

MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL OF LAW at ANDOVER

**PRELIMINARY SYLLABUS for Animal Law – Spring 2023**

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

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**Class Times:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:00am – 9:20am

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

**Animal Law**

**Day:** Saturday, April 8th

**ASSIGNMENTS DUE FOR EACH CLASS**

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**Class 19** Video*:* The Return of the Wolf

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**Class 20** Video: The Plight of Tigers in the United States

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**Class 21**  Animal Law Day planning

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**Class 22** No Class – Attend Animal Law Day Saturday

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**Class 23 Animal Rights Day - Saturday, April 8th**

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**Class 24** Animal Rights Day – Wrap up

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**Class 25** A Case of Animal Cruelty? Martha ParkhurstVideo

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**Class 26** Christian Colwell Video

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**Class 27** Book andVideo: *Please, Can We Keep the Donkey?*

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**Class 28** Video:Animal Law Video 25th Anniversary Show

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**Class 29** Video: Remote Animal Law Day

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