



## **Sustainability at the Animal Law Conference**

In an effort to make our event more sustainable, the Animal Law Conference Planning Committee has implemented a variety of practices to minimize our impact on the environment. By implementing these practices, we hope to minimize the actual harm done to all animals and their/our environment and to demonstrate & promote the availability and utility of cruelty-free and environmentally-friendly products and services.

Our efforts include the following:

### **Food & Beverage**

- All food & beverage items served at the event are 100% plant-based.
- We do not offer single-use plates, utensils or cups, i.e. plastic water bottles, paper plates, etc. at the event. Instead, water stations are available in common areas and reusable dishes, cups and utensils are used to serve meals and refreshments.
- We work with caterers that compost food scraps and donate all excess edible food to local food donation programs.

### **Merchandise & Materials**

- We do not offer printed materials or hard copies of the conference agenda. Instead, all materials and the agenda are available on our mobile event app and on the conference website.
- Event signage is made with recyclable and/or eco-friendly materials and we opt for display screens over printed signage, whenever possible. All printed signage produced for the conference is designed for reuse at future conferences.
- Conference merchandise is sourced from non-sweatshop suppliers and eco-friendly and/or recyclable materials are selected, whenever available.

### **Waste Management**

- We work with venues to ensure that recycling and composting is available to attendees at the event and that waste is properly sorted and disposed of.

### **Transportation**

- The conference venue and hotels are selected in close proximity to public transportation, to minimize emissions.

### **Shipping**

- All conference materials are transported by shipping companies that are SmartWay certified.

### **What You Can Do**

- Bring a reusable water bottle or coffee cup to the conference for use at one of our beverage stations.
- Use public transportation or ride-share to travel to the conference.
- Log into the virtual event platform to access the conference agenda and other program content.
- Make sure you are disposing of waste in the appropriate bins.
- Return name badges and lanyards to the registration table after the conference so we may recycle them.