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The Animal Law Section was established in 1995. The Section's purpose and goals as stated in the bylaws are as follows:

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Section shall be to promote the particular interests of lawyers practicing in the field of animal law, to plan and carry out programs, publications, and activities of interest to lawyers practicing in the field of animal law, and to coordinate programs for such lawyers with national and local bar association.

GOALS:

- Educate members of the State Bar and of the public about laws relating to the protection of animals and animal rights, including the development and modification of existing law.
- Promote legislation to advance animal protection and animal rights.
- Maintain and operate the Animal Legal Lifeline referral service for and among attorneys practicing in the area of animal protection and animal rights.
- Promote animal protection and animal rights in Michigan through the use of the legal system.
- Coordinate programs for lawyers practicing in the area of animal law with national and local bar associations.
- Cooperate and share information with other groups within the State Bar which have an interest in legal issues of interest to lawyers practicing in the area of animal law related topics.

THE SECTION COUNCIL meets quarterly. There are several sub-committees, including the Clearinghouse Committee, Legislative Committee, Nominating Committee, Ordinance Handbook Committee, Prosecutors Committee, and Symposium Committee.

SECTION ACTIVITIES:

- Holds an annual educational symposium.
- Hosts an annual reception for legislative staff.
- Holds its annual meeting in conjunction with the SBM Annual Meeting.
- The Section is very active in legislation, supporting or opposing various bills, occasionally testifying on the behalf of the legislation, and issuing public policy reports
- Provides liaison with animal related organizations.
- Operates the Animal Legal Lifeline referral service.
- Participates in Law Day Activities.
- Is active in pro bono programs.
- Maintains an active discussion listserv, providing support to members of the Section.
- Publishes the *Animal Law Section Newsletter* biannually.

AWARDS:

- *The Brandi Award*—established in 2000, this award remembers a little dog, Brandi, who was abused by the negligence of a supposedly qualified caregiver. It is awarded to law professionals who make outstanding contributions to animal law.
- *The Sadie Award*—is presented in memory of a dog killed by an abusive youth and recognizes the non-legal, professional activities of persons who make outstanding contributions to the betterment of animals.
- *The Wanda M. Nash Lifetime Achievement Award*—is awarded to a student member of an SALDF chapter at a Michigan law school, encouraging the growth of student activity in animal law.