What is animal law?
Animal law is the combination of statutory and case law that relates to or has an impact on nonhuman animals. Animal law permeates and affects most traditional areas of the law, including tort, contract, criminal, and constitutional law. It encompasses companion animals, wildlife, and animals used in entertainment, research, and raised for food.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN ANIMAL LAW INCLUDE:

- **ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND FELLOW**
  Be trained in strategic impact litigation for animals

- **STAFF ATTORNEY**
  Work for an animal protection organization

- **PRIVATE PRACTITIONER**
  Devote your practice to animal issues, including veterinary malpractice, companion animal trusts, and custody disputes

- **LOBBYIST**
  Advocate for animal-friendly legislation

- **PROSECUTOR**
  Work within the criminal justice system to enforce animal cruelty laws

- **VOLUNTEER**
  In the Animal Legal Defense Fund’s Pro Bono Program

Despite animals’ legal categorization as “property,” they are living, feeling beings whose interests deserve consideration and protection.

**DID YOU KNOW?**
There are over 160 law schools in the U.S. and Canada that have offered a course in animal law.

Law student memberships
As a law student member, you will receive the Animal Legal Defense Fund’s newsletter, The Animals’ Advocate, which includes summaries of recent cases and other news, one issue of Animal Law Review, and our Law Student eNewsletter.

To join, visit:
aldf.org/studentmembership

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Animal Legal Defense Fund Student Chapters are law student organizations affiliated with the Animal Legal Defense Fund that share its mission to protect the lives and advance the interests of animals through the legal system. They are a vital part of the growing animal law movement as forums for education and scholarship exploring the impact the law has on animals. Student chapters are in a unique position to be influential advocates for changing the law to better protect animals. For more information: aldf.org/studentchapters. In 2000, only nine law schools offered animal law courses; today, the list has grown to more than 160. The first student chapter was established in 1992 at Lewis & Clark Law School; today, there are about 200 chapters at law schools throughout the U.S., including the top-ranked schools.

For more information about forming a student chapter: aldf.org/startchapter

Animal law course advocacy

Student chapters have been instrumental in having animal law courses added to their school’s curriculum. If your law school does not currently offer an animal law class, start one! The Animal Legal Defense Fund can provide instructional guidance, including a resource packet that contains articles, sample syllabi, and a sample petition that can be used to show student interest in the proposed class.

For more information: aldf.org/animallawclass

STUDENT CHAPTER PROJECTS

HOSTING speakers and symposia

ADVOCATING for Meatless Mondays or plant-based options in school cafeterias

TABLING on campus to raise awareness of animal protection issues

VOLUNTEERING to do legal research for nonprofit organizations

SCREENING films

PARTICIPATING in the Animal Legal Defense Fund’s weeks of action, Speak Out for Farmed Animals Week and National Justice for Animals Week

ATTENDING animal law conferences and events

RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

ANIMAL LAW ACADEMY
Learn about substantive and practical topics through webinars presented by experts in animal law.

WRITING OPPORTUNITIES
Submit your paper for the Animal Legal Defense Fund Student Convention Law Student Scholarship Panel.

CLERKSHIPS
Be trained by top experts in animal law in the Animal Legal Defense Fund’s Litigation and Criminal Justice Programs.

ADVANCEMENT OF ANIMAL LAW SCHOLARSHIPS
Scholarships are awarded to student chapter members who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to animal law.

PROJECT AND TRAVEL GRANTS
Student chapters can apply for funding to support their animal law projects or travel to animal law events.

TABLING MATERIALS
Free materials from the Animal Legal Defense Fund to use at your chapter’s meetings and events.

STUDENT CONVENTION
Receive career advice from leaders in animal law and network with other student chapter members.

PROGRAM GUIDE
The Animal Legal Defense Fund provides resources to help student chapters focus on a priority issue.

Join us in the fight for justice. Be the legal voice for all animals.