Animal Law Writing Topics
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**Animals in Research**
- Discuss alternatives to animal use in drug testing, toxicology regulation, and medical/veterinary education. Look at updates that have been made to alternative testing and discuss how these are linked to directions in animal law.

**Aquatic Animals**
- How science influences law and policy in regard to fishes, crustaceans, and other aquatic animals
- Legal landscape of the aquarium trade
  - Collection of wild saltwater fishes in Hawaii
  - Releasing wildlife who were kept as pets: animal welfare concerns and non-native (“invasive”) species’ implications on the ecosystem
  - Endangered or threatened species as pets (Banggai cardinalfish, red line torpedo barb, axolotl)
  - Issues with public aquariums (collection, transportation, and display of fishes and other aquatic animals)
- Policies surrounding fishing and farming of fin fishes, crustaceans, octopuses, alligators and crocodiles, or amphibians for consumption, clothing, or research
- Aquatic animals and criminal cruelty laws
- Legal issues with off-shore factory farms
- Aquaculture welfare legal landscape and potential litigation or policy opportunities to advance the welfare
- Farmed animal cruelty prosecution assessment
  - frequency of successful prosecutions,
  - whether it serves as a deterrent,
  - the actual impact of prosecution, and
  - alternatives to difficulties of criminal prosecution cases.

**Companion Animals**
- Canines used in therapy, reform, or vocational training
- Proper care of companion animals and the role that regulation plays

**Farmed Animals**
- Legally compelled culling for public health or human control of animal populations

**Other Priority Research Areas for Animal Advocates**
- Animal Charity Evaluators
- Charity Entrepreneurship
- Effective Altruism Animal Welfare
- Faunalytics
- Fish Welfare Initiative
- Food System Research Fund
- The Good Food Institute
- Sentience Institute
- Wild Animal Initiative