



## “Animals in Society”

February 26, 2019, 7:00 pm

The School of Veterinary Medicine Auditorium

Animals in zoos, live animal mascots, service animals, pets, animal food products, and cultured tissues for meat: topics that have stirred national controversy, triggered demonstrations, instigated fundraising campaigns, and elicited mixed reactions on university campuses. The LSU Faculty Senate, the LSU Office of Academic Affairs, and the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine invite both the public and the LSU community to join us February 26 at 7:00 pm for a forum, “Animals in Society,” featuring vigorous discussion of these challenging public issues. The forum will consist of brief presentations by national and local experts in human- animal interactions followed by audience questions. Exploring all aspects of this topic, from fundamental ethical issues to the keeping of live mascots to the role and needs of companion animals to the use of livestock for food, the forum will give everyone a unique opportunity to interface with the experts about all facets of animal-society interactions!

Experts include:

- Dr. Bernard Rollin, University Distinguished Professor at Colorado State University is internationally renowned in animal rights and ethics issues, having published more than 10 books on those topics. He is the University Bioethicist and a Professor of Philosophy, Animal Sciences, Biomedical Sciences at Colorado State. He obtained his Ph.D. from Columbia University.
- Dr. David Baker is the caretaker of LSU’s live mascot tiger and Professor of Laboratory Animal Medicine in the Department of Pathobiological Sciences in the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. His areas of research are parasitic and other infectious diseases. His D.V.M. and Ph.D. are from the University of California.
- Collette Kaster, Executive Director of the Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization
- Dr. Kevin Cope, Distinguished Research Master and University Medalist, and Professor of English will serve as the Moderator for the panel.

This event is open to the public. The LSU campus and community are encouraged to participate.

The Forum is being sponsored by the LSU Office of Academic Affairs, the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, and the LSU Faculty Senate. For additional information, contact the Faculty Senate Office at [faculty senate@lsu.edu](mailto:faculty senate@lsu.edu), 225-578-5248, or by visiting [www.lsu.edu/senate](http://www.lsu.edu/senate)