



## **GAL NEWS – July 2020**

Dearest GAL Experts,

After a time of deep maturation, good seeds are now coming to light.

In this Newsletter we are glad to present you some innovations, in particular the new GAL website and the short UNCAHP animated video.

Through UNCAHP, GAL is deeply involved into the One Health/One Welfare approach and the UN Sustainable Developments Goals (discover more below).

Wishing you a good reading and all the best,

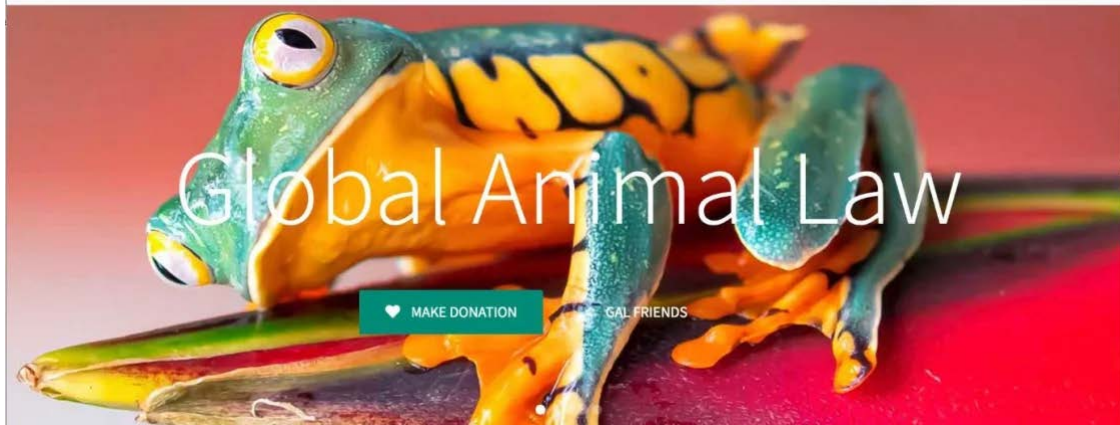
The GAL Team

### **GAL News**

#### **New GAL website**

[Discover](#)

GAL website has a new look! Your favorite resources are still in and the Expert group is a new Category as we are almost 100 animal law experts worldwide!



## New UNCAHP video

[Watch here](#)

Animal health and protection are at the core of the global challenges our world is currently facing. The United Nations Convention on Animal Health and Protection (UNCAHP) is providing key solutions to these urgent issues. For global animal protection to come true, we need a strong support.

Please share it widely!



# UNCAHP

United Nations Convention  Animal Health and Protection



## Crowfundig Project

In February 2019, we started the GAL dog responder, a mainly web-based application. it gives a quick overview of the legal situation of dogs in their life with humans in Switzerland (and subsequently also internationally).

Last June, the [crowdfunding campaign](#) (in German) was launched and a donation is highly appreciated.



## International News



UNEP

### New Statement on COVID-19

*"Human activity has altered virtually every corner of our planet, from land to ocean. And as we continue to relentlessly encroach on nature and degrade ecosystems, we endanger human health. In fact, **seventy-five percent of all emerging infectious diseases are zoonotic**, i.e. viruses originating from the transfer from*



Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

### CBD Executive Secretary Calls for a Permanent Ban on Wildlife Markets

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, the acting Executive Secretary of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, said that banning wildlife wet markets that sell live and dead animals for human consumption would help to prevent future pandemics.

*animals, whether domesticated or wild, to humans."*



OUR VISION

## **Animal health, at the heart of global challenges**

"Animal health is more fundamental than ever to the development and well-being of human populations around the world. (...) Human health, food security, prosperity and respect for the environment are all inextricably linked to our worldwide governance of animals."

[OIE 2019 Report](#)



## Pandemics result from destruction of nature, say UN and WHO

Experts call for legislation and trade deals worldwide to encourage green recovery

- [Coronavirus - latest updates](#)
- [See all our coronavirus coverage](#)



▲ Mangroves in Morondava, west Madagascar. The UN has described coronavirus as an 'SOS signal' for humankind. Photograph: Alamy

Pandemics such as coronavirus are the result of humanity's destruction of nature, according to leaders at the UN, WHO and WWF International, and the world has been ignoring this stark reality for decades.

## New GAL Experts

A Warm Welcome to the new GAL Experts!



**Eva Bernet Kempers**

PhD Student in Animal & Law,  
University of Antwerp (Belgium)



**Pei F. Su**

ACTAsia Founder & Chief Executive  
Officer, MA in Sociology (China)



### **Jordi Sandalinas**

Lawyer, Speaker, Lecturer, Vegan  
(Spain)



### **Elatyia Elfatih Ahmed**

Veterinarian involved in One Health  
and Animal Rights (Sudan)

## **Experts promotion & Event**

- Congratulations to [Martina Pluda](#) who is now the 1st ever Director of HSI Italy !
- Pr. Randall Abate will make this presentation on July 9 in Spain :  
"[Coronavirus and Animals: The Human-Animal Relationship in Pandemic Society](#)", Autonomous University of Barcelona

## **New Publications**

- Anne Peters (ed.), [Studies in Global Animal Law](#), Max-Planck-Institute, Springer, 2020
- Randall Abate (dir.), [What Can Animal Law Learn From Environmental Law](#), Second Edition, Environmental Law Institute, July 2020
- Antoine F. Goetschel, Dominic Oertly and Sabine Brels, [Time for Global Animal Welfare](#), Vereinte Nationen 1/2020, pp. 26-30 (PDF provided upon request)
- Rebeka Breder, [Who gets the dog or cat upon a break-up?](#), The Georgia Straight, April 4th, 2020
- Jo Anderson, [COVID-19 & Animals: What The Public Does And Doesn't Know](#), Faunalytics, April 8, 2020
- Mark Jones, [Don't Blame Wildlife for Covid-19](#), April 30, 2020

- Sabine Brels, [Protection animale et santé globale: une solution face aux problèmes mondiaux](#)", JNE, May 2020 (with French audio interview [online](#))

PS: As you can see, we decided to keep the name 'experts' instead of 'foxes' and to shorten the Newsletter title into 'GAL News'. Hoping you will like these changes!

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**Dr. Antoine F. Goetschel**



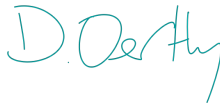
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