8ᵗʰ National G2Z Summit & Workshops

BEYOND THE SHELTER

Call for Abstracts

A summit is a strategic conversation between the leaders of the sector, bringing together different perspectives within a system to find solutions to the big questions.

Getting 2 Zero invite you to participate in the **8th National G2Z Summit & Workshops** on the **Gold Coast** from **10 - 14 September 2019**.

This Summit is a biennial event organised by Getting to Zero (G2Z), a national program aimed at improving outcomes for stray and homeless companion animals in every community in Australia. It is currently the only Australian body actively providing free, remote and onsite, consulting and support services for local government, not-for-profit organisations and community groups involved in companion animal management and sheltering. You can learn more about G2Z here.

Summit attendees include local government animal management officers and managers, state government representatives, shelter staff and volunteers, rescue groups, veterinarians, microchipping registering bodies, animal trainers, service providers and pet industry staff.

The theme for the 2019 Summit is **Beyond The Shelter**.

It will focus on the latest programs, practices and strategies that engage the community to effectively influence intake and achieve positive outcomes for our shelter and pound facilities.

We seek answers to questions such as:

- What can we do to prevent intake?
- How can we reduce the numbers of homeless cats and dogs and the concerns the community has about them?
- How can we keep people and their pets together?
- How can companion animal management and sheltering be looked at from a broader perspective?
- How can we empower owners, carers and those without pets to be a part of the solutions?

If you have some answers to these questions through your own programs and innovations, we are now accepting abstracts for the 8th National G2Z Summit. Other topics relating to community welfare, animal welfare, and responsible pet ownership will also be investigated and addressed.

The closing date for abstract submissions is **7/4/19**.

Suggested topics are, but are not limited to:

- Companion animal health and welfare in the shelter/pound/rescue context including rehabilitation
- Outreach and community programs
- Local government and animal welfare collaborations
- Programs and strategies to keep pets in homes
- Volunteer recruitment and management
- Financial management
- Progressive animal management, shelter and/or rescue programs that are reducing intake and increasing reclaim/adoptions
- Research updates
- Legislation updates
- Companion animals in natural disaster management
- School and community education and awareness
- Companion animal behaviour relating to the theme
- Community/social aspects of animal ownership
- Fundraising/philanthropy and communications

Abstract guidelines

Please read the abstract, paper and presentation guidelines set out below to ensure you can observe the deadline commitments stipulated.

Abstracts should be provided as follows:

- In a Word document
- In Arial font size 11
- No more than 150 words in English
- Include a 100 word (max.) biography (no bullet points) of author in a separate paragraph using the third person
- File saved as author name (family name first) and title of abstract
- Submitted by email to the G2Z Coordinator at info@g2z.org.au

If these guidelines are not followed your abstract may not be accepted, or may be edited according to need.

Contact details for author should be included in the email with a colour, high-resolution (300 dpi), portrait jpg image of the author attached.

The submitted abstract must be the final version; no changes will be accepted after submission.

Multiple abstract submissions are allowed.

Your submission will be confirmed by return email and you will be notified of the status of your abstract no earlier than 21/4/19.

Local speakers will be eligible for discounted registration to the Summit itself.

Paper guidelines

Papers for successful abstract submissions must be provided as follows:

- In a Word document
- In Arial font size 11 with minimal formatting. (Papers will be transferred to a template and converted to pdf for inclusion on the USB device provided to delegates.)
- No word/page limit.
- File saved as author name and paper title.
- Your paper **MUST BE** submitted by email to info@g2z.org.au **by 1/7/19**

The paper is an opportunity to explore the subject matter more thoroughly and to provide the delegate with more information than you might be able to impart in the presentation itself including references etc.

The submitted paper must be the final version; no changes will be accepted after submission.

Presentation guidelines

Presentations for successful abstract submission must be provided as follows:

- Final version that you intend to present at the event
- In a PowerPoint or similar format
- Slides must be set up for On Screen Show (16:9). Go to File/Set Up/Slides sized for On Screen Show.

- Your presentation **MUST BE** submitted by email to info@g2z.org.au **by 1/9/19**. If the file is large you can utilise Drop Box or a similar file sharing service.
- If audio and video is included in the presentation it must be at the time of submission of presentation.

The submitted presentation must be the final version; no changes will be accepted after submission.

Presenters will be provided with a discounted registration rate for the event.

If you are not submitting an abstract, but would like to suggest a speaker or topic for the upcoming Summit, please email us on info@g2z.org.au

We look forward to receiving your abstracts and your attendance at the Summit. For updates on registering to attend the Summit please go to www.g2z.org.au/8th-national-g2z-summit.html