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Rentrée

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Rentrée is the word most used on these first days of September. Regardless of enthusiasm, the reality is that we are at the beginning of a new academic year and it is worth reviewing and sharing some news that we have uploaded to the website, and our upcoming plans to gain ground in favour of animals.

The classes of the Animal Law and Society Master, which is already in its 3rd edition, start on 3rd October in the Law Faculty of the UAB. During the whole month of September, the enrolment stays open and there are available spots, to begin a trajectory of study and knowledge, the likes of which does not exist anywhere else in Europe. The Master is formed of the next generation of experts in Animal Law, but, in fact, the demand for these experts increases exponentially day by day across the world. An interesting fact is that our students undergoing internships enjoy the possibility of putting their knowledge to the test in prestigious national and foreign [collaborating organisations](#). The supervised internships are one of the most valued elements of the Master, as they familiarise the student with the working world, allow them to directly see a profession in practice, and to make new contacts, which is always important among professionals. We invite our students to send them our details and we have an [Alumni](#) section on the website to facilitate communication between them, and to be an open door for law firms, institutions, companies etc. searching for new talent. It must be said that our success is measured by the amount of offers we get, from Spanish as much as foreign institutions, and by the work-related success of our Alumni, with whom we always maintain contact.

In this sense, in October this year we start a new activity linked with the Animal Law and Society Master; “Meetings with Alumni”, in which the former students will be the protagonists who speak to the Master students about their professional activities and about how they are applying the knowledge acquired during the Master. These meetings will vary in regularity, at least for one trimester, and they will be open to the general public. I am also announcing that in October we will be receiving a visit from Juan Ignacio Serra (Buenos Aires, Master 2010-2011), who will be accompanied by a group of colleagues from Buenos Aires that has founded a federation of animal protectors. With them we will exchange news on Animal Law in Argentina, and we await participation from other Alumni that would also like to share their experiences and progress. I will provide more detail on the programme shortly.

Other good news is the renovation of the Editorial Team, which I will be announcing to you this month, and the incorporation of legal rapporteurs, in order to get live announcements of Animal Law progress throughout the world.

Lastly, we are welcoming two new doctoral theses in Animal Law that have been read recently.

The first of these was read on 26th August in the Law Faculty of KIMEP University, in

Kazakhstan. The new doctor is called Alina Davar, and she was supervised by Maria Baideldinova.

The second was defended on 28th August in the Law Faculty of the Federal University of Bahía (Brazil). The new doctor is Tagore Trajano, who already has a trajectory marked in the field of Animal Law. The thesis was co-supervised by Professor Heron de Santana Gordilho (UFBA), Director of NIPEDA, who is a teacher of our Master, and Professor David Cassuto (Pace University), Director of the Brazilian-American Institute for Law and Environment. I have had the honour of forming part of the panel that judged this doctoral thesis, which dealt with a topic of the highest interest, which is: “Animal Law as an autonomous subject of Law”. We await its speedy publication.

The reading of two doctoral theses in this emerging legal subject is evidence of the dynamism of and interest for this new legal discipline. From here, we most cordially welcome new doctors.

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