



**Animal Cruelty Prosecution Pre-Conference
November 20, 2019
Toronto, ON
Ryerson University, Room: Oakham Lodge**

AGENDA

Wednesday, November 20		
7:45 am	Registration	
8:00 am	BREAKFAST	ALL
8:15 am	Welcome and Introduction to Conference	Marcie Moriarty, Chief Prevention and Enforcement Officer, BC SPCA
9:00 am	2019 Criminal Code Updates Updates to the Bestiality Offences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing the loop hole • Sex Offender Registry 	TBA
10:00 am	BREAK	
10:30 am	2019 Criminal Code Updates (CONT) Making the Case for Dog Fighting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence that in totality indicate organized dog fighting • Topics will include paraphernalia, potential forensic testing and current scientific publications 	Dr. Melinda Merck, DVM, Veterinary Forensics Consulting, LLC
11:30 am	Reviewing New in Case Law in Each Province <i>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.</i> R. v. Bogaerts Proving animal abuse without injury. How to prosecute the	Tara Dobec ON Crown Janine Kidd NS Crown



	<p>sexualized abuse of an animal that does not fit a bestiality charge.</p> <p>R. v. Adam DeCoste and R. v. Kyle Curtis Rodgers-Langille Cases in Nova Scotia</p> <p><i>Others are encouraged to present noteworthy cases from their own province.</i></p>	
12:30 pm	LUNCH – Roundtable: Procedural Deficiencies in the Criminal Code	ALL
1:30 pm	<p>Best Practices in Charging Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Factors and jurisprudence in making decisions regarding criminal or provincial charges summary or indictable including no charge decisions 	<p>Alex Janse BC Crown</p> <p>Christian Lim AB Crown</p>
2:15 pm	Ethics Hour: The Changing Face of Legitimate Purpose and Establishing Community Standard	Mandy MacLeod AB Crown
3:30 pm	<p>BREAK</p> <p><i>After Break Proceed to Tecumseh Auditorium</i></p>	
3:45 pm	Improving the Effectiveness of the Criminal Justice System through Enforcement and Crown	Barbara Cartwright CEO, Humane Canada
5:00 pm	Adjourn	
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	<p>Link-Up Social</p> <p>Chelsea Hotel, Churchill Court // Sponsored by VCA Animal Hospitals <i>Open to all attendees including Enforcement & Prosecution Pre-Conference Events</i></p>	