

MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL OF LAW at ANDOVER

**SYLLABUS for Animal Law – Spring 2020**

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**Text**: Animal Law Cases and Materials (sixth edition) - Wagman/Waisman/Frasch

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**Class Times:** Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

**Purpose** Animal law is a broad and rapidly expanding field and is an integral part of

**& Course** social policy and the law. The course provides diverse examples of cases and

**Description:** circumstances in which the unique aspects of animals and law converge and should stimulate thought about recurrent animal law themes.

**Grading &** Student Book Review: Worth 10 points

**Criteria[[1]](#footnote-1)**: Project: Worth 40 points – Animal Law Day, Saturday, April 11

Final: Worth 50 points

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1. Final course grade may be lowered for excessive absences. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)