



Agenda - ALC 2024

Friday October 18, 2024

6:00 – 8:30 p.m. PT

Welcome Reception

The conference will kick off with an evening reception in the Grand Ballroom I at the Portland Hilton Hotel in downtown Portland, OR. Conference attendees will receive their event badge before being treated to a fun evening of networking with fellow animal advocates while enjoying tasty plant-based appetizers and drinks. The welcome reception will not be livestreamed.

Welcome remarks by:

Chris Green, Executive Director, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

Megan Senatori, Associate Director, *Center for Animal Law Studies, Lewis & Clark Law School*

Saturday October 19, 2024

All plenary sessions on Saturday will take place in the Grand Ballroom I at the Portland Hilton in downtown Portland, OR, and will be livestreamed via our virtual event platform.

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. PT

Registration and Light Breakfast & Coffee

9:00 – 10:15 a.m. PT

Navigating Politics to Protect Animals

Plenary Roundtable Discussion

Rachel Atcheson, Government Staffer

Manny Rutinel, Representative, *Colorado State House*

Speaker/Moderator: Chris Green, Executive Director, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

In this important election year, politics is at the forefront of everyone's mind. This panel will provide an overview of the ways animal advocates can engage with politics and public policy, sharing perspectives from various levels of government.

10:15 – 10:45 a.m. PT

Break

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PT

Protecting Farmed Animals & Preserving Land Resources

Plenary Panel

Cheryl Leahy, Executive Director, *Animal Outlook*

Cynthia von Schlichten, General Counsel, *Farm Sanctuary*

Speaker/Moderator: Jamie McLaughlin, Vice President, *UIA Animal Law Commission Working Group*

This panel explores farmed animal advocacy and land resource protection. Panelists will address recent efforts to challenge farmed animal exemptions from legal protections, utilizing private prosecution to protect farmed animals, and the Bureau of Land Management's mismanagement of public lands.

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. PT

Lunch

1:00 – 2:15 p.m. PT

Laboratory Animal Legislation, Litigation, and Care Standards

Plenary Panel

Rebecca Critser, Adjunct Professor, *Center for Animal Law Studies, Lewis & Clark Law School*

Justin Goodman, Senior Vice President, Advocacy and Public Policy, *White Coat Waste*

Katherine Meyer, Inaugural Director, Brooks McCormick Jr. Animal Law and Policy Clinic, *Harvard Law School*

Speaker/Moderator: Paul Locke, Professor, *Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health*

This panel will address cutting-edge issues related to laboratory animal law in the arenas of legislation, litigation, and care standards. Innovations discussed will include recent state and federal legislative proposals to improve the likelihood of rehoming animals formerly used in laboratories; an unprecedented \$35 million dollar fine against a research animal breeder; and a recent American Bar Association resolution to promote the development and use of methods that aim to replace, reduce, and refine the use of animal models in research and testing.

2:15 – 2:45 p.m. PT

Break

2:45 – 4:00 p.m. PT

Juveniles Committing Animal Cruelty: Discussing Risk Factors, Prevalence, Impact & Responses

Plenary Panel

Meena Alagappan, Executive Director, *Humane Education Advocates Reaching Teachers (HEART)*

Lacey Levitt, Licensed Clinical Psychologist

Speaker/Moderator: Kathleen Wood, Senior Staff Attorney, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

Maltreating animals is not the sole province of adults: children and adolescents also harm animals, including in ways that violate criminal laws. Some studies estimate that up to 40% of adolescent males have engaged in some form of animal maltreatment. This panel explores the risk factors giving rise to this behavior, disambiguates between different types of animal maltreatment engaged in by juveniles, spotlights the implications animal maltreatment has for youths, and discusses effective prevention and intervention strategies.

4:00 – 4:15 p.m. PT

Break

4:15 – 5:30 p.m. PT

Recent Victories in International Animal Protection

Plenary Panel

Giulia Malerbi, Head of Global Policy, *Aquatic Life Institute*

Borami Seo, Director of Government Affairs, *Humane Society International/Korea*

Ben Williamson, Executive Director, *Animal Outlook*

Speaker/Moderator: Joyce Tischler, Professor of Practice, *Center for Animal Law Studies, Lewis & Clark Law School*

This panel will delve into the diverse strategies, challenges, and recent victories encountered in ongoing efforts to safeguard the protection of animals worldwide. The discussion will include updates about successful bans on live animal export, the dog meat trade, and octopus farming. Panelists will examine how public pressure, legislative action, and global collaboration are driving meaningful change in safeguarding animal welfare and promoting sustainable solutions.

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. PT

Break

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. PT

Banquet Dinner, Awards Ceremony, and Keynote Presentation

Join us Saturday evening in the Grand Ballroom I for the banquet dinner, awards ceremony, and keynote presentation by Ethan Brown, Founder and CEO of Beyond Meat. The Animal Legal Defense Fund Advancement in Animal Law Pro Bono Achievement Awards will be presented before the keynote presentation. The awards ceremony and keynote presentation will be live streamed.

Sunday October 20, 2024

The morning plenary session begins on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. PT and will take place in the Grand Ballroom I at the Portland Hilton Hotel in downtown Portland, OR. The two subsequent concurrent sessions will take place in the Grand Ballroom I and the Grand Ballroom II. All sessions will be livestreamed via our virtual event platform. A light breakfast, coffee, and tea will be available from 8:00-9:00 a.m. PT. Snacks will be provided during the final break, including treats from Voodoo Doughnuts. The conference concludes at 1:30 p.m. PT.

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. PT

Light Breakfast & Coffee

9:00 – 10:15 a.m. PT

Translating the Language of Whales & Other Species: Legal, Ethical, and Policy Implications

Plenary Panel

César Rodríguez-Garavito, Director, *More Than Human Rights (MOTH) Project*, NYU School of Law

David Gruber, Founder and President, *Project CETI (Cetacean Translation Initiative)*

Speaker/Moderator: Hira Jaleel, Animal Law Teaching Fellow and Adjunct Professor, *Center for Animal Law Studies, Lewis & Clark Law School*

Advancements in biological sciences are chipping away at the criteria used by Western law and ethics to maintain a human-dominated species hierarchy, from sentience and cognition to problem-solving and complex language. This panel will explore key evidence demonstrating the complexity and sophistication of language-like features in whales and other species, discuss a strategy to advance case law, and develop legal and ethical guidelines necessary for the protection of these species.

10:15 – 10:30 a.m. PT

Break

10:30 – 11:45 a.m. PT

Legal Strategies for Protecting Wildlife

Concurrent Panel

Katie Kraska, Former Director of Federal Legislation, *ASPCA*

Eric Glitzenstein, Director of Litigation, *Center for Biological Diversity*

Speaker/Moderator: Rajesh Reddy, Assistant Professor of Law and Animal Law Program Director, *Center for Animal Law Studies, Lewis & Clark Law School*

This panel will discuss effective litigation, legislative, and regulatory strategies for safeguarding wildlife. Panelists will explore a wide range of approaches aimed at ensuring the survival and well-being of diverse animal populations.

10:30 – 11:45 a.m. PT

Striking Out on Your Own – The Challenges and Benefits of Solo Animal Law Practice

Concurrent Roundtable Discussion

Jennifer Friedman, Founder, *Canada's Animal Lawyer*

Will Lowrey, Founder & Legal Counsel, *Animal Partisan*

Matthew Strugar, *Law Office of Matthew Strugar*

Speaker/Moderator: Vanessa Shakib, Co-Founder & Co-Director, *Advancing Law for Animals*

This panel will explore the diverse avenues available to attorneys seeking to make meaningful impacts for animals in a small practice setting. Panelists will share insights drawn from their diverse experiences and careers pursuing animal law across a range of settings.

11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. PT

Break

12:15 – 1:30 p.m. PT

Animal Protection in the United States Territories

Concurrent Panel

Emma Clifford, Executive Director, *Animal Balance*

Vivian González Méndez, Litigator and Professor, *University of Puerto Rico School of Law*

Anlis Mercado Rios, JD, *University of Puerto Rico School of Law*

Speaker/Moderator: Jessica Chapman, Staff Attorney, *Animal Legal Defense Fund*

This panel will discuss grassroots and legal advocacy work by activists and stakeholders in the U.S. territories. Experts will discuss grassroots advocacy from a nonprofit perspective and their supportive collaborations with communities from each of the U.S. territories, including addressing territories' specific needs, vulnerable human communities, and unique regional dynamics regarding animal protection.

12:15 – 1:30 p.m. PT

Anticipating Animal Law's Intersectional Future

Concurrent Panel

Ever Vimbai Chinoda, Founder & Executive Director, *Speak out for Animals*

Jayasimha Nuggehalli, Co-Founder and Chief Program Officer, *Global Food Partners*

Paul Waldau, President, *Religion and Animals Institute*

Speaker/Moderator: Pamela Frasch, Founder, *Center for Animal Law Studies, Lewis & Clark Law School*

This panel will examine the intersection of animal studies, law, ethics, religion, and cultural considerations. Panelists will shed light on the religious and cultural aspects of animal law, offering thought-provoking reflections on the diverse belief systems and traditions that inform our relationship with non-human animals.