Introduction to Special Issue

The papers in this issue originated as presentations for a symposium on Animals, Ethics and Law at the University of Tennessee, March 2-3, 2012. The symposium grew out of plans for interdisciplinary course by the same title, which was taught that semester by Joan Heminway of the UT College of Law and me.

The symposium attracted well over a hundred participants. Attendees included many veterinarians, animal welfare workers and attorneys, as well as academics and students representing a wide variety of disciplines. The papers included here are merely a selection. Even so the range is wide. There are three by legal scholars (Taimie Bryant, David Favre and Iris Goodwin), four by philosophers (Jon Garthoff, Joel MacClellan, Clare Palmer and me), one by a philosopher/cognitive scientist (Colin Allen), and one by a psychologist/ethologist (Gordon Burghardt).

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Videos of some of the sessions may be viewed at:


Happy reading!