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**"A dog will look up
to man,**

**A cat will look
down on man,**

**But a pig will look
a man in the eye
and see his equal."**

- Winston Churchill (a great admirer of pigs because of their intelligence)

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**Benefits To
Animals Far
Exceed
Expectations!**



Our educational

materials, presentations, consultations, have saved hundreds of animals all over the United States. As an example, we taught a class in Oklahoma for ACCI (Association of Certified Cruelty Investigators), to Law Enforcement Officers, Animal Control Officers, Humane Agents, Humane Organizations, and individuals. The class ended on a Friday and that very weekend one of the students, Tanna Whiteford, rescued **120 animals**. The animals varied in size from pocket pets (i.e. hamsters) to large animals including 12 horses. Ms. Whiteford's investigation and rescue efforts made headlines for the many animals she saved.

Another example involves another student, Tracy Heape, from the same class who investigated and prosecuted a serious cruelty case, and saved the victim-dog's life! The victim was "Lady Bug" (pictured below). The photographs Ms. Heape took documenting the scene are so dramatic and powerful that we now use them in our presentations, and speeches. We will also include them in our future publications.



Lady Bug As She First Appeared

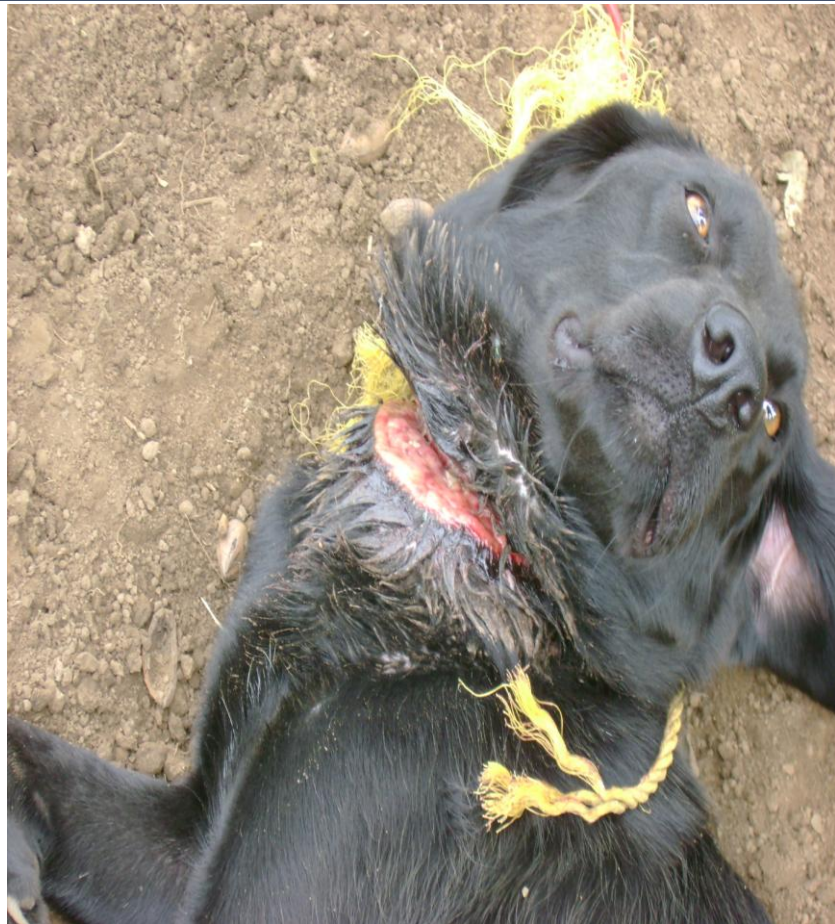
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Lady Bug Upon Closer Inspection, With Rope Embedded In Her Neck

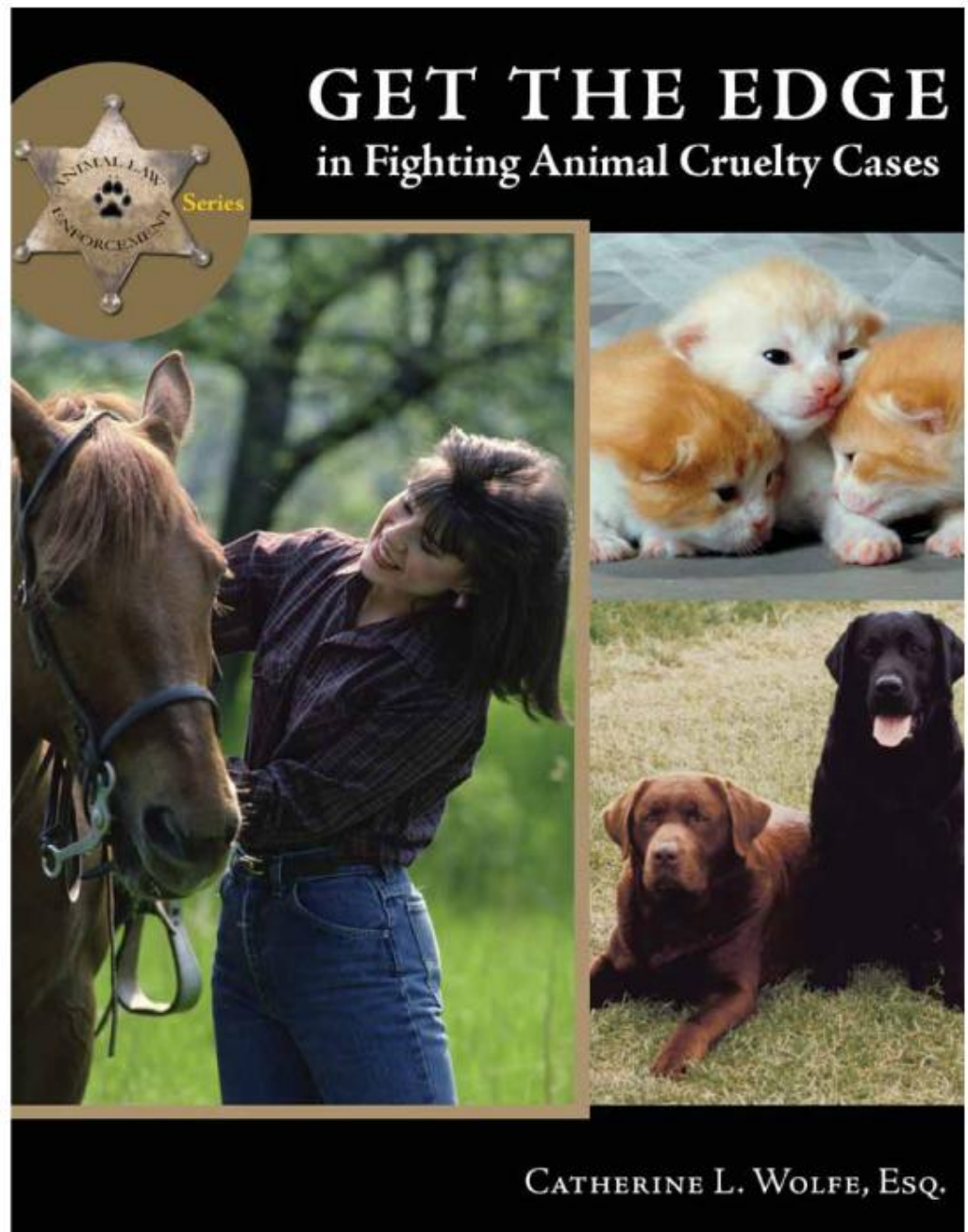
Unfortunately, embedded collars, harnesses, chains, ropes, etc. are extremely common forms of animal abuse/neglect. If left untreated, the animal often dies a slow, agonizing death by strangulation.

Lady Bug was fortunate to be rescued in time to save her life but obviously she experienced excruciating pain over a prolonged period of time. Nevertheless, she made a wonderful recovery and will spend the rest of her days being pampered!

Dramatic photographs like these often compel a prosecutor to charge the perpetrator with animal cruelty. They are also critical evidence at trial and in sentencing. The power of these photographs lies in the fact that they capture Lady Bug's desperate, lonely and painful situation – they literally make the viewer a witness to the crime. When you look into Lady Bug's eyes you cannot help but be sickened by the cruelty of her situation.

These are just 2 examples of the wonderful impact our techniques have had on the lives of animals. Success stories like these let us know that our educational materials, presentations, speeches, and consulting service are profoundly affecting the welfare of many, many animals.

Educational Materials Fight Animal Cruelty



Our book, **Get the Edge in Fighting Animal Cruelty Cases**, has been widely used by Veterinarians, Animal Control Officers, Law Enforcement Officers, Humane Agents and Organizations, Wildlife Rehabilitators, as well as individuals to investigate and prosecute animal abusers of all kinds. In fact, a former President of the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) uses the techniques taught in the book whenever he takes in a cruelty case and he is very happy with the results.

Get the Edge in Fighting Animal Cruelty Cases has also garnered rave reviews from Wayne Pacelle, President & CEO of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). He said that it is an "...excellent book...It is clearly researched and detailed

work, and will doubtless be a useful tool for cruelty investigators.”

Another fan of the book is Ingrid Newkirk, Cofounder & President of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). Her words were “Fabulous book!”

This book is essential for everyone who cares about animal welfare including Animal Control Officers, Law Enforcement Officers, Rescue Organizations, Animal Rehabilitators, and private individuals. The innovative techniques that it teaches have been used by people and organizations to prevent animal cruelty and successfully prosecute animal abusers.

Pets Rule! – But You Already Knew That!



This is our new children’s book. It is a funny and heartwarming tale (or is that tail?) about “Kitty City” and its residents. One of those residents is “Apryl Mae Junne” (illustration below).



Ms. Junne is currently on a book tour promoting the book (for real!) and of course she is wearing very own POODLE SKIRT – what else?!). The skirt was custom designed for Ms. Junne by the talented Pattie Pinter Hartmann who also created a pattern that will be for sale on our website in the near future so that every Diva can have her own POODLE SKIRT!!

In **Pets Rule!** Ms. Junne and the other characters teach each other about how to be loving, caring, and responsible pet families. Because of its enchanting illustrations, **Pets Rule!** is appropriate for ALL ages. Preschoolers enjoy having the book read to them while looking at the illustration. Older children enjoy reading it themselves. Please visit our website for purchase (and autograph) information (www.wolfepackpress.org).

Consulting Service Saves Animals' Lives





We recently received a call to our consulting service from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan where some good Samaritans had rescued a starving and severely neglected horse. They expended thousands of dollars of their own money to rescue the horse and provide customized accommodations for his rehabilitation (including installation of his own window in his stall so that he could have sunlight even when indoors, and have something to watch, rather than just a wall.

One would assume that that was the happy ending of a potentially disastrous or even fatal situation. Unfortunately, it was not. Incredibly, the local animal control officer decided to charge the good Samaritans with interfering with a criminal investigation, and other spurious charges. We were able to act on behalf of the good Samaritans and bring the bullying behavior of the animal control officer to the attention of the local governmental officials who were none too happy with her conduct. They instantly perceived our argument and evidence that the animal control officer was making a problem where there was none; that instead of bullying the good Samaritans the animal control officer should have thanked them for peacefully solving the problem so as to allow her to work on other cases.

We are happy to report that the horse remained with the good Samaritans where he is expected to live a long and healthy life in the lap of luxury.

Again, this is just 1 example of how our services have saved animals.

Speakers and Presenters Cover the United States To Teach Innovative and Effective Techniques for Preventing Animal Cruelty



Catherine L. Wolfe, Attorney, Author, and Presenter

Our speakers and presenters teach throughout the United States. To date, we have presented at the Annual Conferences of the National Animal Control Association (NACA) in 2005 (Phoenix, Arizona), 2006 (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma), and 2007 (Cincinnati, Ohio). We also taught the Level II cruelty investigations certification for the Association of Certified Cruelty (ACCI) in 2007 (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma), and 2008 (Fayetteville, Arkansas). In 2007 we also provided speaker and instructional services for the Michigan Association of Animal Control Officers (MAACO).

We are currently booking appearances for 2009, including educational presentations and keynote speech at the Annual Conference of the Colorado Association of Animal Control Associations (CAACA).

Please contact us at wolfepp@netbox.com if you are interested in scheduling presentations, consultations, and/or speaker services.

Animals Currently Classified As Property In Most States – Change Is Long Overdue

Wolfe Pack Press is spearheading a national movement to change the legal classification of animals. In most states animals are currently classified as "personal property." As such, they are treated as inanimate objects such as a chair, spoon, hammer, bottle of shampoo, etc. Consequently, the law fails to recognize the fact that animals are living, breathing creatures that are capable of feeling pain (emotional as well as physical), and experiencing thoughts and emotions.

Wolfe Pack Press urges that animals be re-classified to a new category which acknowledges the reality of animals as living beings, separate and apart from the other 2 categories (which are "human" and "property"). Since animals do not fit either of those 2 categories, it would be logical just to create a third, separate category called something novel like "animals." The legal system would then be able to appropriately redress wrongs committed against animals and their loved ones.

Some people argue that if animals are reclassified in such a manner it will lead to "million dollar verdicts in animal cases." Interestingly, there are a handful of states that have already revised their legal systems to recognize animals as living creatures and to our knowledge there has never been a million dollar verdict.

It is important to note, however, that juries determine the amount of compensation to be awarded to someone who has been wronged. That is one of the primary functions of juries and as the law stands in most states, juries are robbed of that opportunity in "animal cases." In fact, that issue does not even get to the jury in "animal cases."

That is unfortunate because there are many cases where justice behooves juries to compensate the families of animals for the injury or death inflicted on the animals. And, there are cases where juries may feel a million dollar verdict, or more, is merited. As an example, there was a case in Michigan where a cat was shot and severely injured. The fact that it survived, we believe, is due primarily to the strong bond the cat had with her family, especially the little girl about age 8.

The little girl is confined to a wheelchair for the rest of her life due to a physically debilitating condition. The cat is her companion, best friend. The man who shot the cat was a neighbor and **local fire chief**. The cat was normally confined indoors but succeeded on several occasions in escaping, despite her family's best efforts. The neighbor confessed at sentencing that he knew that the cat was the little girl's companion and intentionally shot to kill it.

As if that was not bad enough, it was the little girl who discovered her bloodied and nearly dead cat when it dragged itself out of some brush to get to the little girl. To say that the little girl was traumatized by the sight of her beloved cat that was barely clinging to life and using its last bit of strength to get to her, would be a gross understatement. Fortunately, the cat did live (although its life will probably be significantly shortened by the neighbor's barbarism). But consider for a moment the additional anguish to the little girl if her companion had died. And, imagine if you will, that instead her companion being a cat, it was a dog – a service dog that was her constant companion, eyes, arms, legs, and more.

We would venture to say that under such circumstances many (if not all) juries would feel a million dollar verdict would be in order.

This is a special campaign for us because 2 of our Board Members, Pattie and Dale Pinter-Hartmann, had 5 of their beloved cats killed by their landlord. Two (2) of the cats were 24 years old (Spot and Rudie), and 3 feral kittens who were less than 1 week old and still had their eyes closed. The dastardly deed was done while they were out of state attending to Dale's father in his terminal illness and ultimate death.



Spot and Rudie

24 Years Old When Killed

As personal property, the Spot and Rudie were considered worthless under the law because they had no fair market value (they were all mix breeds and/or were spayed and neutered). They were considered no more valuable than an inanimate object. Consequently, the cruelty of their landlord would have gone unpunished in many jurisdictions, but we were fortunate in having a superb State Trooper (Trooper Butterfield) assigned to the case. Trooper Butterfield loves cats and he did a phenomenal investigation. We were also lucky to have a terrific judge (the Honorable Brent Danielson) who loves animals and disregarded the archaic classification of animals as personal property, and awarded \$25,000 against the landlord (as well as a criminal sentence).

We consider that to be 1 of a handful of landmark cases that defy the archaic law, and put justice before the strict letter of the law.

To promote changing the legal status of animals we wrote an article that was published nationally by the NACA News. The article is entitled "**Animals Are Property Under the Law.**"

We have also written other articles currently published by ACCI – "**Expert Witness: You are It**" and "**How to Charge Animal Cruelty.**"

Why Your Charitable Donations Are Essential

Animal abuse is not a subject that most people want to know about, let alone deal with. They know it exists but prefer to focus their attentions on happier subjects and financial expenditures. Many people spend small (and sometimes large) fortunes to accessorize their pets in the latest fashions, and provide them with special accoutrements. We have all done it and it is a lot of fun for us and our pets. However, Wolfe Pack Press asks you now to think about the animals that are not

pampered, or loved – those animals suffering, abandoned, neglected, beaten, and tortured, that cannot protect themselves.

We need your support to fight animal abuse! Your donations have a snowball effect as you can see from this newsletter. The more people we educate about how to recognize and deal with animal abuse, the more animals we save!!

Please give generously so that we can continue, and even expand, our fight against animal abuse. Thank you to all of those people who have supported us in the past, and to those who will do so in the future.

This is a fight we can win – but only with your help!!

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