



A-LAW STUDENT GROUP



UK CENTRE FOR ANIMAL LAW

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WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR

The Student Group provides an important source of information for students who are studying animal law modules or are simply interested in how the law protects animals. It also provides a forum for students to share knowledge and experience about studying animal law and policy, and animal protection generally.

As a legal education charity we are committed to promoting the knowledge and understanding of animal law throughout universities, as well as stimulating discussion about how animals are represented in law and policy. By supporting A-LAW, you help us to fulfil those charitable objectives.

We support students who are interested in animal protection in a number of ways. We run competitions for students throughout the year, including our essay [writing competition](#) and [mooting competition](#), the Cecilia Moot. Students have the opportunity to attend our events, many of which are heavily discounted or free to student members, watch our past events on [Animal Law TV](#). We also provide help and support to students who want to get more involved in promoting animal law and policy at their university. We encourage students to [join our Student Group](#) and act for animals today! Your membership supports the vital work that A-LAW carries out!

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WHAT IS ANIMAL LAW?

You might be wondering what animal law is all about. At the simplest level, animal law relates to laws that concern the interests of animals. However, animal law is concerned not only with animal protection and welfare laws, but also involves considering animal interests in a socio-legal context and critically examining the ethical and moral underpinning of laws relating to animals.

We believe it is important to ask questions, such as should animals have rights? If so, what should be the nature of those rights? How should we balance human and animal interests in society? Are animal protection laws adequately enforced? How can the law be improved to better protect animals? Are animal interests adequately represented in our legal and political machinery? How should the law reflect the inter-connectedness between animals, environment, and ecosystems?

A-LAW is a legal charity. Our vision is a world where animal interests are adequately protected by law. We require that members support our vision, but there is no additional membership requirement. We respect the fact that our members have different views on a range of issues from veganism to animal rights.

We provide a hub for people who want to see better animal protection laws to get involved. Therefore, although our membership consists of many lawyers, law students and academics, membership is open to anyone who wants to see animals better protected in law. Visit alaw.org.uk to find out more.

WHAT ARE OUR VALUES & PRIORITIES?



ABOUT A-LAW'S STUDENT GROUP

SUPPORTING YOU

We offer a **source of support and information for students** who want to become more active at university, and beyond, in promoting knowledge and discussion around animal law.

Our **Student Group is a hub for all things animal law** for students!

STUDENT MEMBERS

We run a thriving Student Group with many Student Members across the UK and beyond, who are already engaging in the conversation about the place of animals in our society and how we can protect them through our legal and political machinery.

Student Members can get involved with A-LAW, and raise the profile of animal protection law and policy at their universities, and beyond. Students can be as involved as they wish to be, here are some suggestions to **act for animals** - hosting events, such as guest speakers or conferences, mooting competitions, debates, documentary screenings, writing blogs and articles, host fundraisers, sharing updates and information across social media channels, simply engaging in conversations with friends, family and

and colleagues, keeping up to date with animal law globally, reading A-LAW's news site and publications, listening to A-LAW's podcast and writing about what you've learned, or watching past events on our YouTube channel. Getting involved with A-LAW's working groups, and much more!! We'd love for you to join our Student Group and become a Student Member today! [Sign-up here!](#)

STUDENT PRIZES

We run an annual [Student Essay Competition](#). We also run a moot competition, [the Cecilia Moot](#). All of our competitions have prizes.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

If you are **acting for animals**, we want to hear about it! Simply email us, Studentgroup@alaw.org.uk and tell us what you're doing for animals, so we can get the word out there! You can also use the hashtag [#lawstudents4animals](#), so we can easily find and share your activism efforts. We love to see students taking initiative to make the world a better place for animals, and we believe everyone should hear about it! You don't need to single-handedly pull off a global conference, every action counts!



[#lawstudents4animals](#)



STUDENT GROUP RESOURCES

RESOURCES & INFORMATION

We want the Student Group to be an accessible hub of information and opportunities for students.

We offer a wealth of information and resources accessible to students on the [A-LAW website](#), including information about where you can [study animal law](#) in the UK and beyond, and great books on animal law, ethics, policy and welfare and much more. You can read our book list to get inspired and learn about animals and animal law. On our [news site](#) we share various animal law updates, including blogs and articles. You can also find interviews and articles from those working in the field to get inspired! You can read our publications, including our [UK Journal of Animal Law](#), and past editions of [Animal Justice UK](#).

You can listen to our podcast, [Talking Animal Law](#) or watch our videos on our YouTube channel, [Animal Law TV](#). Students can find out more about our [case work and projects](#) on our website! Students can get involved in or simply learn about the various projects undertaken by our four working groups, [Farmed Animals](#), [Companion Animals](#), [Wild Animals](#) and [Animals in Science](#).

We always welcome contributions from students. If you'd like to write for us, you can email our student group: StudentGroup@alaw.org.uk.

As a small charity, to provide our excellent Student Group resources and support, and beyond, we rely heavily on donations and membership. By becoming a Student Member today, not only do you benefit from this, but you are enabling us to conduct vital work for animals, and support the current and next generation of animal advocates. [Become an animal advocate today!](#) None of this work would be possible without you, so we thank you!



SUPPORTING US, SUPPORTING YOU



A-LAW'S PUBLICATIONS

As mentioned above, A-LAW also publishes [The UK Journal of Animal Law](#), a bi-annual publication featuring articles, case reports and news about animal law and policy. It is the only journal in the UK concerned exclusively with animal law and related policy.

The Journal features academic articles, many of which will be of interests and assistance to those students studying animal welfare or animal law courses. Articles are written by experts in the field of animal law and policy, including lawyers, academics and NGO professionals. As a student member you will receive free access to an electronic copy of the Journal as part of your annual membership. Students can also find a wealth of information on our [news site](#).

We hope you've [become inspired and excited to get join our thriving Student group!!](#) Join our efforts to raise the profile of animal law around UK campuses by joining our Student Group today! Advantages of membership include:

- Free e-copy of Journal of Animal Law (full subscription £35 p.a);
- Free or discounted registration for A-LAW events and training;

- A-LAW volunteering opportunities (where available);
- Monthly e-news, including updates, news, opportunities and more;
- Opportunities to learn about animal protection law
- Opportunities to write for our news site
- Join a supportive, like-minded network of animal advocates; and more!
- We invite Student Members to write an account of their activities for publication on our Animal Law News, social media platforms, promotional materials, or student resource documents
- We will award a Student of the Month star for the best student contribution for writing, awareness raising on campus or volunteer work.

If you're ready to act for animals, [join us!](#) If you want to get in touch, email: [Studentgroup@alaw.org.uk!](mailto:Studentgroup@alaw.org.uk)

STUDENT MEMBER BENEFITS

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