

Advancing Animal Rights Using Legal Strategies

There are different strategies to defend the lives of (non-human) animals. You can inform the public about abuses towards wild and domestic animals through photos, videos and educational campaigns. You can propagate animal-friendly alternatives such as plant-based food, products or clothing. You can also lobby politicians for rules that protect animals and you can defend animals through direct action against the violence that people inflict on them. The liberation of farm animals, animals used for experimentation or the interference with hunting, are examples of this. What often remains underexposed by animal rights organizations are the possibilities that the law offers. Someone who makes extensive use of this possibility is the Dutch Animal Rights Foundation. Their lawyer, Marco van Duijn, is actively looking for new ways to defend and improve the legal position of animals. Van Duijn will explain why every animal rights organization must have a legal strategy.



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