

**ANIMAL ABUSE INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION TRAINING**  
**Sponsored by Rapides Parish District Attorney Phillip Terrell**  
**And Rapides Parish Sheriff William Earl Hilton**  
**Co-sponsored by the Louisiana District Attorneys Association**

**Alexandria Convention Center**

**April 18, 2019**

**AGENDA**

- 8:00-8:30**      **REGISTRATION**
- 8:30-8:45**      **WELCOME**  
*The Honorable Phillip Terrell, District Attorney*  
*Alexandria, LA*  
*The Honorable William Earl Hilton, Sheriff*  
*Alexandria, LA*  
*Ms. Leigh Anne Wall, LDAA Victim Services Attorney*  
*Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA*
- 8:45-10:15**      **SESSION #1** [1.50 HOURS]  
**LOUISIANA ANIMAL CRUELTY STATUTES**  
(What are the statutes, both criminal and civil, that apply to animal abuse investigations and prosecutions? How do these relate to other criminal and civil provisions?)  
*Ms. Leigh Anne Wall, LDAA Victim Services Attorney*  
*Louisiana District Attorneys Association, Baton Rouge, LA*
- 10:15-10:30**      **BREAK**
- 10:30-12:00**      **SESSION #2** [1.50 HOURS]  
**EXPLORING THE CONNECTION: ANIMAL ABUSE AND OTHER VIOLENT CRIMES**  
(How does animal abuse connect with domestic violence, child abuse, and narcotics and human trafficking? Learn how to look for evidence of animal abuse to make your cases stronger.)  
*Chief Matt Barnett, Wiggins Police Department (MS)*
- 12:00-1:00**      **LUNCH**
- 1:00-2:30**      **SESSION #3** [1.50 HOURS]  
**INVESTIGATING ANIMAL CRUELTY CASES**  
(When a complaint of animal cruelty comes in, how do you proceed? National experts offer advice on how to most effectively investigate animal cruelty complaints.)  
*Jessica Lauginiger – Director, Animal Crimes, HSUS*
- 2:30-2:45**      **BREAK**

**2:45-4:00**

**SESSION #4**

[1.25 HOURS]

**DOGFIGHTING INVESTIGATIONS**

(Learn how to recognize and investigate the serious cases and learn about the connections between dogfighting rings and other crimes.)

***Chief Matt Barnett, Wiggins Police Department (MS)***

**3:45-4:00**

**BREAK**

**4:00-5:00**

**SESSION #5**

[1.00 HOUR]

**POLICE/DOG ENCOUNTERS**

(Federal courts have issued large judgments against law enforcement agencies and municipalities in connection with the shooting of companion animals. Learn about the legal basis for these awards and how to be prepared!)

***Jessica Lauginiger – Director, Animal Crimes, HSUS***