

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

Al Brantley, FBI Supervisory Special Agent (retired), an expert in criminal psychology, violent crime scene analysis, assessment of dangerousness and threats, and profiling. Until retirement in 2004, was assigned to the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime and the Behavioral Analysis/Behavioral Science Units at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Whatcom County Prosecutor's Office.

Penny Cistaro, Whatcom Humane Society Director

Dana Campbell, Senior Attorney, Animal Legal Defense Fund, a former prosecutor of misdemeanor and felony cases in Oregon and Hawaii, and a national expert on animal law.

Pamela Frasch, Anti-Cruelty Division Director, Animal Legal Defense Fund, co-author of the law school casebook "Animal Law," and instructor of the Animal Law class at Lewis & Clark School of Law in Portland, OR.

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Animal Legal Defense Fund

For nearly a quarter century, ALDF has been pushing the legal system to end the suffering of abused animals. The national nonprofit organization of attorneys:

- provides free legal research assistance to prosecutors handling cruelty cases;
- maintains a database of animal abuse crimes and sentences from across the US;
- works to draft and advise on passage of tough anti-cruelty laws;
- educates the public and law enforcement through seminars, trainings, and other outreach efforts.

To learn more about ALDF, visit www.aldf.org

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INVESTIGATING & PROSECUTING WASHINGTON ANIMAL CRUELTY CASES

Monday, October 17 and Tuesday, October 18, 2005

At the Best Western Lakeway Inn
7141 Lakeway Drive
Bellingham, Washington, 98229

A workshop sponsored by the **Whatcom County Sheriff's Office** and the **Animal Legal Defense Fund** designed specifically for police, humane agents, prosecutors, and animal health care providers.

Application is pending for 10.5 hours of Washington CLE credit.

Fee for the two-day workshop is \$50.00 total. Luncheon is not included. Cost for people seeking CLE credit is \$xx.00 additional.

WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Monday, October 17

9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

The Link Between Violence Against
Humans and Animals

Domestic Violence

Child Abuse

Elder Abuse

A few animal abuse statistics from
ALDF's database

10:30 to 10:45 BREAK

10:45 to 12:15 p.m.

Washington's Anti-Cruelty Laws

Specific to animal abuse

Investigators

Definitions and Exemptions

Neglect

Fighting

No sex offense law

Seizure

Forfeiture pre and post conviction,
bond, costs of care, foster care

Penalties

Immunities

12:15 to 1:00 LUNCH

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Investigation Techniques

Gathering and preserving evidence

Chain-of-custody basics

The animal: dead or alive

Photos/videos

Weapons and other things
that tell a story

Witness statements: owners,
neighbors, others

Warrants for animal cases

What are you looking for?

Common warrant exceptions

Labs and other scientific tools

Ownership or custody of the animal

The importance of establishing pain
or cause of death

3:00 to 3:15 BREAK

3:15 to 3:45 p.m.

Support available from ALDF

Research

Expert witness referrals

ALDF National Animal Cruelty

Database

Telephone strategy from DAs

Letter writing campaign in support
of case to DA or judges

3:45 to 4:15 p.m.

Experts

Finding them

Using them to develop a case

Preparation for court

Tuesday, October 18

9:00 to 9:30 a.m.

Documenting your case

Detailed reports

Evidence log

Photos/video

9:30 to 11 a.m.

Special Cases

Hoarding, and large-scale seizures

Fighting

Farm animals

11:00 to 11:15 BREAK

11:15 to 11:45 a.m.

What to charge, and how many counts?

Education vs. charges

Felony or misdemeanor

Multiple counts

Multiple defendants

Other possible related charges

11:45 to 12:15 a.m.

Factors for jury selection

Motions common to animal cases

Motion to examine the body

Motion to suppress evidence

Motion for particular bail or release
conditions

12:15 to 1:00 LUNCH

1:00 to 1:30

Plea bargain and sentence considerations

1:30 to 2:00

Working with the Local DA

2:00 to 2:30 Other resources and agencies