Keynote Speaker  
Dr. Ed Pajor, University of Calgary

Moving animal welfare forward:  
Drivers of change  
and the role of research

In this presentation, Dr. Pajor will identify numerous factors that are increasing the importance of animal welfare in society. The main focus will be on the role of animal welfare research. Research highlighted will include recently completed and on-going projects, primarily in the beef industry. Projects presented will cover topics such as pain management in beef cattle, rancher’s perspectives on animal welfare issues, and research on animals at a variety of events at the Calgary Stampede.

*Dr. Pajor is recognized internationally for his research on the behavior and welfare of a wide variety of species as well as his expertise in animal welfare standards. His current research activities focus on beef cattle behaviour and welfare with an emphasis on 1) pain management, 2) cow-calf bonding and 3) calf processing. Dr. Pajor has served on the animal care and welfare advisory committees of numerous organizations including McDonald’s, the National Pork Board, Certified Humane, Safeway, and the Calgary Stampede. Dr. Pajor earned his PhD and MSc degrees in biology from McGill University specializing in Animal Behaviour and a Honors Co-op B.Sc. Degree in biology from the University of Waterloo.

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