

Animal Law Writing Topics

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Animals in Research

- ❖ Discuss alternatives to animal use in drug testing, toxicology regulation, and medical/veterinary education. Look at updates that have been made to alternative testing and discuss how these are linked to directions in animal law.

Aquatic Animals

- ❖ How science influences law and policy in regard to fishes, crustaceans, and other aquatic animals
- ❖ Legal landscape of the aquarium trade
 - Collection of wild saltwater fishes in Hawaii
 - Releasing wildlife who were kept as pets: animal welfare concerns and non-native ("invasive") species' implications on the ecosystem
 - Endangered or threatened species as pets (Banggai cardinalfish, red line torpedo barb, axolotl)
 - Issues with public aquariums (collection, transportation, and display of fishes and other aquatic animals)
- ❖ Policies surrounding fishing and farming of fin fishes, crustaceans, octopuses, alligators and crocodiles, or amphibians for consumption, clothing, or research
- ❖ Aquatic animals and criminal cruelty laws
- ❖ Legal issues with off-shore factory farms
- ❖ Aquaculture welfare legal landscape and potential litigation or policy opportunities to advance the welfare
- ❖ Farmed animal cruelty prosecution assessment
 - frequency of successful prosecutions,
 - whether it serves as a deterrent,
 - the actual impact of prosecution, and
 - alternatives to difficulties of criminal prosecution cases.

Companion Animals

- ❖ Canines used in therapy, reform, or vocational training
- ❖ Proper care of companion animals and the role that regulation plays

Farmed Animals

- ❖ Legally compelled culling for public health or human control of animal populations

Other Priority Research Areas for Animal Advocates

- ❖ [Animal Charity Evaluators](#)
- ❖ [Charity Entrepreneurship](#)
- ❖ [Effective Altruism Animal Welfare](#)
- ❖ [Faunalytics](#)
- ❖ [Fish Welfare Initiative](#)
- ❖ [Food System Research Fund](#)
- ❖ [The Good Food Institute](#)
- ❖ [Sentience Institute](#)
- ❖ [Wild Animal Initiative](#)

