



ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

The Empire State Update on Animal Law
Friday, April 12, 2019
Orrick 51 W 52nd St, New York, NY 10019

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. **Registration & Breakfast**

9:30 – 11:00 a.m. **Suing on Behalf of Animals**

Kelsey Eberly, Staff Attorney, Animal Legal Defense Fund

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Topics will include *CAARE v. SUNY*, foie gras, and New York unfair business practices statute.

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. **Break**

11:15 – 12:45 p.m. **Legislative Efforts on Behalf of Animals**

Stacy Wolf, Senior Vice President, Policy, Response & Engagement, ASPCA

Jennifer Hauge, Legislative Affairs Manager, Animal Legal Defense Fund

Topics will include Bella's Bill, anti-cruelty laws, shelter requirements, and security posting laws.

12:45 – 1:15 p.m. **Lunch**

1:15 – 2:15 p.m. **Keynote: Creating Change When You See a Need for Change: how one prosecutor took it upon herself to advocate for animals in her county.**

Nicoletta Caferri, Chief, Animal Cruelty Prosecutions Unit, Queens County DA's Office

Nicoletta Caferri is a career prosecutor who serves as the inaugural Chief in the Animal Cruelty Prosecutions Unit at the Queens County District Attorney's Office. Nicoletta will share her exceptional story leading up to the creation of the unit and her work in the unit itself.

2:15 – 2:30 p.m. **Break**

2:30 – 4:00 p.m. **The Criminal Justice System and Animals**

Martha Smith-Blackmore, DVM, President & Director of Veterinary Forensics, Vet Investigator

Diane Balkin, Senior Staff Attorney, Criminal Justice Program, Animal Legal Defense Fund

Topics include evidence collection, forfeiture and bonds, forensic specialties, and expert testimony.

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. **Reception**

Join us for appetizers, drinks, and networking with fellow attendees and speakers during this complimentary reception.