
Curriculum Vitae of
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EXPERIENCED ANIMAL WELFARE ATTORNEY

**National Speaker on
Animal Welfare Issues**

**Animal Cruelty Investigation
Instructor**

**Animal Law Section,
Michigan State Bar Association
Co-Founder and Former Chairperson**

**Founder & CEO of Wolfe Pack
Press, Inc.**

Humane Educator & Author

Fisheries & Wildlife Biologist

Strong and inspirational leader with a talent for original thinking and teaching. 35+ years of passionate advocating for animal welfare. 25+ years of experience as an attorney. Undergraduate degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology.

Co-Founder and former Chairperson of State Bar of Michigan's Animal Law Section (the first Animal Law Section in the United States).

Founder and CEO of Wolfe Pack Press, Inc., a non-profit organization fighting animal cruelty through education. Wolfe Pack Press, Inc. develops and markets products to educate people (including law enforcement officials, animal control officers, and humane/rescue organizations) about how to identify and prosecute animal cruelty cases. Contact Information: P.O. Box 346, Benzonia, Michigan 49616 (231) 651-0584, office@wolfepackpress.org; www.wolfepackpress.org

Author of an advanced animal cruelty investigation book, [Get the Edge in Fighting Animal Cruelty Cases](#), and a children's book, [Pets Rule!](#), that humorously and entertainingly teaches children how to be good pet guardians.

Creator of 2-day advanced animal cruelty investigation course approved for continuing legal credits and animal control continuing education credits.

PRAISE FOR BOOKS WRITTEN BY CATHERINE L. WOLFE

- **Get the Edge in Fighting Animal Cruelty Cases** (Advanced Animal Cruelty Investigation Book)

"...excellent book ... [it] is clearly a well-researched and detailed work, and will doubtless be a useful tool for cruelty investigators."

– Wayne Pacelle

President & CEO Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)

"Fabulous book!"

– Ingrid Newkirk

President & Co-Founder People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)

- **Pets Rule!** (Entertainingly Teaches Children How To Be Good Pet Guardians)

"This little book with a big message will do much to expand the awareness and conscience of all young readers. It will make them better citizens when they come of age to vote; and better parents—and pet owners too!"

– Dr. Michael W. Fox

Veterinarian, syndicated columnist, and author of Bringing Life to Ethics

REFERENCES

"Catherine Wolfe is a wonderful speaker. The Association of Certified Cruelty Investigators (ACCI) has had her Speak at our Level II training class... I have read her book, Get the Edge in Fighting Animal Cruelty Cases. She is a great author..."

-Mitzi O'Dell

President

Association of Certified Cruelty Officers Investigators (ACCI)

"Ms. Wolfe is highly educated and experienced in fighting animal cruelty, and is a superb speaker, presenter, and instructor."

- Terrence "Terry" MacKillop

"Animal Control Officer of the Year" – National Animal Control Association (2007); Michigan Association of Animal Control (Former President)

NATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Mid-Atlantic Animal Law Symposium - 2010

Presented PowerPoint Show Entitled:

“Improving Laws to Benefit Animals”

Mid-Atlantic Animal Law Symposium - 2010

Presented PowerPoint Show on Legal Article Entitled:

“Legal Re-Classification of Animals is Long Overdue”

- Entire article may be viewed at www.wolfepackpress.org

National Animal Control Association (NACA) National Conference - 2007

Presentations:

“Evidence 101”

“Case Studies”

National Animal Control Association (NACA) National Conference - 2006

Presentations:

“Collecting, Selecting, and Presenting Evidence”

“Persuading Prosecutors, Judges, and Juries”

National Animal Control Association (NACA) National Conference - 2005

Presentations:

“Working with Prosecutors to Win More Cases”

**CREATOR AND INSTRUCTOR OF
ANIMAL CRUELTY INVESTIGATION COURSES AND PRESENTATIONS**

Loudon County Animal Care & Control (Virginia) 2010 (Approved for Continuing Education Credits for Animal Control Officers)

Two-day *advanced* course for Animal Cruelty Investigators (in both public and private sectors) and Attorneys. The course focused on bringing animal abusers to justice. The focus of the course was on techniques that actually *work*. The course presented a lot of novel, practical, and unconventional techniques. While the course taught systems and procedures, it also taught the attendees how to *think*. Attendees learned how to conduct *smart* investigations and *effective* presentation of the evidence. Instead of taking a shotgun-approach to evidence collection and case preparation, this course teaches which evidence is most important so that attendees may concentrate their efforts on collecting that evidence rather than collecting a lot of useless or ineffective evidence. This enables attendees to operate with maximum efficiency so that they can handle more cases, and do so with greater success.

Topics included those listed below for the Humane Society of Southern New Mexico.

Humane Society of Southern New Mexico – 2010 (Approved for Continuing Legal Education Credits for Attorneys)

Two-day *advanced* course for Animal Cruelty Investigators (in both public and private sectors) and Attorneys. The course included the following topics:

- Success Starts at the Beginning- BEFORE You Start an Investigation
 - Developing, honing, and Using Your Best Tool
 - Laws
 - Morals/Ethics
 - Conflicts Between Laws and Morals/Ethics
 - Establishing Your Priorities
 - Developing Your Plan of Attack!
 - Goals
 - Smart Investigation (Evidence Collection)
 - Collect the Most Powerful Evidence
 - Interview/Interrogate Witnesses
 - Intelligent Selection of the Most Powerful Evidence
 - Wise Presentation of Evidence

- Writing Winning Reports
- Writing “Bullet-Proof” Search Warrants
- Successful Strategies for Presenting Your Case to the Police/Prosecutor
- Persuasive Courtroom Presence
- Giving Convincing Testimony
- Case Studies
- Prosecuting Your Own Case
 - Making Your Opening Argument to Prejudice Judge in Your Favor
 - Preparing and Examining Witnesses
 - Make Them (And You) Fearless by Knowing That They Cannot Give a Wrong Answer
 - Presenting Your Most Powerful Evidence
 - Making Your Closing Argument to Win the Case

Colorado Association of Animal Control Officers (CAACO) - 2009 Annual Conference

Presentations:

- “The Difference You Make” (Keynote Speech)
- “Collecting, Selecting, and Presenting Evidence”
- “Persuading Prosecutors, Judges, and Juries”

Association of Certified Cruelty Investigators (ACCI) – Level II Certification - 2007 and 2008

Instructed Level II (advanced) certification courses which included instruction on search and seizure, writing investigative reports, search warrant requests, and search warrants, collecting evidence, interviewing and interrogating witnesses, testifying, and conducting media relations.

Special Presentation 2008:

- “Investigating Animal Cruelty Cases”

Special Presentations 2007:

- “Evidence 101”
- “Case Studies”
- “Collecting, Selecting, and Presenting Evidence”
- “Persuading Prosecutors, Judges, and Juries”

Michigan Humane Society (MHS) - 2005 Animal Welfare Conference

Presentation:

“Animal Cruelty” Laws

Michigan Association of Animal Control Organization (MAACO) - 2007 Fall Conference

Presentation:

“Evidence 101”
“Case Studies”

Northern Michigan Alliance for Animal Welfare

Presentation:

“Operating a Rescue League/Shelter”

The Cherry Land Humane Society

Presentation:

“Pet Law”
“Animal Cruelty: Identifying and Dealing With It”

PUBLICATIONS AND ARTICLES

“Legal Re-Classification of Animals Long Overdue,” This article may be viewed on Wolfe Pack Press, Inc. website: www.wolfepackpress.org

“Animals Are ‘Property’ Under the Law,” NACA News, Vol. 31, No. 4, July/August 2008

“Expert Witness – You Are It!” NACA News, Vol. 31, No. 4, July/August 2008

“How to Charge Animal Cruelty,” NACA News, Vol. 31, No. 4, July/August 2008

Get the Edge in Fighting Animal Cruelty Cases, Wolfe Pack Press, Inc. (2006)

The definitive book on how to most effectively collect, select, and present evidence to obtain a criminal conviction, and maximum sentence in animal cruelty cases.

Pets Rule!, Wolfe Pack Press, Inc. (2006)

This book humorously teaches children how to be loving, responsible, guardians for their pets - to keep them safe and happy. The text is very entertaining and also designed to increase childrens' intelligence by the use of many words that have double meanings. The illustrations of the cats and dogs spectacularly capture the vitality and essence of the characters! This book is appropriate for all ages (even adults). Adults can read the book to preschoolers and school-age children can read it themselves.

Teaching Manual for Level II Certification by The Association of Certified Cruelty Investigators – 2007 (Co-Authored with ACCI)

The manual is used for Level II certification instruction by The Association of Certified Cruelty Investigators.

“Saving Local Shelters,” NACA News, Vol. 27, No. 3, May/June 2004

“Dispelling the Notion that Hunting is Necessary to Control Wildlife Populations,” Animal Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan Newsletter, Spring, 2000

“Judge Orders 3 Dogs Killed Then Admits He Erred,” Animal Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan Newsletter, Spring, 2000

“Companion Animal Trusts,” Animal Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan Newsletter, Spring, 2000, co-author Ginny Mikita

“The Realities of “No Kill” Shelters,” Animal Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan Newsletter, Summer, 2000

“Forfeiture Law Aids Shelters When Collectors/Hoarders Are Busted,” Animal Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan Newsletter, Summer, 2000

“Protecting Pets,” Benzie County Record Patriot

“Pets are Not Disposable Commodities,” Benzie County Record Patriot

“Spay and Neuter Your Pets,” Benzie County Record Patriot



EDUCATION

University of Detroit School of Law, J.D., 1980-1984

**Michigan State University, B.S. in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology,
1975-1979**

Colorado State University, 1973-1975