COURSE NAME: Animal Law

COURSE NUMBER: 8665A

PROFESSOR: Dana Apple

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: None.

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: Torts, Contracts

COURSE BOOKS: To be determined.

MAJOR LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THIS COURSE: Upon completion of this course, students will (1) have knowledge of federal, state, and local statutes applicable to animals; (2) have knowledge of common-law issues affecting animals; and (3) know and be able to persuasively apply overarching philosophical and theoretical principles to arguments for or against legal changes in relation to animals.

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE: Final exam; class participation will be considered in borderline cases.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: Primary legal theories and philosophies will be examined and applied to the rapidly-changing area of animal law, with particular emphasis on the legal system's responses to social change.

COURSE CONTENT: Legal philosophy and selected substantive areas that best exemplify current changes in animal law.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES: An understanding of how the legal system responds to social and cultural change, and the ability to marshal fundamental philosophical principles in support of advocacy, are essential to the practice of law in the many substantive areas in which the law is changing and evolving.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR MO/MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION: Although animal law is not a substantive area covered by the bar exam, knowledge of legal theories and philosophical approaches may aid in analysis of other areas.