



NCPAC

The National Centre for the Prosecution of Animal Cruelty

A program of the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies

Animal Cruelty Prosecution Conference

December 4, 2017 — Ottawa Conference and Event Centre

Presented by the National Centre for the Prosecution of Animal Cruelty (NCPAC)

NCPAC is a community of Crown Prosecutors and allied professionals from across Canada who are working together to try to ensure that crimes against animals are prosecuted effectively and efficiently. The mandate of NCPAC is to support Crown Prosecutors and other professionals who are involved in animal cruelty cases across Canada through the provision of information and assistance from prosecutors and other professionals with experience in the prosecution of animal cruelty offences. Our aim is to make available various resources that include the most up-to-date information possible to assist Crown Prosecutors in achieving appropriate, consistent and proportional outcomes for animal cruelty cases

As a program of the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies, NCPAC includes representative Crown Prosecutors from the majority of Canadian provinces together with various other professionals from organizations such as Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), Humane Societies and members of the veterinary community.

What is the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies?

The Canadian Federation of Humane Societies (CFHS) is a national organization representing humane societies and SPCAs in Canada. Founded in 1957, CFHS works toward positive, progressive change to end animal cruelty, improve animal protection and promote the humane treatment of all animals. As the convener and representative of the largest animal welfare community in Canada, CFHS advances the welfare of companion animals, farm animals, wildlife and animals in research with a strong national voice that promotes the interests and concerns of animal welfare to government, policymakers, industry and the public.



Conference Agenda

Monday, December 4, 2017 — Room 210, Conference and Event Centre

7:30 am	BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION	
8:00 am	Welcome and Introduction to the Conference	<p>Pierre Sadik, Policy and Legislative Affairs Manager, NCPAC</p> <p>Marcie Moriarty, BC SPCA</p>
8:30 am	<p>Prosecuting Animal Cruelty – What’s New in Case Law in Each Province?</p> <p>This session will deal with the latest important and precedent setting animal cruelty prosecution cases from across the country. Various Crown will share noteworthy cases from their jurisdiction.</p> <p>Chilliwack Cattle Sales</p> <p>R v. Jacura R v. Yang</p> <p>Animal Protection Act case involving conflicting expert testimony of two veterinarian</p> <p>New cases from Quebec</p>	<p>James MacAulay, BC Crown</p> <p>Christian Lim, AB Crown</p> <p>Janine Kidd, NS Crown</p> <p>Alexandra Thibaudeau, QC Crown</p>
10:00 am	BREAK	
10:30 am	<p>Animal Abuse in the Criminal Mind – Presenting the Link in Court</p> <p>This session will provide a forensic psychiatry perspective on dangerous offender assessments and the link between violence against humans and animals. The speakers will offer an overview of the case law where the violence link has been addressed, the provisions of the Criminal Code that relate to assessment, the assessment process, as well as what tools are available if the resources for a DO assessment are not available.</p>	<p><u>Moderator:</u> Alexandra Janse, BC Crown</p> <p>Dr. Philip E. Klassen, VP Med. Affairs, OSCMHS, Dept. of Psych, UofT</p> <p>Dallas Mack, ON Crown</p>

12:00 pm	LUNCH	
1:00 pm	<p>The Law of PowerPoint and Google Maps: Presenting Exhibits, Photos and Video Evidence in Court</p> <p>Technology is playing a greater and greater role in the preparation and presentation of cases at all levels of court. Crown prosecutors must either adapt or be left behind. This presentation will cover the innovative use of commonly available software to greatly enhance the presentation of evidence. Specifically, this presentation will review the jurisprudence on the available uses of Google Maps and PowerPoint through the concept of illustrative relevance.</p> <p>How to Set Up an Animal Cruelty Resource Crown in your Province</p>	<p>Brian White, ON Crown</p> <p>Alex Janse, BC Crown</p>
2:00 pm	<p>Problem Cases – What are You Struggling With – What are You in the Middle of?</p>	<p>Alexandra Thibaudeau, QC Crown</p> <p>Janine Kidd, NS Crown</p> <p>Christian Lim, AB Crown</p>
3:00 pm	BREAK	
3:15 pm	<p>Ethics Session – Prosecuting Animal Cruelty Cases</p> <p>This session will look at the role of a Crown prosecutor in prosecuting animal cruelty cases, both under the <i>Criminal Code</i> and under provincial animal cruelty legislation. Specifically, this will include carrying out the role of prosecutor in respect to her/his duties in maintaining confidence in the justice system, and the constant balance between the accused’s rights with the ability to prosecute forcefully and effectively. This includes pre-charge approval, giving advice to investigating agencies, and dealing with those who have an interest in animal cruelty prosecutions, but who are not justice stakeholders. The session will address challenges and questions brought by conference participants in what is a practical lesson of what a prosecutor faces in the developing area of animal cruelty law.</p> <p><i>Note: This session has been pre-approved for one hour CPD by the BC, ON and NB law societies</i></p>	<p>Christian Lim, AB Crown</p>

4:15 pm	Conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback • Next steps – Canadian Link Conference • Staying connected 	Pierre Sadik, Policy and Legislative Affairs Manager, NCPAC
5:00 pm	ADJOURN	
7:00pm - 9:00pm	Link-Up Social A relaxed night of networking (open to all NCPAC and Link Conference delegates) Room 118, Ottawa Conference and Event Centre	