

**You are invited to the second forum of  
the Coalition for Living Safely with Dogs**

***Changing Human-Animal Behaviors  
to Create Safer Communities:  
Data, Policies, and Programs***

**When:** Thursday, February 26, 2009, 8AM to 4PM

**Where:** University of Denver, Craig Hall, 2148 South High,  
Community Room

**For Whom:** municipal and county government officials, first responders,  
social workers/therapists, animal care and control, veterinarians and veterinary  
technicians, physicians, attorneys, veterans services, and other interested  
community leaders

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**Participants at the Coalition's first Forum in March 2006** came together to discuss community strategies for dealing with dangerous dogs. They acknowledged that current data on dog bites and attacks was often inconsistent or incomplete. Dog bite data is important because it heightens government and community awareness and affects investment in and support for animal care, control, and programs. As a result of that Forum, the Coalition for Living Safely with Dogs in partnership with the Colorado Association of Animal Control Officers initiated a data collection project.

**The February 2009 Forum will offer:**

- ▶ A report of the initial year of the Coalition's dog bite data
- ▶ Data-based solutions for maximizing existing resources
- ▶ Model ordinances
- ▶ Programs for gangs, at-risk youth, and veterans

**RSVP is required. See second side for RSVP details. There is no fee.  
Please share this invite with interested colleagues.**



## Presenting Organizations

**The Coalition for Living Safely with Dogs** ([www.livingsafelywithdogs.org](http://www.livingsafelywithdogs.org)) is a group of Colorado veterinary and animal care and control professionals concerned about public safety and dealing effectively with dangerous dogs. Founded in 2005, the Coalition works with municipalities to develop effective dog ordinances, sponsors and coordinates data collection of dog bite statistics in Colorado, and provides community forums for seeking community solutions to the issue of dangerous dogs.

### **The University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work**

([www.du.edu/socialwork/](http://www.du.edu/socialwork/)) offers academic programs and professional learning in the area of human animal interaction studies and animal assisted therapies; provides focus on issues that relate to understanding the connection between people, families, and communities; and conducts research in the area of human animal studies.

## Sponsor

**Animal Assistance Foundation** ([www.aaf-fd.org](http://www.aaf-fd.org)) provides leadership and support in improving animal welfare in the state of Colorado. The Foundation is committed to making Colorado exemplary in animal welfare and philanthropy for animal welfare.

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**For more information, see attached agenda and visit  
[www.livingsafelywithdogs.org](http://www.livingsafelywithdogs.org)**

**RSVP by February 22, 2009 to [caseyj@aaf-fd.org](mailto:caseyj@aaf-fd.org)**

Include your name, organization/affiliation, postal address, and phone number.  
Space is limited. Reservations will be accepted until space is no longer available.

Thanks to the sponsorship of the Animal Assistance Foundation, there is no registration fee.

**Parking information:** Participants are responsible for their own parking arrangements in designated visitor lots for \$1.00 per hour.

See Parking Map at <https://www.parking.du.edu/documents/pdf/parking-map.pdf> or building and parking locations on second page of attached agenda.



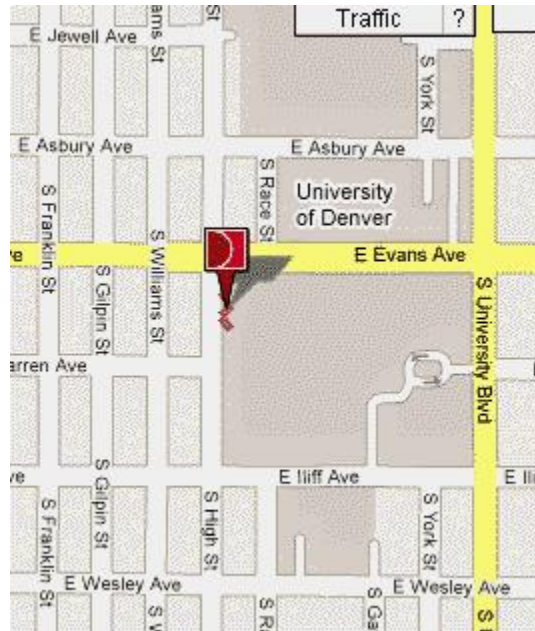
## FEBRUARY 26, 2009 FORUM AGENDA

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- **8:00AM Light Breakfast**
- **8:30AM Welcome**
  - Jayme Nielson, Coalition for Living Safely with Dogs, Forum Emcee
  - James Herbert Williams, University of Denver
  - David Gies, Animal Assistance Foundation
- **9:00AM Colorado Dog Bite Data**
  - Nick Fisher, Coalition for Living Safely with Dogs; Diane Milford, Colorado Association of Animal Control Officers; Beth Mulligan, Corona Research
- **10:00AM Break**
- **10:15AM Ordinances that Improved Public Safety**
  - Jeffco representatives (TBD) and Englewood representatives (Mayor Jim Woodward and Lisa Sickles)
  - Moderator: Rhea Dodd, DVM
- **11:00AM Human/Animal Relationship**
  - Frank R. Ascione, Utah State University Professor of Psychology and University of Denver Visiting Professor
- **12:15PM Lunch**
  - Morning Wrap Up: Ralph Johnson, Colorado Veterinary Medical Association
  - Social networking
- **1:00PM Social Programs that Change Human Behaviors Through Interaction with Dogs**
  - Phil Tedeschi, Institute of Human-Animal Connection; Allison Levy, PET-P.A.L. Program, Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center; Chuck Thompson, CBR Youth/Connect; Karen Snow, CBR Youth/Connect; Niki Jorgenson, Tennyson Center; Patti Yoensky, Freedom Service Dogs.
  - Moderator: Sharan Wilson, Freedom Service Dogs
- **1:45PM Break**
- **2:00PM Social Programs continued**
  - Tio Hardiman, Special Consultant to Humane Society of the United States
- **3:00PM Wrap Up/Next Steps**
  - Ralph Johnson, Colorado Veterinary Medical Association



## Map of University of Denver with location of Craig Hall marked, 2148 South High Street



## Locations of visitor parking lots closest to Craig Hall (#301, #302, and #306)

