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Become a Member of the National Council for Animal Protection (NCAP)*

In this membership packet you will find all the information you need to become an NCAP member:

- Membership Benefits
- Answers to Frequently Asked Questions
- Annual Meeting (Summit) Information
- Membership Requirements

Information about the new NCAP Distinguished Grassroots Leadership award is attached as a separate document.

Our Vision

The National Council for Animal Protection envisions a world in which every human and every sector of society treats animals with respect and compassion, and in which animals are free from human exploitation.

Our Mission

The mission of the National Council for Animal Protection is to help its members achieve individual and collective goals to improve the treatment and status of all animals.

Our Goals

- Increase the visibility and public understanding of animal advocacy issues
- Increase public support to end animal suffering
- Elevate the status of animals as a mainstream issue in society
- Analyze the current status of the animal advocacy movement and strategize the best methods for advancing our work
- Enhance the professional skills of people working in the animal advocacy movement
- Facilitate respect, cooperation and communication among member organizations

**Formerly known as The Summit for Animals*

Membership Benefits

Participate in Summit for the Animals, Our Annual Meeting

- Spend quality time in a private forum with leaders of other national, regional and local animal organizations
- Learn new professional skills to enhance your group's operations
- Work with industry experts to explore how best to increase the visibility and public understanding of animal issues
- Discuss and strategize on NCAP select programs and become part of NCAP working groups
- Share data and information about best practices for successful campaigns and operations

Get Exclusive Access to Our Public Opinion Survey Data

- Understand the geographic, demographic, and psychographic differences among U.S. adults regarding their views of society's use and abuse of nonhuman animals, as well as efforts to protect animals
- Identify types of people who consider animal protection to be a major and/or growing concern, to better enable your organization to study those groups and understand their perception of the animal protection movement, as well as their reasons for -- and limits to -- supporting animal protection
- Define baselines for evaluating public opinion and behavior and measure changes over time with tracking surveys; participate in the tracking study by sponsoring your own questions

Shape Our Future

- Help shape our national agenda, including possible public outreach programs and strategic alliances with other organizations
- Determine professional development opportunities for members
- Define our involvement in political action
- Help redefine the goals and focus of NCAP

Membership Requirements

- Application for NCAP membership is open to legally incorporated 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) animal advocacy organizations and political action committees that are governed by a board of directors and have been incorporated for at least one year. The Board has discretion to review new member applications and make a determination to accept or reject the application. In addition, the board may consider groups that do not meet the incorporation qualifications but may contribute to the advancement of NCAP's mission by bringing particular expertise or programmatic strength not already represented in NCAP. Groups interested in membership must provide proof of active advocacy programs designed to improve the treatment and status of animals. In addition to any membership requirements that the Board may adopt from time to time, members must agree to pay membership dues and adhere to NCAP's Code of Ethics.
- Attendance at NCAP's annual meeting ("The Summit") is limited to full member organizations only. Representatives of nonmember groups may attend only if invited by the Executive Board, based on the meeting agenda.
- Two individuals from each member organization may attend the annual meeting. We encourage attendance by those in leadership positions, particularly CEOs, presidents, executive directors, etc.
- On matters that are brought to a vote, each organization has one vote.
- Membership dues are tiered, based on the annual budget of the organization, and must be paid annually to retain current membership status, regardless of attendance at annual meetings.

Partial List of Recent NCAP Members

Alley Cat Allies
American Anti-Vivisection Society
American Equine Rescue Organization
American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
American Tortoise Rescue
Animal Legal Defense Fund
Animal Place
Animals and Society Institute
Animal Protection Institute
Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights
Born Free USA
Christian Vegetarian Society
Compassion Over Killing
DawnWatch
Doris Day Animal League
Farm Sanctuary
The Fund for Animals
Humane Research Council
The Humane Society of the United States
In Defense of Animals
International Institute for Humane Education
Kinship Circle
League of Humane Voters
National Anti-Vivisection Society
New England Anti-Vivisection Society
United Animal Nations

Code of Ethics

By joining NCAP, members agree to endorse and abide by this Code of Ethics. Members have a duty to report suspected infractions to the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall inquire into alleged infractions and has the power to terminate the membership of an organization judged to be in violation of the Code.

1. NCAP recognizes that the animal protection movement comprises a wide range of organizations with differing policies about animal use and different approaches to animal advocacy. Because NCAP's mission is to support organizations within the entire animal movement in their efforts to improve the treatment and status of all animals, we welcome organizations from across the spectrum.
2. Despite the diversity of the movement, members of NCAP share a set of core values. We envision a world in which every human and every sector of society treats animals with respect and compassion, and in which animals are free from human exploitation. We believe that this vision can be fulfilled best if the efforts of all organizations and individuals in the movement involve collaboration, cooperation, coordination and mutual support conducted in a spirit of trust, respect, and fairness.
3. NCAP supports the use of nonviolent tactics in advancing the mission of the animal protection movement. Member organizations must agree not to engage in physical violence, threats of physical violence, and property damage (including bombings and arson). Animal rescues, civil disobedience, economic pressures (including boycotts) and incidental property damage incurred in the course of these activities do not constitute a violation of this code.
4. At its meetings and events, NCAP will offer only vegan food and products that do not involve the exploitation of animals.
5. Member organizations must agree to offer a vegetarian – preferably vegan – option at its organizational functions where food is served.
6. NCAP encourages cooperation, coordination and networking in the animal protection movement. When multiple NCAP members together wage a campaign or bring a project to successful conclusion, participating members shall give due recognition to contributions made by others; no NCAP member group shall claim more than its fair share of the credit, unless by agreement of the participating members.
7. In the giving and taking of criticism, NCAP members engage in constructive debate and avoid invective, especially in the media and/or public sector. Good-faith criticism is to be encouraged for the development of ideas and tactics. Appropriate channels of criticism include direct oral and written communication.
8. If members find themselves involved in a dispute, efforts shall be made to resolve the dispute amicably and in the spirit of trust, respect, and fairness. Members agree to deal with disputes directly with the organization(s) involved and are encouraged to seek mediation or arbitration.
9. Members agree to give reasonable advance notice to other NCAP members when their organization takes a position or issues a policy statement that is known to be controversial among other organizations in NCAP.
10. When disputes involve differences between NCAP members regarding a related campaign or project, members commit to attempt to deal with differences with other member groups directly and with mutual respect, before publicizing differences. If not resolvable, any publication of differences is done to ensure that information disseminated about the differences or about other organizations is fair and accurate and distinguishes clearly between fact and opinion.

Frequently Asked Questions

How is NCAP different from the original Summit coalition?

NCAP is a formal professional association whose functions and goals are much broader and more ambitious than the original Summit group. NCAP will build upon the Summit's history of networking and expand its focus to include specific ongoing programs that will benefit individual member groups as well as advance mutual goals aimed at reducing animal cruelty.

Why did the Summit change?

Organizations have gathered at annual Summit meetings since 1985 for the opportunity to meet face-to-face in a private forum. Increased cooperation led to the desire for Summit to have more tangible programs that take advantage of its members' collective resources. The strategic planning session at the 2001 Summit meeting resulted in the decision to move forward with plans to transform Summit into an organization more on par with other professional associations that work in advocacy fields.

What does NCAP do?

NCAP's mission is to help its members achieve individual and collective goals to improve the treatment and status of all animals. Given the proliferation of animal-use industries and ongoing societal issues such as pet overpopulation, NCAP seeks to do for its constituents — individual animal protection groups and, ultimately, the animals they serve — what other professional associations (including animal-use industries) do for theirs. Our association is the only one of its kind representing such a wide range of animal protection organizations. The first program NCAP has undertaken is a public image research study to examine how the public forms opinions about animal protection campaigns. This study provides data that NCAP and its members can use to refine their messages and campaigns.

Who is eligible to join NCAP?

Unlike the original Summit coalition, which required that members be 501(c)(3) organizations with national programs, NCAP's members will include any 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) organization (including state and local groups) whose primary focus is animal protection and which has been incorporated for at least one year. Member organizations must agree to abide by NCAP's code of ethics, which includes specific provisions for adhering to nonviolent practices, resolving disputes privately, and agreeing to work cooperatively with other members.

See section on Membership Requirements.

Who can I contact for further information?

Wim Dekok, NCAP Executive Board, World Animal Net, wdekok@yahoo.com, 617-942-1819.

2013-14 Membership Form

National Council for Animal Protection—Membership Form Instructions

1. Fill out this form
2. Pay your organization's dues by reviewing the dues structure on the next page—please make your check payable to The National Council for Animal Protection, Inc.
3. **Send the completed form and your dues to Nicole Forsyth, NCAP, PO Box 188890, Sacramento, CA 95818 (Nicole's organization, RedRover is the fiscal agent for NCAP)**

Name of Member Organization: _____

Web Site Address: _____

Representative #1: _____

Work Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Representative #2: _____

Work Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

I/We, the undersigned, have read and understand the Membership Requirements and Code of Ethics.

Signed: _____

Print: _____ Date: _____

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2013-2014 Dues Structure

Please find below the current NCAP dues structure. The NCAP Executive Board recognizes that many groups are reevaluating membership in various organizations as a cost saving measure, so in light of this the Board has decided to reduce the membership dues again this year by 50%. Below you will find the reduced rate.

Funds are utilized to realize our vision, meet our mission, and achieve our goals. Dues are supplemented by individual grants that help underwrite specific programs.

Tiers	Annual Budget	NCAP DUES
1	Less than \$99,999	\$50.00
2	\$100,000 to \$999,999	\$100.00
3	\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999	\$250.00
4	\$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999	\$500.00
5	\$5,000,000 and above	\$750.00

For more information, please contact:

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