

EDITOR'S FOREWORD TO THE FIRST ISSUE:

Legislation and Implementation of Animal Laws

This is the first edition of Global Journal of Animal Law (GJAL). The edition encompasses the legislative theme and has the title *Legislation and Implementation of Animal Laws*.

Animal law is a constantly growing field of consideration around the world and there certainly is a need of a journal comprising the globe. However, it takes its own time to establish a new journal. The challenge is to get people from the broad field of law together to discuss outside the auditoriums and workingrooms. GJAL offers an excellent opportunity for this. I am delighted to be able to have the role of editor of this new journal.

In the first GJAL edition 1/2013 professor *Joan E. Schaffner* takes a critical look at the legal status of animals in the commentary *A Rabbit, is a rabbit is a rabbit...Not under the Law* where she elegantly points out that the goal should be to organize the law around the animal rather than their use.

Vanessa Gerritsen, discuss the Swiss animal welfare law from a constitutional point of view challenging the principles of 'sentient beings' and 'dignity' in the enforcement.

Amelie C. Buhl, discuss the Amendments to the German Animal Welfare Act and the implementation of the EU directive on Animal Testing.

GJAL thanks the writers and continues to welcome contributions from animal law researchers, students, lawyers and other interested parties. The goal is to get submissions from around the globe in the future and to make GJAL to a credited journal. With the experience from doing research in South Africa for the last five months I am convinced of the significance of a global collaboration. We have a lot to learn from each other for the benefit of both humans and non-humans.

GJAL especially thanks professor and judge *Allan Rosas* for his encouragement and support to establish the journal.

The second issue will be published in January 2014. **The deadline for submissions is 31 October 2013.** Please feel free to spread the information of GJAL and encourage new writers and readers to make their submissions.

Wishing all GJAL-readers all the best.

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