

ANIMAL LAW

CHERIE TRAVIS

SPRING 2009 SYLLABUS

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| Textbook: | Animal Law Cases and Materials - Third Edition Sonia Waisman, Bruce A. Wagman & Pamela Frasch |
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| Class Meets: | Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9-10:15am, Room 801 Lewis |
| Assignments: | Will be posted to Blackboard on Thursdays |

Is there a place for the consideration of the interests of animals in the law? Throughout the semester, we will examine the historical and current status of animals in our legal system. Students will examine a diverse cross-section of law devoted to the controversial moral, ethical, and public policy considerations germane to efforts to balance the interests of animals and those of humans. The course is not an animal rights course. Rather, students will be invited to explore whether the law has a place for animals and, if so, where lines ought to be drawn. The course is graded on regular class attendance, participation, and a final exam.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

This is an elective course. Therefore, students are expected to regularly attend class and vigorously participate in class discussion. Students should keep in mind that it is the quality of participation that is important – not the quantity of participation. A portion of each student's final grade (25%) will be based on class attendance and participation throughout the semester. The remainder of the course grade will be based upon performance on the take-home final exam (75%), which will be handed out on Friday, May 8th and due on Tuesday, May 12th.