



MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL OF LAW at ANDOVER

PRELIMINARY SYLLABUS for Animal Law – Spring 2022
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Text: Animal Law Cases and Materials (sixth edition) - Wagman/Waisman/Frasch
ISBN: 978-1-5310-1099-7

Class Times: Monday, 3:30pm – 5:50pm

Purpose & Course Description: Animal law is a broad and rapidly expanding field and is an integral part of social policy and the law. The course provides diverse examples of cases and circumstances in which the unique aspects of animals and law converge and should stimulate thought about recurrent animal law themes.

Grading: Animal Law Day, Final Examination and Video Written Responses Make Up Final Grade.

Animal Law Day: Saturday, April 16th

ASSIGNMENTS DUE FOR EACH CLASS

	<u>Topics</u>	<u>Page Numbers</u>
Class 1 01/24	What is an Animal? Defining "Animal" and the Classification of Animals; Property and Beyond: The Evolution of Rights	03-82
Class 2 01/31	Criminal Law Including Historical Perspective; State Anti-Cruelty Statutes; Affirmative Acts of Cruelty; Failure to Act; Hoarding; Animals in Sport and Entertainment	83-186
Class 3 02/07	Criminal Law (cont'd): Rodeos; Animal Racing; Breeding, Veterinary & Shelter Issues; Television, Film, Zoos, Circuses, Aquaria; Animal Fighting and Cross-Protecting	187-232
Class 4 02/14	Torts: Intentional Torts; Negligence; Fourth Amendment Claims; Veterinary Malpractice; Damages & Valuation; Competing Interests: Companion Dogs and Farm Animals, and Injuries Caused by Animals	233-362

Class 5 02/21	Constitutional Law: Legal Standing, Justiciability & Other Limiting Doctrines; Due Process – Challenges and Claims; First Amendment	363-459
Class 6 02/28	Commercial Uses of Animals: Animals Raised and Slaughtered for Food	485-639
Class 7 03/07	Commercial Uses (cont'd): Animals in Research & the Animal Welfare Act; Breeders, Dealers & Puppy Mills, Animal Exhibition Under the AWA	639-698

***SPRING BREAK* March 13 – March 20**

Class 8 03/21	Contracts: Housing Issues; Service and Support Animals; Custody Disputes	699-754
Class 9 03/28	Wills and Trusts	759-804
Class 10 04/04	Selected Wildlife Statutes	805-889
Class 11 04/11	Animal Rights Day - Saturday, April 16 th	

04/18 Patriot's Day – NO Class

Class 12 04/25	A) A Case of Animal Cruelty? Martha Parkhurst Video; and B) Christian Colwell Video	
Class 13 05/02	Book and Video - <i>Please, Can We Keep the Donkey?</i> MSL's Educational Forum show (#136)	