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MEDIA ALERT

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5th NATIONAL G2Z SUMMIT & WORKSHOPS

Leading national animal welfare program, [Getting 2 Zero](#), invites you to participate in the [5th National G2Z Summit & Workshops](#) on the Gold Coast from 10 – 14 September 2013.

The theme for this year's Summit is ***Taking G2Z to the next level.***

With the companion animal welfare landscape changing rapidly, the Summit is a **must attend** event for all those involved in Australia's companion animal policy and practice – including those working in all levels of government, the not-for-profit welfare, shelter and rescue sector, veterinary and pet industry sectors and the research community.

Increasingly the community's focus is turning towards animal welfare. This conference will again provide a platform for exploring the essential connections between saving lives and policies, funding, community, partnerships, strategies and results - and propose innovative solutions to guide Australia's approach to prevent abandonment and euthanasia of companion animals into the future. A number of international experts will provide insights on how the challenges of saving lives are being addressed overseas.

Held every two years, this fifth Summit will attract more than 200 delegates from the Australasian region. Each Summit has built on the success of the previous meeting and is now an industry leading, unique and significant forum for the exchange of ideas and solutions to lead Australia's approach to saving the lives of companion animals into the future.

International expert speakers include:

- Dr Lila Miller – Shelter medicine expert and Vice President Veterinary Outreach for the ASPCA, US
- Dr Pamela Reid – Animal behaviour expert and Vice President Animal Behaviour Centre for the ASPCA, US
- Sharon Harmon – Animal sheltering expert and CEO Oregon Humane Society, US
- Mark Kumpf – Animal management expert and Director of the Montgomery County Animal Resource Centre, Ohio, US
- Francine Shields – Manager and Chief Inspector for RNZSPCA Whangarei branch, NZ
- Casey Quimby - Co-founder of Animals Fiji, FIJI



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G2Z Coordinator, Nell Thompson, says “This is a rare opportunity to tap into the wealth of knowledge and experience these international experts are bringing to Australia. In addition, there is great line up of local speakers presenting on a diverse array of issues. There are no other events like this in the Australasian region and G2Z is proud to deliver an economically viable professional development and networking experience that can facilitate best practice outcomes for abandoned pets around the country.”

About G2Z

[G2Z](#) is a national program aimed at preventing the unnecessary euthanasia of thousands of unwanted pets each year by providing strategies, support and resources to those involved in animal management and welfare.

EVENT DETAILS:

Date: 10 September 2013	Shelter medicine and behavioural rehabilitation workshop with Dr Lila Miller and Dr Pamela Reid
	Animal Management workshop with Mark Kumpf
	Organisational management and fundraising workshop with Sharon Harmon and Gary Kish
11 – 13 September 2013	5 th National G2Z Summit
14 September 2013	Shelter medicine and behavioural rehabilitation workshop (repeat) with Dr Lila Miller and Dr Pamela Reid
	Organisational management and fundraising workshop (repeat) with Sharon Harmon and Gary Kish

Location: Outrigger Surfers Paradise, 22 View Avenue, Surfers Paradise, Queensland

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