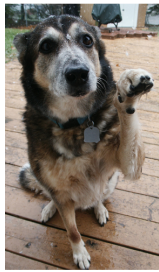




Green Mountain Animal Defenders

Working to Protect Animals and the Environment



You're Invited

Green Mountain Animal Defenders

Cordially Invites You to the

Celebration of Our 25th Anniversary
of Protecting Animals and the Environment



Saturday, November 15 at 4:30 p.m.
DoubleTree Hotel, Garden Ballroom
1117 Williston Road, South Burlington, Vermont



GREEN HOTEL
in the Green
Mountain State

The Doubletree Hotel Burlington earned a Green Designation in May 2008 to reflect their commitment to pollution prevention and exemplary environmental stewardship.

Master of Ceremonies

Gary Kowalski



Guest Speakers

Dr. Jonathan Balcombe: Author of *Pleasurable Kingdom*

Erin Williams: Co-Author of *Why Animals Matter*



Highlights of the Evening

-  A Multi-Course Buffet of Delectable All-Vegetarian, Animal-Free Food
-  Mingle with Legislative Champions: Senator John Campbell & Senator Vincent Illuzzi
-  Special Guests of Honor: June Davis, Dr. Peggy Larson & Dr. Roger Prior
-  Book Signings by Authors: Dr. Jonathan Balcombe, Gary Kowalski, Deborah Straw (*The Healthy Pet Manual: A Guide to Prevention and Treatment of Cancer*) & Erin Williams
-  Silent Auction Offering a Wide Array of Items Donated by Notable Area Artists, Businesses & Organizations



About Our Speakers

Dr. Jonathan Balcombe was born in England, raised in New Zealand and Canada, and has lived in the United States since 1987. He holds a master's degree in biology as well as a doctorate in ethology. A popular speaker, he has given presentations in the USA, UK, Canada, Japan, Brazil, Israel, Australia, New Zealand, and mainland Europe.

Jonathan is the author of *The Use of Animals in Higher Education: Problems, Alternatives and Recommendations* and *Pleasurable Kingdom: Animals and the Nature of Feeling Good*. Jonathan is currently a senior research scientist with Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine in Washington, D.C.

Erin Williams has worked or volunteered for numerous animal protection and environmental organizations, from small student groups to international non-profits. Among her many roles, Erin has been a wildlife rehabilitator, campaign director, and shelter director for the world's largest rabbit rescue organization.

Erin and co-author Margo DeMello published *Why Animals Matter: The Case for Animal Protection*, which offers a concise yet complete overview of the problems of animal suffering and considers the environmental and social justice effects of animal exploitation. A UC Berkley graduate with a masters in non-profit administration, Erin currently works for the Humane Society of the United States.

Gary Kowalski is the author of several wonderful books including *The Souls of Animals*, *The Bible According to Noah*, and *Goodbye Friend: Healing Wisdom for Anyone Who Has Ever Lost a Pet*. Gary is a former member of the Green Mountain Animal Defenders' Board of Directors. A graduate of Harvard College and the Harvard Divinity School, Gary is currently a minister at the First Unitarian Universalist Society in Burlington, Vermont.



About Green Mountain Animal Defenders

As the largest all-volunteer animal protection organization in Vermont, Green Mountain Animal Defenders has been working to raise awareness about the plight of companion animals, farmed animals, wildlife, and animals used for entertainment or in laboratory testing, while promoting green living since 1983.

GMAD educates the public on these topics and more by staffing educational tables, organizing animal protection events and campaigns, maintaining a comprehensive animal protection website (www.gmad.info) and advocating for pro-animal legislation on the state and federal levels. In addition, we sponsor the Vermont Humane Federation's toll-free animal information line 1-877-9-HUMANE, providing lifesaving resources on animal cruelty or neglect, spay/neuter information, and how to aid injured wildlife.

Green Mountain Animal Defenders also helps homeless animals directly by funding spay/neuter programs and surgeries and through re-homing (adoption) efforts. GMAD's all-volunteer work force has rescued, rehabilitated, and/or placed countless cats, dogs, ferrets, mice, birds, rats, rabbits, pigs, and chickens, as well as a wide assortment of wildlife and other animals in need.

A major asset of GMAD is our unique internship program, which offers students from five area colleges real-world experience in graphic design, business, humane education, public relations, political science, and environmental studies. In return, the students provide valuable support for our all-volunteer structure.

This is just a sampling of the positive actions for animals that are made possible by your support!

