



*Is local animal policy your responsibility, interest, mission, or curiosity?*

# Online Certificate in Animals, Community, and Law

Online courses offered by Rutgers University  
School of Public Affairs and Administration (SPAA)  
in collaboration with Lawyers in Defense of Animals (LIDA)

## *Who should enroll?*

- Elected Officials ▪ Animal Advocates
- Shelter Administrators ▪ Public Safety Officers
- Veterinarians ▪ State Legislators
- Animal Control Officers ▪ Attorneys
- Public Health Professionals
- Community Developers
- Citizens ▪ Animal Guardians

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## Schedule of Classes and Descriptions

- Acquire knowledge and practical skills for resolving conflicts that arise when animal, community, and government interests intersect
- All are welcome: no legal knowledge required
- Take for graduate credit ([jkirchho@newark.rutgers.edu](mailto:jkirchho@newark.rutgers.edu)) or non-credit ([www.ncpp.us/animals.php](http://www.ncpp.us/animals.php)); may be used as a specialization in the MPA degree offered by Rutgers SPAA

Online certificate courses consist of a blend of case studies, applicable laws, and engaging instruction about the role of animals in the community. Courses include rights, conflicts, public policy, safety, control, and litigation. Periodic conference calls enhance your connection to the instructors and other students. To earn your online Certificate in Animals, Community, and Law, complete the following overview courses and a practicum or project applying selected course content in real issues or organized initiatives.

**Animals in Disasters, Estates, and Litigation** (*January to April of each year*) explores the individual/state dynamics addressing animal needs in death and disasters.

**Animal Cruelty and the Law** (*May to July of each year*) explores the many facets of cruelty to animals in legislation and litigation.

**Companion Animals and the Law** (*September to November of each year*) examines trap, neuter, and return, municipal ordinances, limit laws, hoarding, and more.

**Practicum** provides guided hands-on experience in animal-related issues. This course runs concurrently with each of the other courses. The Practicum may be taken after one or more content course. Practicum sites must be approved by the instructors.

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