

JONATHAN BALCOMBE, PhD
Author, scientist and leading animal advocate



Video samples:

[Chicken intelligence](#)

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Animal behavior expert Jonathan Balcombe is a passionate advocate for animals and their living spaces. His best-selling books *Pleasurable Kingdom* and *Second Nature* present animals in a new light and presage a revolution in the human-animal relationship. A PhD scientist and vegan, Balcombe's dynamic message resonates with timely issues that affect everyone, including climate change, biodiversity, and personal health. He has given invited presentations on six continents.

Jonathan has thrilled our audiences with stunning photos of animals and regaled them with discoveries about their lives. Nobody leaves untouched by his message.

-- Gene Baur, President, Farm Sanctuary

Dr Balcombe's presentations combine knowledge and wit to make the science of animal behavior and sentience accessible and entertaining. He was a favorite with my students and I've invited him back.

-- Sherry F. Colb, Professor of Law, Cornell Law School

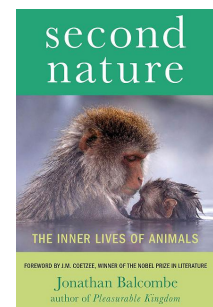
Balcombe is an exceptionally skilled and engaging presenter who—with a perfect touch of humor—captivated, educated and entertained our audiences. He has our highest recommendation.

-- Brian Graff, Director, North American Vegetarian Society

JONATHAN BALCOMBE'S SPEECH TOPICS

Second Nature: The Inner Lives of Animals

From optimistic starlings, to dogs who object to unfair treatment, Balcombe shows that animals lead lives of acute awareness. Social living also requires animals to behave nicely toward one another, and Balcombe shows why our own behavior toward animals needs a major overhaul.



Beastly Bliss: Animal Pleasure and its Significance

In this lavishly illustrated presentation, Balcombe debunks the popular perception that life for animals is a continuous, grim struggle for survival. As pleasure-seekers, animals' lust for play, sex, touch and food holds important lessons about how we ought to lead our own lives.



Other topics

Jonathan can tailor his presentations to any age group and to diverse audience specialties, including: environmental protection, companion animals, vegetarianism/veganism, wildlife, animal rescue and sanctuary, animal research, and veterinary medicine.