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Monkey Kingdom by Barbara Gail Block

"ELEPHANTS IN CIRCUSES" POLICY PAPER ON SALE!

Everyone seems to be talking about the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey announcement that they will retire all of their performing elephants by 2018. While the decision has been largely praised, it is important to remember that there are many elephants still traveling with circuses. The ASI Policy Paper Elephants in Circuses: Analysis of Practice, Policy, and Future provides an in depth look at elephant health, welfare, reg...

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Studies show that there is a link between acts of cruelty to animals and violence toward humans, including child abuse, spousal battery and other types of violent behavior. Awareness of the importance of treating people who have abused animals is growing: 31 states and the District of Columbia currently recommend or mandate judges to require counseling for persons convicted of animal cruelty. We educate health, education and ... [Read More >](#)



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A Reflection on the Third Minding Animals Conference

It's been a month since the Minding Animals 3 conference was held at Jawaharlal Nehru University in Delhi, from January 13-20 and attended by about 220 people. I organized a two-hour forum regarding Human-Animal Studies titled, "The State and Future of the Field." Participants in the forum's panel were chosen to represent different perspectives in this rapidly developing field: Lori Gruen (Feminist Studies), Colin Salter (Critical Animal Studies, Australia), Joe Lancia (Anthrozoology), Donald Broom (Animal Welfare Science, United Kingdom), Sandra Swart (Cultural Studies, South Africa...

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What It Takes to Prosecute Animal Abusers

A study by the University of Albany involving interviews with prosecuting attorneys in New York offers insight into what it takes to prosecute animal abusers. Study Summary: Nineteen prosecutors in 12 New York counties were asked about how they regard and approach animal cruelty crimes. Two thirds of them noted that cases related to cruelty took substantially more time to put together than those regarding more routine crimes, and prior training on animal cruelty law was rare. The author notes, "Prosecutors encountered confusion on and resistance to the law from multiple actors with w...

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