



Animal Law Section Meeting Agenda

August 25, 2026 at 12:00 pm MT

Via Zoom

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- I. Call to Order**
 - II. Introductions**
 - III. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Action Item**
 - IV. Financial Update**
 - V. New Business**
 - VI. CLE: The Role of Veterinary Expert Witnesses in Animal Cruelty Cases**
Please join a conversation with Hilary Hooberman, DVM, Shelter Veterinarian at the Idaho Humane Society.

Outline: (approximately 45 minutes of presentation)
 - What does a forensic veterinarian do for suspected animal cruelty victims?
 - Forensic examinations, forensic autopsies, documentation, evidence collection, diagnostic testing, treatment, monitoring animal's progress during treatment
 - How veterinary findings can help establish the nature, severity, chronicity, and potential causes of injuries or disease, as well as evidence of pain and suffering
 - Types of documentation that can be generated for law enforcement, attorneys, judges/juries
 - Role of veterinarian as expert witness, including types of questions that can and cannot be appropriately answered for expert statements and testimony
 - VII. Adjourn**