

# LAWS 3090 ANIMAL LAW

**Credit Points** 10

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**Description** This subject examines the legal and ethical relations between humans and non-human animals in Australia. It provides students with theoretical perspectives from which to develop their own stance regarding human/animal relations. Students will be encouraged to evaluate the legal framework which governs those relations. The subject will examine a range of topics such as the moral and legal status of animals, animal rights versus animal welfare, farming and husbandry practices, animals in scientific research, animals in the entertainment industry, wildlife protection and endangered species, companion animals and Indigenous approaches to animal welfare.

**School** Law

**Discipline** Law, Not Elsewhere Classified.

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 3 subject

**Pre-requisite(s)** LAWS 1003 AND LAWS 1009

**Restrictions**

Students must have successfully completed 80 credit points of Laws subjects before enrolling in this subject.

## Learning Outcomes

After successful completion of this subject, students will be able to:

1. Explain key philosophical approaches to the status of non-human animals.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of animal laws in Australia.
3. Identify legal issues and apply relevant legal principles to problems involving the use of animals and assess proposals for reform.
4. Apply research skills to assess legal frameworks for the regulation of relations between humans and non-human animals

## Subject Content

- Historical development of animal Law
- Philosophical approaches to the moral status of animals
- Legal status of animals
- Overview of Animal Law in Australia
- Regulation companion animals
- Regulation of farm animals
- Regulation of wild animals
- Regulation of animals in research
- Regulation of animals in entertainment and sport
- Indigenous approaches to animal welfare

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task
Presentation	15 minutes	25	N	Group/ Individual
Critical Review	1,500 words	30	N	Individual
Critical Review	2,500 words	45	N	Individual

Prescribed Texts

- Alex Bruce, *Animal Law in Australia: An Integrated Approach*, (LexisNexis Butterworths, Second Edition, 2018)