

INTRODUCTION

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEXT GENERATION OF ANIMAL LAW

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This volume of *Animal Law* is the first that includes a third issue. This final issue of the 25th volume is to celebrate the dedication and drive on behalf of authors, student editors, and faculty advisors who have produced 25 volumes of *Animal Law*. The reader will find that this third issue does not follow the style of a purely academic law journal. Instead, it has taken the form of more narrative recollections of those people who struggled through the early development of animal law, when the field was often dismissed. It has taken a quarter of a century, but the legitimacy and importance of the field of animal law to the legal profession and to the interest of justice can no longer be questioned. With this issue, we honor those—especially the women—who have forged the path. We can only hope that our contribution to the field for the next 25 years will make them proud.