

WHO IS SALDF?

Helping Animals through the Law: As a student chapter of the Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF), SALDF is devoted to enhancing the welfare and legal status of all nonhuman animals. Our primary goal is to educate ourselves and others concerning the issues and laws that affect animals and help to influence positive change.



ACTIVITIES

Animal Law Conference: SALDF organizes the nation's longest-running annual animal law conference each fall with the support of the Center for Animal Law Studies and the Animal Legal Defense Fund. This year's conference marks the twentieth anniversary of this great event. The theme of this year's conference is *Celebrating 20 Years of Animal Law: Looking Back and Looking Forward*.

The conference will include panels such as: Ag-gag Laws: Suppressing Speech and Activism; The Long March – Towards Legal Protection for Animals in China; From Chimpanzees to Chickens: The Question of Personhood; and Protecting Wildlife: Lessons Learned from the Environmental Law Movement. The conference will also highlight new voices in animal law, cutting-edge legislation and litigation, and other interesting subjects.

We are thrilled to welcome **Nancy Perry**, Senior Vice President of Government Relations at the ASPCA and Lewis & Clark Law School alum, as our Saturday evening Keynote Speaker. We are also excited to announce that **Carol Adams**, esteemed author of *The Sexual Politics of Meat: A Feminist-Vegetarian Critical Theory*, will deliver the Keynote Address at our Friday evening opening reception at the Benson Hotel in downtown Portland. To view additional information including a complete schedule, please visit the conference website located at: www.alawconference.com.

Public Commenting: SALDF members regularly submit public comments on state and federal administrative agency action that affects wildlife and domestic animals. Public comments can be viewed at: http://www.lclark.edu/law/student_groups/student_animal_legal_defense_fund/public_commenting and include the following:

- *Washington State Grey Wolf Management Plan:* Comment to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife supporting the proposed plan in part and suggesting changes to be considered by the agency prior to finalizing the State's management strategy.
- *Petition to Revoke Tolerances for Pesticides:* Comment to the Office of Pesticide Programs regarding the American Bird Conservancy petition to revoke tolerances for pesticides in accordance with the Endangered Species Act and Migratory Bird Treaty Act.
- *Designation of Critical Habitat for the California Tiger Salamander:* Comment to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service regarding its proposal to designate critical habitat for the Sonoma County distinct population segment of the California Tiger Salamander under the Endangered Species Act.
- *Oregon's General NPDES Permit for Confined Animal Feeding Operation:* Comment to the Oregon Department of Agriculture regarding a general permit renewal for CAFOs in the Portland area.
- *North Atlantic Right Whale Ship Strike Reduction Plan:* Comment to the Coast Guard and National Marine Fisheries Service detailing how to improve its plan to reduce the amount of ships that strike critically endangered Right Whales.
- *Endangered Species Act:* Comment to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service regarding its proposed rule to adjust interagency cooperation under the Endangered Species Act.
- *California Sea Lion Lethal Removal:* Comment to the Protected Resources Division in relation to several northwestern states' request for authorization to remove California Sea Lions below the Bonneville Lock and Dam on the Columbia River.
- *Animal Welfare Act Emergency Planning:* Comment on the USDA Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service's proposal to require facilities subject to the Animal Welfare Act to plan

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Pro Bono & Volunteer Opportunities: SALDF members are active volunteers in the Portland-area animal community and may be found assisting activists as legal observers at animal rights protests, lobbying at the state capitol, gathering signatures for animal-related ballot initiatives, or volunteering at the Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary, Fences for Fido, Portland Animal Welfare Team, or the Oregon Humane Society, among others.

Mentor Program: This program matches 1L students who are interested in animal law with upper division SALDF members who share similar interests. The purpose of the program is to create a welcoming environment in our chapter and to help build strong, collegial relationships among SALDF members.

Campus Projects: SALDF works to raise awareness about animal issues in the Lewis & Clark community through a number of on-campus projects. Projects include:

- *Weekly Animal Law Action Items:* Each week, students directly influence the lives of animals by taking action on legislation, pending court cases, and administrative rules/hearings. Signing up for our weekly action alert is easy, just email saldf@lclark.edu and say, "sign me up."
- *Bird Save:* SALDF worked directly with the law school to install screens on campus buildings to decrease the number of birds killed by striking windows on campus.
- *Promoting a Veg Friendly Campus:* Each year SALDF holds its annual Meatout event, which is a great way to inform students of the healthy, tasty alternatives to consuming meat. SALDF also worked directly with the campus restaurant to provide more vegetarian friendly menu items, and succeeded in securing campus Meatless Mondays with Bon Appetit.

Animal Law Speakers Series & Debates: SALDF invites speakers from around the nation to discuss local, national, and international issues relating to animals. Past speakers include Tom Regan, Steven Wise, and Carol Adams. Podcasts can be viewed at: www.lclark.edu/org/saldf.

- *The Human Cost of Industrial Animal Agriculture:* Marsha Rakeshaw discusses the conditions and legal and health implications for factory farms and slaughterhouse workers who spend their days turning 10 billion animals into products for our plates.
- *Animal Agriculture's Impact on the Climate: Ensuring Welfare in International Policy:* Geoff Evans of Humane Society International provides an overview of the climate change impacts of animal agriculture and discusses how mitigation options are being addressed internationally, in particular under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- *Estate Planning for Pets:* Amy Davidson, of Nay and Friedenberg, discusses how lawyers can help people ensure that beloved pets receive continuing care after the eventuality of their own passing.
- *Eliminating Invasive Species:* Professor Dan Rohlf of the Pacific Environmental Advocacy Center, Nathan Baker of Friends of the Columbia Gorge, and Clinical Professor Kathy Hessler from the Center for Animal Law Studies discuss the perspectives of the environmental and animal rights communities on issues related to "invasive" species and the possibility of taking a more humane approach to their elimination.
- *Prosecuting Wildlife Crime:* Lewis & Clark Adjunct Professor Dwight Holton discusses the prosecution of a California man who went on an illegal hunting spree in Oregon. Holton handled the case, which resulted in a plea agreement requiring the offender to serve three years of probation and pay a \$50,000 penalty, an unusually high fine for a wildlife crime. The offender is also prohibited from hunting in 26 states.

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