

Animal Law Forum 2026

October 9 – Nashville Zoo

Total Credits: 5 General; 1 Dual

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This unique opportunity will provide updates on trends and advancements in animal law while allowing participants to network and enjoy the fun and activities the zoo offers. Topics for this year's forum include: ...

8 – 8:30 a.m. CDT	Registration / Breakfast
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Nashville Zoo Presentation Dale McGinnity, Nashville Zoo
9:30 – 9:45 a.m.	Break
9:45 – 10:15 a.m.	Legislative Update Jessica Hyder, Humane World for Animals
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	Crimes Against Animals Dr. Samantha Beaty DVM, Tenn. Department of Agriculture
11:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch / Zoo Exploration
1:15 – 2:45 p.m.	Legal Considerations for Nonprofits/How Lawyers Can Amanda Tarsa, Vanderbilt Univ. Medical Center (Moderator) Doug Jones, Duck River Conservancy Grace Stranch, Harpeth Conservancy Joan Heminway, Univ. of Tenn. Winston College of Law Laura Baker, Nashville Humane Association
2:45 – 3 p.m.	Break

3 – 4 p.m.

TWRA Update

This session will provide an overview of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Association (TWRA). Panelists will discuss notable hunting/fishing updates, legislation of note, captive wildlife permitting, nuisance species and federal government intersect.

Col. Dale Grandstaff, Tenn. Wildlife Resources Assoc.

Cpt. Ray McMillen, Tenn. Wildlife Resources Assoc.

Torrey Grimes, Tenn. Wildlife Resources Assoc.

4 – 5 p.m.

Ethics

DUAL

Dr. Rob Simpson DVM, LSU School of Veterinary Medicine