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Human-Animal Studies Corner

ASI Welcomes our newest SASI Chapter - University of Redlands

[Student Animals and Society Institute \(SASI\)](#) chapters are student groups that are affiliated with ASI and share our mission of helping animals by promoting Human-Animal Studies in colleges and universities. Our newest chapter at the [University of Redlands](#) has accomplished much in their first semester. They have a core of six permanent members and so far have visited a farm sanctuary, volunteered at the local cat shelter, donated money to various projects, and participated in a teach-in of progressive student groups on their university campus.

A SASI chapter can be a powerful forum on campus for education and scholarship aimed at understanding the relationship between humans and other animals. [Click here](#) to learn how to start chapter at your university.

Human-Animal Programs Corner

ASI to Bring Violence Diversion Trainings to Israel



Our Director of Human-Animal Programs, Lisa Lunghofer, is excited to share that ASI will be working with [Concern for Helping Animals in Israel \(CHAI\)](#) over the next few months. Our first task is to create a training on the relationship between animal cruelty and other types of violence and antisocial behavior to be presented to more than 100 imams at the College of Sharia Law in Israel. This is the first in a 40-hour series on human-animal relationships designed to engage the imams in improving the lives of animals in Israel. Check back for updates on our continued work with CHAI!

Volunteer Spotlight

Meet ASI Office Intern Alyssa Chojnacki



Alyssa is a rising senior at The University of Michigan where she is pursuing a major in Political Science and a minor in History of Law and Policy. Following graduation she plans to attend law school (last week Alyssa learned that she passed the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), congratulations Alyssa!) and seeks to have a legal career focused on serving the public interest, securing justice for both humans and animals alike. In addition to a desire to learn about the day to day operations of nonprofits, Alyssa wanted to intern at ASI because of her deep-rooted love for animals. After years of longing, she finally got a dog of her own in the summer of 2016: a mini

goldendoodle named Scooter who is allergic to chicken and loves toys shaped like hedgehogs.

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