



# ANIMAL LAW CELL FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI



## BY-LAWS

### Article I: Name

The name of this committee shall be Animal Law Cell at the Faculty of Law, University of Delhi.

### Article II: Purpose

The **Animal Law Cell** of the Faculty is established with the aim of putting animals on the intellectual agenda by advancing the understanding and advocacy of Animal Law. Our purpose is multifaceted, focusing on education, awareness, and legal research to foster a compassionate and responsible society towards animals

### Key Purposes:

1. **Explore Animal Laws and Policy:** Dedicated to investigate the often-overlooked field of Animal Laws. By examining existing legislation and identifying gaps, a broader discourse on animal rights and welfare will be encouraged.
2. **Foster Moral, Social, and Ethical Awareness:**
  - To cultivate a deep sense of moral responsibility regarding the treatment of animals.
  - To promote social awareness, highlighting the interconnectedness of all living beings and the ethical implications of human actions towards animals.
3. **Educational Initiatives:** To engage students and faculty in discussions on Animal Welfare, focusing on relevant laws and regulations through various workshops and seminars. (These sessions will feature contributions from animal activists, legal experts, and non-profit organizations, providing a rich platform for knowledge sharing.)
4. **Legal Awareness Drives:** To organize awareness campaigns both on and off campus, including visits to key institutions such as ministries, statutory bodies, NGOs, and veterinary hospitals. (These efforts will enhance understanding of the **Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960** as well as other laws and their practical implementation.)
5. **Creative Outreach Programs:** To create awareness through engaging activities like street plays, open mics, poster-making contests, debates, essay writing, and moot courts. These events will encourage students to explore animal law in an interactive and thought-provoking manner.

6. **Legal Research & Development:** Establishing a robust Legal Research team. To study and analyze Acts and rules related to animals, fostering academic discourse and producing publishable research papers.
7. **Creating a Safe Environment for Animals:** To advocate for a safe and supportive environment for animals on campus. (This will promote responsible stewardship of animal welfare within our community.)

The **Animal Law Cell** aims to be a leading force in the promotion of animal rights and welfare, fostering a community that is informed, compassionate, and proactive in addressing the challenges faced by legislation and animals.

### **Article III: Members**

#### **Section 1. Eligibility**

Membership shall be open to students of the **Faculty of Law** who meet the following criteria based on the **interview** and participation:

1. Readiness to participate in field activities/work.
2. Willingness to work in a team, ability to collaborate effectively.
3. Strong Writing Skills (to be determined through a writing sample/ Statement of Purpose).
4. Personal Motivation for advancing animal law must be clearly expressed in a personal statement.
5. Strong understanding of professional ethics in legal practice, particularly regarding animal welfare.
6. Research Experience in Animal Law – Research Paper, Articles, Blogs, etc.
7. Participation in Conferences related to Animal Rights.
8. Prior experience of raising sponsorship or fundraising.
9. Community Service Initiatives will be encouraged .
10. Prior Volunteer work with animal rights organisation or legal clinics.

#### **Section 2. Admission to membership.**

- a. Students whose profile demonstrates most of the points mentioned in the eligibility criteria defined under Section 1, will be given a priority to be selected as a member of Animal Law Cell.
- b. The Executive Core Members are responsible for assessing the candidates through interviews.
- c. The Faculty Convener and Animal Law Cell's Faculty Members reserve the right to any final assessment in regard suitability to membership.

- d. At any point of time, membership will remain limited to **45 students** each from Campus Law Centre, Law Centre - I, & Law Centre - II. The division of these 45 students will be as follows : **15 from First Year, 15 from Second Year, & 15 from Final Years.**
- e. The membership will remain limited to **35 students from Integrated Law Course** (5 Year Course), i.e. **7 students from each year** at any point of time.
- f. The membership will remain limited to **2 students, each from LLM & PhD** (Preference will be given to PhD students conducting research on environmental or wildlife conservation, or animal protection. Similarly, LLM students whose dissertation topics align with these areas will also be given priority.)

Section 3. Classes. There shall be two classes of members as defined in the By-laws of The Animal Law Cell : Regular Members and Executive Core Members.

Section 4. Privileges of membership.

- a. Only selected Members are eligible for most of the curated opportunities brought by the Animal Law Cell such as internships, projects, visits, drives, etc.
- b. Only those members whose participation meets the requirements set forth in these by-laws, shall run for an executive position.
- c. Regular Members in good standing (who have met the requirements set forth in these by-laws) may be selected for or retain office through the established selection process.

Note - All general competitions, webinars, and seminars will be accessible to every student of the Faculty of Law, regardless of membership in the Animal Law Cell.

Section 5. Termination of Membership

- a. The membership of a member will automatically end after completion of the course in which the Member is enrolled under the Faculty of Law, University of Delhi.
- b. Members have the option to leave the Membership of Animal Law Cell, pursuant to written intimation (through institutional mail ID) to Faculty Convener with cc to all Faculty Members of ALC.
- c. Members who have been inactive on a regular basis shall be removed from the Cell.
- d. The Faculty Convener and Animal Law Cell's Faculty Members reserve the right to termination of membership depending upon the circumstances.

Section 6. Rights and Responsibilities

- a. Members have the right to participate in all activities.
- b. Members are expected to uphold the values and objectives of the Animal Law Cell.
- c. Members must be active throughout.

## **Article IV: Governance**

### **Section 1. Executive Core Members**

The Animal Law Cell shall comprise of the following core team :

- 1. Student Convener [Only Penultimate Year Student can apply]**
- 2. Student Co-Convener [Open for First and Second Year Students of 3 Year Course/ first 4 years if ILC]**
- 3. Student Coordinators (8 Positions) [Open for All, including LLM and PhD students]**

### **Section 2. Eligibility.**

- a) Executive Core Members must be Regular Members and in good standing before running for a position in Core Team.
- b) The Executive Core Member must not be a final year law student.**

### **Section 3. Powers and Duties of Executive Core Members.**

#### **A) Student Convener -**

- a. The Student Convener shall administer all necessary executive decisions on behalf of the Cell, oversee all activities of the Executive Core Team, and delegate duties to Members as and when required.
- b. He shall also be responsible for taking Faculty Members into account on a regular basis. In any case he shall not take any important administrative decision without prior approval from the Faculty Member.
- c. The Student Convener shall be responsible for submitting budget, permission letters and summary of bills before and after every event. The sample for the same is accessible based on previous events.
- d. He shall also be responsible for supervising all the social media handles - LinkedIn, Instagram, X and Youtube. He shall ensure that all these platforms are active and in no case any reply to a public comment, message or any reaction shall be given by Animal Law Cell.
- e. The Student Convener shall only have access to the institutional email ID of ALC apart from the Faculty Convener and Faculty Members. This institutional email ID should be used only for official communications and should not be used publicly or for promotional purposes.

- B) Student Co-Convener -
  - a. The Co-Convener shall assist the Student Convener in executing decisions, managing the Executive Core Team, and overseeing activities. The Co-Convener will help delegate duties to team members and support event management.
  - b. No important action shall be taken without the prior discussion with the Student Convener/Faculty Member, ensuring alignment with the Cell's goals.
- C) Student Coordinator -
  - a. The Student Coordinator shall coordinate among the team and handle various operations but not limited to such as Sponsorship, Research, Management, Marketing, Content Creation, Communication, & Social Media.
  - b. They shall regularly attend each and every meeting as and when required.

**Section 4:** Protocols to be followed by Executive Core Members.

- a. The Social handles of ALC shall solely be used to spread information about activities and opportunities of ALC and/or to spread awareness; and in no case any reply to a public comment, message or any reaction must be given by Animal Law Cell.
- b. The ALC letterhead shall not be used without prior approval from the Faculty Convener.
- c. Only one email of ALC shall be used publicly i.e. “[animallawcellfol@gmail.com](mailto:animallawcellfol@gmail.com)”. This email shall be used to communicate with students, participants and representatives. This email shall be only used for promotional events such as webinar, competitions, seminars, etc.
- d. Any official communication shall take place only after prior approval from Faculty Convener and every email sent from ALC shall be CC’ed to the Faculty Convener and the Faculty Members.
- e. All passwords related to social media accounts, emails, and other platforms must be securely stored. No leniency shall be shown in this regard. At any given time, access to ALC’s social media handles shall be limited to a maximum of two Student Coordinators, along with the Student Convener and the Student Co-Convener.
- f. At the conclusion of their term, all Executive Core Members must log out of all official accounts and hand over access to the newly appointed position holders.

**Section 5:** Term & Selection of Executive Core Members.

- a. Executive Core Members shall be selected annually through an interview process after the orientation of and recruitment of Regular Members.
- b. Executive Core Member shall serve for one academic year and may be selected again.

#### Section 6: Removal from Office.

At any time, the Faculty Convener has the right to terminate the term of any Executive Core Member after due consideration and discussion with other Faculty Members. The Faculty Convener may also appoint a replacement to fulfill the responsibilities of the terminated member.

### **Article V: Meetings**

#### Section 1: Regular Meetings

The Animal Law Cell shall hold regular meetings on a monthly basis.

#### Section 2: Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the Student Convener or any Faculty Member.

### **Article VI: Activities**

The Animal Law Cell may engage in various activities such as :

- Organising Seminars, Webinars, Educational Outreaches
- Organizing Competitions such as Debate, Essay Writing, Research Paper, Moot Court and many more.
- Collaborating with NGOs, Animal Activists, and other Colleges that have similar interests to organize and hold sessions, activities together.
- Organizing Visits to places such as Animal Shelters, Veterinary Hospitals, AWBI, Wildlife Control Bureau, Ministries of Government of India, and many more to experience the fieldwork and prepare project reports accordingly.
- Providing short term, long term internship opportunities to the members.
- Providing short term courses related to Animal Laws to the members.

The above list of activities is not exhaustive in nature.

### **Article VII: Amendment**

The amendment in these by-laws may be proposed by the Faculty Members. The amendment draft may be prepared along with the Executive Core Members. The proposal thereon will require approval from the Faculty Convener & Patron of the Animal Law Cell to amend the by-laws.

## **Article VIII: Dissolution**

In the event of dissolution, any assets of the Animal Law Cell shall be transferred to the Faculty of Law, University of Delhi and those assets must preferably be used for the animals.

## **Article IX: Declarations**

### **Section 1: Autonomy and Independence.**

The Animal Law Cell is constituted as an autonomous and independent committee within the Faculty of Law, University of Delhi. It exercises full internal governance over its activities, decisions, and initiatives, subject only to academic oversight by the Dean of the Faculty and the designated Faculty Convener. Under no circumstances shall the Cell be controlled, directed, or influenced by any external organization, institution, or individual.

### **Section 2: Non-Political and Non-Profit Character.**

The Animal Law Cell shall maintain a strictly non-political, non-partisan, and non-profit character in all its operations, collaborations, and public engagements. It shall remain completely free from involvement with any political activities, including those indirectly related or affiliated. This prohibition explicitly extends to student politics and any form of political influence within the university or external environment.

### **Section 3: Collaborative Engagement.**

While maintaining its autonomy and independence, the Animal Law Cell may collaborate with academic institutions, legal bodies, civil society organizations, and subject-matter experts to further its objectives. All such collaborations shall be non-commercial in nature, and subject to prior approval by the Faculty Convener and/or Dean, ensuring alignment with the Cell's core mission and ethical standards.

### **Section 4: Issuance of Certificates.**

Participation or volunteer certificates shall not be claimed as a matter of right. The issuance of such certificates shall be at the sole discretion of the faculty members of the Animal Law Cell and shall be based on the student's performance, involvement, and overall contribution. The decision of the Faculty Convener and/or Dean in this regard shall be final and binding.

### **Section 5: No Fundraising or Rescue Mandate.**

The Animal Law Cell shall not solicit or collect donations, nor promote fundraising for any external organisation, including NGOs. Animal rescues or direct interventions shall be undertaken only in the personal capacity of members, and not in the name of ALC. As an

institutional committee, ALC's role is confined to education, awareness, advocacy, research, policy interventions and bringing systematic change in the field of animal law and welfare.

#### Section 6: Equality, Justice, and Compassion

The Animal Law Cell embraces Equality, Justice, and Compassion as its guiding principles and motto. These values shall be deeply imbibed not only in the Cell's mission to advance animal welfare and rights but also in the manner in which the Committee functions and conducts itself. All members and activities of the Cell are expected to uphold and promote these ideals in pursuit of ethical responsibility and legal scholarship.

For any queries kindly mail at [animallawcellfol@gmail.com](mailto:animallawcellfol@gmail.com).

Official Email IDs of ALC Faculty Members (to be used strictly for essential communication as defined under the By-laws) -

Prof. (Dr.) Sunanda Bharti (Faculty Convener) - [sbharti@lc1.du.ac.in](mailto:sbharti@lc1.du.ac.in)

Dr. Sneha Yadav (Faculty Member) - [syadav@clc.du.ac.in](mailto:syadav@clc.du.ac.in)

Dr. Bhupesh Rathore (Faculty Member) - [brathore@lc2.du.ac.in](mailto:brathore@lc2.du.ac.in)

These by-laws were adopted on **September 20, 2025** and last revised on September 20, 2025.