



Feature

## Student Animal Legal Defense Fund

*This article talks about the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund, available to law school students who are interested in animal law or who are passionate advocates for animal law. This is a review of the Student Chapter activities of the Animal Legal Defense Fund which are set up on Law School campuses across the nation.*

There are many organizations available for law students, and each law student must decide which organization is the most important to his values or his career choice in the field of law. An important law student organization which supports animal law and protection is the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF). The primary goal of the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund is to increase the knowledge of law students and others regarding animal rights and the law. The activities for the student chapters are:

- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund holds the nation's annual animal law conference every fall at the Lewis & Clark Law School Center for Animal Law Studies.
- Student Animal Legal Defense Funds members provides public comments regarding state and federal actions which affect animals.
- Student Animal Legal Defense Funds members are active in Pro Bono & volunteer events in the local animal community. A member might also be seen assisting activists at protests for animal rights or collecting signatures for animal rights initiatives. The students also volunteer at the ASPCA and other non-profit animal facilities in their cities.
- Student Animal Legal Defense Funds members can be found partnering with a number of other animal groups to offer legal help or any professional service they have to offer.

These are some of the activities for student chapters of the Animal Legal Defense Fund. How was the SALDF born in America? Its parent organization has been around since 1979

and has been fighting for animal rights which have taken a sweeping turn just in the last 20 years. The Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF) has made great strides in animal laws and humane treatment that laid the path for today's animal lawyers to forge ahead. Their effort to end animal abuse is backed by over 100,000 members and hundreds of animal rights lawyers.

Here are some of the ways the Animal Legal Defense Fund protects animals from the National level:

- Filing breakthrough lawsuits to stop animal abuse and define the borders of animal law.
- Providing free legal assistance to handle cruelty cases.
- Working to improve state anti-cruelty laws.
- Encouraging the federal government to stand firm on existing animal protection laws.
- Providing public education through seminars, workshops and other outreach efforts.

One of the key actions which the Animal Legal Defense Fund provides is filing lawsuits to stop mistreatment of companion animals, and abuse of farm animals in factory farming. The organization also works with law enforcement to get the largest penalties for animal abusers, whether it is jail time, fines or having the animal placed with another caregiver.

The Animal Legal Defense Fund has been working over the past 30 years to ensure that government agencies are forces which abide by the animal rights laws to find animal cruelty and expose it. The Fund is adamant about getting animal law classes to law schools across the country and giving opportunities to lawyers to expand their knowledge in animal law.

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