



REPRESENTING ANIMALS IN A LEGAL SYSTEM

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WHY HAVE YOU CHOSEN THIS
COURSE?

HOW DO YOU THINK YOU CAN
CONTRIBUTE TO ANIMAL WELFARE?





SHOULD ANIMALS HAVE THE
SAME LEGAL RIGHT TO
REPRESENTATION AS ANY
OTHER VICTIM?



HUMAN BEINGS HAVE STANDING TO PROTECT ANIMALS



When they seek information about animal welfare - if the information under the law must be disclosed to public



When the government's failure to protect animals inflicts a competitive injury on the human plaintiff



When a human being visits or works with animals that are threatened with illness, death or other harm



ANIMALS AS CITIZENS

Exercising rights



HUMANS AS GUARDIAN

Trusteeship/
Guardianship

PUBLIC INTEREST

Slippery Slope -
dependent on
emotional valuation

DUTY OF COURT

Parens patrie



DUTIES OF ANIMALS

Can they fulfill duties?

**PRIVATE CITIZENS
SHOULD BE GIVEN THE
RIGHT TO BRING SUIT TO
PREVENT ANIMALS FROM
BEING TREATED IN A WAY
THAT VIOLATES CURRENT
LAW.**





**ANIMALS SHOULD BE
PERMITTED TO
BRING SUIT, WITH
HUMAN BEINGS AS
THEIR
REPRESENTATIVE**



ANIMALS AS VICTIM OF CRIME

When a person violates an animal cruelty statute and hurts an animal, the person's actions have certainly made the animal a victim of the person's criminal conduct

ANIMALS AS CRIME VICTIM

A legally meaningful category, defined either in statute or constitutionally, which gives crime victims access to certain rights and protections.

Crime victims are acknowledged, respected, kept safe, and able to have a voice in the criminal justice process.



**A PLAINTIFF NEED
NOT BE EXPRESSLY
LABELLED AS
'PERSON'**