

# Symposium

## *Humane Education: A compassionate ethic for animals*

Friday 5 and Saturday 6 October, 2007  
Eco-Centre, Griffith University, Nathan Campus  
Brisbane, Australia

Hosted by the Centre for Public Culture and Ideas at Griffith University and made possible by the generous funding of Voiceless, the fund for animals ([www.voiceless.org.au](http://www.voiceless.org.au)), this event will bring together teachers, academics, government and animal welfare representatives with the objectives of: defining humane education initiatives in Australia, exploring perspectives over various education sectors and promoting interest in the concept and application of 'humane education' within a framework of Values Education.

In the context of the Symposium, Humane Education aims to create a culture of empathy and caring by stimulating the moral development of individuals to form a compassionate, responsible and just society. It is a means of introducing children and youth to the potential of animals to experience a full range of emotions, and to their capabilities, as well as linking this understanding to one of a range of social and environmental issues.

The symposium will cover the practical application of humane education in the primary and secondary school sector, schools AEC representation, values and special education, and look to future developments. It will review perspectives and possibilities in the secondary and tertiary sector, e.g. teacher training, agriculture, law, science, ethics and the social sciences, with a strong focus on the integration of values throughout. The forum will draw upon overseas example. Speakers will include representatives from education, national parent organisations and fields of law, social sciences and ethics. The forum will provide for active participation by teachers.

**Co-convenors:** Dr Gail Tulloch, Adjunct Research Fellow, Centre for Public Culture and Ideas, Griffith University, and Carole de Fraga, Regional Representative of Compassion in World Farming.

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