Animal Rights Lawyer - Shannon Keith the Animal Avenger

Animal Rights have not always been as protected as they are today. There are many organizations that promote their protection. There are lawyers who practice the law of animal rights, and one such lawyer is Shannon Keith. Shannon grew up taking in pets, nursing them back to health and finding homes for them. It was a natural transition for Attorney Shannon Keith to continue a career in the protection of animals in a very different venue, the law.

Shannon has her own practice in Studio City, CA where she practices animal rights law in a variety of ways. First Shannon assists clients in any type of animal rights activist cases and also animal rights activist defense. She does "dangerous dog" hearings and appeals. Most clients don't know there are alternatives to putting down a "potentially dangerous dog." Under California Law in the city of Sunnyvale "potentially dangerous dogs" are allowed to live when released back to an owner who carries supplemental insurance. They can also be ordered to leave the city to find another home or there are various animal sanctuaries that offer lifetime care for these dogs.

Attorney Shannon Keith also pursues cases against exploiting animals in the puppy farms and other breeding facilities that do not give up to par care for the animals they house. She defends cases for animals who have been injured and for those who have been killed.

Behind the Mask - A Documentary

This is a documentary film which Shannon produced in 2006 to speak for the animal rights liberation movement. Shannon founded the ARME (Animal Rescue, Media, and Education), to create educational documentaries to expose the abuse of animals and tell the story of the people who risk their freedom to save the mistreated and rejected animals. She has setup her own production company called Uncaged Films, and her productions have won many awards over the past years at film festivals in California gaining exposure for animal rights.

The Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School

The Student Animal Legal Defense Fund at Lewis & Clark Law School hosts animal rights presentations annually at their Law School's Center for Animal Law Studies. This law school offers a program in Animal Law Studies for law students pursuing their JD in Law. In 2007 Attorney Shannon Keith was invited to speak at a conference for Animal Rights regarding "Ethical Issues for Animal Law Attorneys." The issues were saving dogs being prosecuted by getting them removed from a death row sentence, as well as prosecuting people or owners who abuse animals.

In conclusion, Animal Law Attorneys practice a very different type of law in connection with many non profit organizations that support protecting animals. Attorney Shannon Keith not only practices Animal Law but has also has taken action in creating organizations that protect animals. The largest settlement in Los Angeles for animal abuse was obtained by Attorney Shannon Keith for a dog beaten to death by an employee of the city. Attorney Keith carries on as "Animal Avenger" speaking against cruel treatment of animals and speaking for animal rights.