COURSE NAME: Animal Law

COURSE NUMBER: 665A

PROFESSOR: Apple

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: None

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: None

COURSE BOOKS: Animal Law: Cases and Materials (3d ed.); some additional articles and handouts

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE: Final exam

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: This course examines the law’s historical, current and developing treatment of animals, with an overarching consideration of how changing societal attitudes and values are reflected in law and legal policy.

COURSE CONTENT: Specific topics include contracts (bailment, landlord/tenant), torts (injuries to and by animals, malpractice, defamation, damages), criminal law (abuse and neglect, hunter harassment, animal fighting), wildlife issues, state and federal regulation of animal industries, and Constitutional issues (property, standing, freedom of speech and religion).

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES: Cases and issues involving animals are increasing in almost all areas of the law. This course should, thus, be useful not only to future general practitioners, but those whose practice touches on the areas noted above.