

# ANIMAL LAW CLINIC

As the only animal law clinic in the country, the clinic focuses on matters of national and international importance, in addition to maintaining connections and working in the local community. Students in the Animal Law Clinic conduct research, represent clients, work on clinic projects, and with attorneys outside the clinic to develop the field of animal law and encourage consideration of the interests of animals in legal decision making. Their work includes, research, transactional work, litigation, and strategic planning.

## **The Animal Law Clinic:**

- Year-long course
- 6 credits
- 6 students
- Register, no application process
- Weekly 2-hour class covering substantive issues and lawyering skills
- Meet weekly with clinic faculty to discuss their work
- Spend an average of 10 hours per week on clinic work
  - Mostly unstructured on your own time
  - 2 hours for class, 1-2 hours for supervisory meetings per week
- Animal Law (449) as a pre-requisite
- Credit/no credit course (pass/fail)
- No final examination or paper requirement
- Work may qualify for writing requirements
- Qualifies for professional skills requirement
- Does not include a separate ethics portion for credit, will be discussed though
- Encouraged to obtain certification, but it is not required

## **Working on:**

- Animals in testing - working on regulatory barriers to elimination, developing symposia
- CAFOs - factory farms
- Petitions for rulemaking
- Comments on pending rules
- Prosecutor letter project
- Science project
- Vegan prisoner project
- AETA research
- Overview of Oregon Pet Trusts

## **Have Worked with:**

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| - Oregon Humane Society                   | - SHARK                          |
| - In Defense of Animals - Africa and US   | - Friends of Family Farmers      |
| - Farm Sanctuary                          | - Anti-vivisection groups        |
| - Animal Legal Defense Fund               | - Scientists & Environmentalists |
| - Foundation to Support Animal Protection | - Nonhuman Rights Project        |

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