

CALL FOR CONFERENCE PROPOSALS



CARNIVORES2009

Carnivore Conservation in a Changing World

November 15-19, 2009

Grand Hyatt | Denver, Colorado

DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE is pleased to announce Carnivores 2009, our seventh carnivore conference. **Registration for Carnivores 2009 opens in February**, and we are now accepting abstract submissions for themed sessions, individual talks and posters. We will consider papers covering topics such as biology, behavior, taxonomy, general ecology, recovery, management and economic impacts of terrestrial, avian and marine carnivore species (canids, felids, bears, mesocarnivores, raptors, whales, dolphins, sharks, etc.). We are also seeking papers addressing the challenges of conserving carnivores and their habitats in the face of climate change, alterations in land use and other aspects of a changing world. (These challenges include, but are not limited to, habitat conservation, planning and linkages, invasive species, land use and development challenges). We invite scientists, managers, educators, students and activists to submit proposals. See below for details about presentation formats, submission requirements and deadlines.

Themed Sessions

Themed sessions may consist of four to six individual 15-minute talks addressing a particular taxon, geographic region or issue in carnivore conservation. Alternatively, a themed session may take the form of a roundtable or panel discussion among the panelists. Organizers of themed sessions should submit proposals no later than **March 13, 2009**. Session proposal submissions must contain:

- Full contact information for the session organizer
- Preference for 1.5-hour (4 speakers) or 2-hour (6 speakers) time slot
- Indicate whether themed session will consist of individual talks or roundtable discussion
- A short description of the theme of the session
- Name, affiliation and e-mail of each proposed speaker, along with provisional title (for individual talks) or description of role (for panel/roundtable format)

We will inform organizers of themed sessions by **June 1, 2009**, if their session has been accepted. Individual speakers within themed sessions will then be given information on how to submit their abstracts or roundtable topic descriptions.

Individual Talks

Abstracts for 15-minute talks may also be submitted individually, and conference staff will make every effort to group them into sessions with related talks. Please provide a clear and concise (250 words maximum) description of your research topic including an outline of the question, a brief overview of methods and a short statement of results and conclusions. Please include contact information for all authors, specify which author is to be the presenter, indicate if the abstract is for a poster or talk, and identify any audiovisual needs. The deadline for individual abstracts is **June 1, 2009**.

Posters

Posters (4 feet by 4 feet maximum) will be on display throughout the conference. There will be a special poster session one evening during the conference, with snacks and beverages available. Poster authors should plan to be on hand to answer questions during this session. Poster abstract submissions should include an overview of topic, author contact information, and must be received by **June 1, 2009**.

To Submit a proposal, use the form available at:

www.carnivoreconference.org/abstracts

Or e-mail as an MS-Word, Word Perfect or Rich Text attachment to:

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