and shops, and incredible restaurants serving everything from New England clam chowder, lobster rolls and Maine seafood to nouvelle cuisine. Portland stands as one of the few working waterfronts left in the United States, acting as New England's largest tonnage seaport and second-largest fishing port.

Portland is easily accessible by air from anywhere in the United States and Canada and is served with frequent flights by Delta, Air Tran, US Airways, Continental, Northwest, JetBlue and United Express airlines.

At every turn, Portland is an experience for everyone! Things to do during a walking tour of Portland:

- Browse through some of Portland's many fine antique stores.
- View the outstanding collection of American paintings at the Portland Museum of Art.
- Visit one or more of the many fine art galleries specializing in Maine art.
- Take a cruise to one of the islands in Casco Bay, enjoy a whale watch or lobster cruise, or for a real taste of Maine, take a Windjammer cruise.
- Shop till you drop in the unique boutiques in Portland's Old Port.
- Enjoy quality summer theater at the Portland Stage Company or the Portland Players.
- Take a walk along Casco Bay on the Eastern Promenade Trail.
- Check out the music, sports and other events at the Cumberland County Civic Center.
- Take in a spectacular laser light show at Southworth Planetarium.
- Step back into the Victorian Age in the beautiful Victoria Mansion.
- Visit the farmers market at Monument Square in downtown Portland.
- Kayak around Casco Bay's many islands.
- Relax and laugh at the Comedy Connection.

For more information on Portland, go to www.portlandmaine.com or www.visitportland.com.



Register online at www.linkageproject.org



Registration Form

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REGISTRATION

\$175 includes two continental breakfasts, two lunches and Town Meeting materials. Pre-registration is required. Confirmation will be sent by email. Deadline for Registration: May 1, 2008 (walk-ins are welcome as space allows). Refunds (less a \$25 processing fee) will be available for cancellations received by May 1. Substitutions are encouraged. Registered no-shows will be billed. For more information, please contact Great Gatherings at (207) 622-5330 or email Susan@GreatGatherings.com.

PLEASE PRINT (one attendee per form)

___ Dr. ___ Mr. ___ Mrs. ___ Miss ___ Ms.

Name (for name tag): _____

Title: _____

Agency/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province/Country: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____

Business Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Note: All menu choices will be vegetarian. Please check here if you require vegan meals ___

Reasonable arrangements for persons with disabilities or special dietary needs will be made if requested before May 1. Contact Great Gatherings at (207) 622-5330 or email Susan@GreatGatherings.com.

May we include your name and address in the list of conference attendees? Yes ___ No ___

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please make out check or purchase order to The Linkage Project. Return form and payment by May 1 to: Great Gatherings, P.O. Box 9005, Augusta, ME 04338 or fax to (207) 622-6228.

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