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8.30-9.00

Registration

9.00-9.05



Opening address

Birgitta Ohlsson, member of Parliament,
Liberal Party of Sweden

9.05-9.20



The Senior Living Delegation's proposal for animals in care of the elderly

Barbro Westerholm, member of Parliament,
Liberal Party of Sweden, Chairman of the
Senior Living Delegation

9.20-10.00



Manimalis report 2009 – pets and their benefits to society

Margareta Håkanson, Physical Therapist, doctoral student at University of Gothenburg, employed by the Swedish University of Agriculture (SLU) in Skara, Sweden.

Margareta presents the Manimalis report with new statistics on annual turnover in the Swedish pet market and current research in Sweden and the international arena.

10.00-10.40



Learning with horses – experiences, expectations and evaluated effects

Marietta Schulz, Senior Lecturer, Germany

Marietta has conducted research and developed a curriculum for equine-assisted therapy. She is studying the effects of therapeutic riding and horses on children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

10.40-11.00

Coffee

11.00-11.40



Oxytocin's healing and health-enhancing effects on humans

Kerstin Uvnäs-Moberg, Professor of Animal Physiology
Kerstin explains the physiological mechanisms for increased well-being from Human Animal Interaction and why animals have an important role to play in healthcare. Kerstin describes how the hormone oxytocin is released in response to touch, making us calmer, lowering our blood pressure, reducing our anxiety, increasing our social ability and raising our pain threshold.

11.40-12.25



The positive effects of animals on children and young people with autism

Kristina Byström, Subject Teacher and Licensed Psychologist
Ingrid Bertilsson, Ecologist, Dog Trainer and Licensed Physical Therapist

Kristina and Ingrid, therapists in child and youth rehabilitation, present two treatment models in which animals are used as a catalyst for development of social interaction and communication.

12.25 -13.20

Lunch

13.20-13.50



Living with a service dog

Margareta Pantzar, Chairman of the Swedish Service and Hearing Dog Association

Margareta describes how service dogs can assist disabled persons and enhance their quality of life. Margareta talks about the government pilot project currently being conducted to increase prescription of assistance dogs.

13.50-14.30



Animals in healthcare

Agnes Wold, Professor and Senior Physician of Clinical Bacteriology, Sahlgrenska Academy in Gothenburg, Sweden.

How can the challenge of allergies be addressed in the healthcare sector?

14.30-14.50

Coffee

14.50-15.15



How far has international research progressed?

Dennis Turner, Switzerland, Chairman of the IAHAIO and Professor at ERCAZ, Azabu University in Japan

What activities exist and what can Sweden learn from others? Professor Turner provides an international overview and summary of current research.

15.15-15.55

Panel discussion with politicians and researchers

Catharina Bråkenhielm (s), Thomas Nihlén (mp), Birgitta Ohlsson (fp), Gunnel Wallin (c), Margareta Cederfelt (m), Pia Lidwall (kd)

What obstacles are hindering the use of animals for the benefit of society to a greater extent than today? How can these obstacles be overcome?

15.55-16.00



Closing address

Ulla Björnehammar, Chairman of Manimalis

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