

Allie Phillips

Author . Attorney . Advocate

Experience

Allie Phillips is a nationally-recognized trainer on the linkage between violence to animals and people, animal protection and prosecution, and promoting positive human-animal interactions. She is licensed to practice law in Michigan and Maryland and has over 8 years of criminal prosecution experience as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Michigan. She has been training prosecutors and criminal justice professionals since 1997. After leaving the courtroom, she became a Senior Attorney with the National District Attorneys Association outside of Washington D.C. where she trained on child abuse trial advocacy techniques and strategies, interviewing children and preparing them for court, the linkage between violence to animals and children, and created *ChildProtect* the first 5-day trial advocacy course for civil child protection attorneys. She then joined American Humane Association as the Vice President of Public Policy and then Vice President of Human-Animal Strategic Initiatives. She managed the Washington D.C. office and was responsible for lobbying and advocacy on child and animal welfare legislation, drafting legislation and providing expert testimony to legislatures. She also developed and managed national initiatives on human-animal interactions, including creating the Pets and Women's Shelters (PAWS)[®] Program (now renamed Sheltering Animals & Families Together (SAF-T)[™]) and Therapy Animals Supporting Kids (TASK)[™] Program. In 2011, Ms. Phillips rejoined NDAA to launch the National Center for Prosecution of Animal Abuse and to integrate awareness of animals into child protection trainings, including training on the linkages between violence to animals and people, children exposed to animal abuse, and how therapy animals can help maltreated children.



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Expertise & Training

Approx. 200 trainings specializing in:

- Linkages between Violence to Animals & People
- Animal Abuse Investigation & Prosecution Issues
- Children Exposed to Animal Fighting and Animal Hoarding
- Incorporating Therapy Animals with Maltreated Children
- Including Animal Protection in Child Protection Multi-Disciplinary Teams
- Helping Domestic Violence Shelters house Families with Pets
- Preventing Shelter Pets as Victims of Pound Seizure
- Advocacy for Shelter Pets and Creating Thriving Shelters

Publications

Authored 50 professional publications, including these books:

- *Defending the Defenseless: A Guide to Protecting and Advocating for Pets* (2011)
 - *How Shelter Pets are Brokered for Experimentation: Understanding Pound Seizure* (2010)
- Chapters in:
- *Handbook on Animal-Assisted Therapy Theoretical Foundations and Guidelines for Practice* (2010)
 - *Reaching the Bar: Stories of Women at All Stages of Their Law Careers* (2009)
 - *The International Handbook of Animal Abuse and Cruelty* (2008)

Associations & Pro Bono Work

- Founder, Sheltering Animals & Families Together (SAF-T)
- Council, Michigan State Bar Animal Law Section
- Vice President, No Paws Left Behind
- Steering Committee, National Link Coalition
- Co-Founder, Michiganders for Shelter Pets
- Co-Founder, Friends of Ingham County Animal Shelter
- Volunteer, King Street Cats