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Exciting News! The special wildlife conservation issue of Society & Animals, guest edited by Monica Ogra and Julie Urbanik, will be out by the end of May. Visit our [website](#) for a summary of the articles featured in the issue, which cover wolves, tigers, citizen scientists, urban wildlife conservation, ethics, and more.

HAP Corner

Last month ASI worked with the Animal League Defense Fund in support of [SB 1024, the Animal Welfare and Violence Intervention Act of 2018](#). The bill requires all convicted animal cruelty offenders to complete an approved animal offender education course that will teach them proper techniques for interacting with animals in a positive way. The bill also amends California law to require offenders convicted under more serious animal abuse statutes - like those involving malicious violence - to undergo a mandatory mental health evaluation and, if deemed beneficial by the assessing mental health professional, to seek ongoing counseling for up to one year.

Our Director of Human-Animal Programs, Lisa Lunghofer, wrote a letter of support for the bill that was presented at a hearing in the California Senate Committee for Public Safety. The bill is an important step forward and reflects growing recognition of the relationship between animal abuse and other antisocial behavior.

While such legislation is critical, judges, attorneys, and probation officers must have the resources needed to intervene in these cases. ASI is on the frontlines working to address this need. We will be working to raise awareness in California of ASI's one-of-a-kind intervention programs for animal maltreatment offenders. These include [AniCare](#), the only psychological intervention specifically focused on animal abuse; [BARK](#), a 16-week group program focused on accountability and factors that motivated the abuse or neglect; and [CARE](#), a half-day program focused on minimum standards of care and knowledge of companion animals' basic needs.

We believe strongly that intervention with offenders is a critical public safety issue. By assessing individuals who have committed animal maltreatment offenses, we have the opportunity to identify-and address-not only the animal offense, but also co-occurring antisocial behaviors, including substance abuse and family violence. The importance of timely intervention cannot be overstated. By equipping offenders with the knowledge and skills to avoid future offending, we are making communities safer for people and animals alike.

HAS Corner

We are excited to announce the participants in this summer's ASI-UIUC Summer Institute! This year we have a truly diverse bunch; they come from seven different countries, and from disciplines as diverse as biology and dance studies! To see who the participants are, and what their projects are, [please visit this link!](#)

Have you been watching our newest project, the [Defining HAS Video series](#)? If not, what are you waiting for? We have released 7 videos so far, by scholars Peter Singer, Ken Shapiro, Corey Lee Wrenn, Anthony Podberscek, David Favre, Lisa Kemmerer, and Maneesha Deckha. We have more coming, too. Watch them on ASI's website, [Facebook](#) page, or [YouTube](#) channel.

Volunteer Spotlight

ASI's Board of Directors recently expanded to include another new member, Gail Luciani.

Gail Luciani earned a B.A. in International Communications from the George Washington University and an M.A. in Public Relations from the University of Houston. She is an ardent animal advocate who practiced public relations at

the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine and the Pennsylvania SPCA. Gail also taught public relations and communication at the LaSalle Graduate School of Communication in Philadelphia. She is currently semi-retired and spends time as an adoption counselor at the Oregon Humane Society in Portland, OR. She shares her life with two rescued dogs and one rescued cat. Her past volunteer efforts include serving on the Boards of Animal Aid PDX, Animal Alliance of NJ and Philadelphia Animal Care & Control. Welcome, Gail!



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Thank you - happy birthday, congratulations, and many happy returns!



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