CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Contemporary Justice Review

Special Issue: Animals & Issues of Law and Justice

Final Deadline: March 31, 2014

Contemporary Justice Review is calling for paper submissions addressing the topic “Animals & Issues of Law and Justice” for a special issue of the journal. While the disciplines of Animal Law, Sociology, Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, and Biological Sciences, etc., publish extensively on issues concerns of non-human animals is interdisciplinary yet largely absent in criminology and justice studies. Therefore, bringing much needed attention to issues surrounding use, abuse, and research of animals demands CJR attention.

Contemporary Justice Review prefers articles written in accessible prose which avoids academic jargon and offers insights fostering justice in daily life, in this context, daily life involves the range of non-human animals and non-human animal companions. The proposed issue seeks papers placing non-human animals in an academic, practical, research, and other areas of interests and contexts.

Authors are encouraged to consider topics that may include, but are not limited to: animal abuse or cruelty; research on The Link involving the animal cruelty/family and/or interpersonal violence and their nexus; pet protective orders and domestic violence; animals as victims of crime; breed-specific legislation; dog- and cock-fighting and the connection to gang culture or other matters of justice; the development and evolution of animal law regarding areas of animal cruelty and animal welfare in various jurisdictions; an analysis of the philosophies of animal rights vs. utilitarianism; the use of animal assisted therapy when working with at-risk youth; historical analyses of the animal rights movement; the role of animal control agencies in dealing with crimes against animals; animal welfare issues generally (i.e., the treatment of animals used in food production; animals used in the entertainment industry, etc.); laws concerning wildlife; the role of animals in restorative and transformative justice; animals as agents of healing; and etc. These topics can be addressed through criticism, exposition, and other forms of scholarly writing.

Titles and abstracts (250 words or fewer) should be submitted to the Special Issue Editor by July 1, 2013. Those authors whose work are selected will be notified by September 3, 2013. Completed work is due March 31, 2014 for inclusion in an upcoming issue of the journal. Questions about prospective proposals should be directed to CJR Special Issue Editor, Sue C. Escobar (scote@csus.edu).

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