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# THE LINK

**BETWEEN ANIMAL  
ABUSE AND VIOLENCE  
AMONG PEOPLE  
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
AND VIOLENCE AGAINST  
CHILDREN AND THE ELDERLY**

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8h30 - 9h00 – Reception

## OPENING SESSION 1

9h00 – “The Link” – One Health, One Wellbeing:  
The connection between People and Animals  
*Laurentina Pedroso, Animal Ombudsperson*

## MORNING SESSION – THE LINK BETWEEN ANIMAL ABUSE AND HUMAN VIOLENCE

Moderator: Laurentina Pedroso

9h30 - 10h20 – The Link between Animal Abuse and Human Violence:  
The American Experience and a Pathway to Preventing Future Violence.  
*Phil Arkow*

10h20 -11h00 – Animal abuse in Brasil and its close connection  
with domestic violence within the country.  
*Gisele Scheffer*

## 11h00 - 11h30 – Coffee break

11h30 - 12h00 – The Link between Animal Abuse and Human Violence:  
Experiences from Europe (United Kingdom, Sweden, The Netherlands)  
and a Pathway to Preventing Future Violence .  
*Elizabeth Ormerod*

12h00 - 12h30 – Companion animals and domestic violence in Portugal:  
evidence, connections and challenges.  
*Sofia Neves e Alice Pereira*

## 12h30 - 14h00 – Lunch

## AFTERNOON SESSION – GIVING THE VICTIM A VOICE

Moderator : Anabela Moreira

14h00 -14h30 – Link between violence against people and the aggressors profile:  
Contributions from Forensic Psychology.  
*Mauro Paulino*

14h30 - 15h00 – Practical Guidance for the Effective Response by Veterinarians  
to Suspected Animal Cruelty, Abuse and Neglect.  
*Phil Arkow*

15h00 - 15h30 – Giving the victim a voice  
– forensic medical expertise in cases of cruelty and neglect of companion animals.  
*Isabel Pires e Justina Oliveira*

15h30 - 15h45 – Criminal police organizations.  
Animal abuse, the profile of the aggressor.  
The experience of GNR-SEPNA.  
**Ricardo Alves**

15h45 - 16h00 – Criminal police organizations.  
Animal abuse situations and the connection  
with violence against people. Police interventions.  
**Bruno Branco**

## **16h00 – 16h30 – Coffee break**

Moderator : Marisa Reis e Nuno Paixão

16h30 - 16h50 – Public ministry (Public Prosecutor).  
Investigate Crimes / protect victims. A practical view.  
**Eunice Marcelino**

16h50 - 17h10 – National Support Network for Victims  
of Domestic Violence - also protecting victims animals.  
The role of the CIG  
**Manuel Albano**

17h10 - 17h30 – The framework of Domestic Violence  
and the role of APAV in Portugal.  
Portuguese Association for Victim Support (APAV).  
**Daniel Cotrim**

17h30 - 17h50 – The framework of Violence against Children  
and the role of the Child Support Institute - IAC.  
**Dulce Rocha**

## **FINAL SESSION – BREAKING THE CYCLES OF VIOLENCE**

Round table and debate  
Moderator : Laurentina Pedrosa

17h50 – 18h30 – What can we do better as a team,  
in Criminal Legislation, Family and Children's  
Legislation, Animal Legislation and others.

Commission for Citizenship and Gender Equality – *Manuel Albano*  
Portuguese Association for Victim Support – *Daniel Cotrim*  
Child Support Institute – *Dulce Rocha*  
Public Prosecutor – *Eunice Marcelino*  
Guardianship of the Welfare of Companion Animals - ICNF – *Alexandra Pereira*  
Municipal Veterinary Medical Authority – *Ricardo Lobo*  
City Councils – *Eduardo Quinta Nova*  
Police Forces, PSP, GNR – *Bruno Branco, Ricardo Alves*  
Hospitalar Nucleus of Support of Children and Youths at Risk – *Ana Caldeira*

18h30 – Closing Session.  
Strategic Vision for the Future  
**Laurentina Pedrosa, Ombudsperson**

# Speakers



**Laurentina Pedroso**  
*Provedora do Animal*

With a degree in Veterinary Medicine granted in 1985 and in 1991 a PhD in Veterinary Science. Chairman of the Veterinary Medical Association for two consecutive terms (2010 and 2015). Director of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of Lusofona University and Director of the School of Animal Health and Welfare of the Polytechnic Institute of Lusofonia. Has been the Animal Omsbudperson since July 2021.



**Phil Arkow**  
*USA*

Internationally acclaimed lecturer, author and educator Phil Arkow is coordinator of the National LINK Coalition – the National Resource Center on The LINK between Animal Abuse and Human Violence – and edits the monthly LINK-Letter. He chairs the Latham Foundation’s Animal Abuse and Family Violence Prevention Project. He teaches at the University of Florida and Harcum College. He has presented over 250 times in 17 countries, 38 states and 9 Canadian provinces, and has authored over 95 key reference works on human-animal interactions and violence prevention.

He co-founded the National Link Coalition, the National Animal Control Association, and the Colorado and New Jersey humane federations. He has served with the AVMA, the ASPCA, American Humane, the Delta Society, the Animals & Society Institute, the National Sheriffs Association, the National Coalition on Violence Against Animals, the National District Attorneys Association, the Academy on Violence & Abuse, and the American Association of Human-Animal Bond Veterinarians. He received a Lifetime Achievement Award from New Jersey Child Assault Prevention.

We have heard a discussion from them which was breathtaking in its impact—the role vets can play in protecting human lives and vice versa.



**Elizabeth Ormerod**  
*BVMS Churchill Fellow*  
*United Kingdom*

Elizabeth is Chairman of The Society for Companion Animal Studies (SCAS) and is Vice President, for membership, of The International Association of Human-animal Interaction Organisations (IAHAIO). She is a Trustee of Our Special Friends, a veterinary social work charity. She co-founded Canine Partners, the UK assistance dog programme. During her 40 years practising veterinary medicine she pioneered bond-centred practice and veterinary community outreach. Elizabeth is a visiting lecturer to UK veterinary colleges on aspects of the human-animal bond, including on domestic violence. She has helped introduce animal-assisted intervention programmes to schools, nursing homes, hospitals and prisons.

Elizabeth was the inaugural recipient of the William F McCulloch Award for Excellence in human-animal interaction Practice and Education and is CEVA Veterinarian of the Year.



Bachelor of Law with a Master in Animal Law and Society (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona). Veterinarian specialized in Pharmacology and Therapeutics. Researcher in the Research Group on Animal Law (GPDA) at the Federal University of Santa Maria, Brazil. Author of many books and papers related to animal law. Research line: Animal abuse from the perspective of Criminology.

Also speakers from The Netherlands, Spain and Portugal related with police interventions, lawyers, prosecutors, social workers

## **Gisele Kronhardt Scheffer**

*Brazil*



Sofia Neves has a PhD in Social Psychology. She is currently an Associate Professor at the University of Maia, where she teaches Psychology and Criminology courses. She is also a researcher at the Interdisciplinary Center for Gender Studies of the Higher Institute of Social and Political Sciences of the University of Lisbon and President of the Plano i Association, a non-governmental organization that promotes Human Rights. In recent years, she has coordinated scientific research on domestic violence, gender-based violence, discrimination and violence based on sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression. She is responsible for the scientific coordination of specialized services for victims of domestic violence. Sofia is particularly interested in the association between domestic violence and animal abuse.

## **Sofia Neves**

*Portugal*



Isabel Pires, Veterinary Doctor, PhD in Veterinary Science, is a professor of Pathological Anatomy and Forensic Veterinary Medicine at UTAD. She is Director of the Department of Veterinary Sciences and Director of the Laboratory of Histology and Pathological Anatomy, where she works as a pathologist. She is the author of the Virtual Atlas of Veterinary Pathological Anatomy (<http://atlas-ap.utad.pt>) and co-author of the book "Understanding the Veterinary Forensic Necropsy: an overview of procedures and critical points". She has given seminars and workshops on forensic necropsy at scientific meetings, as well as raising awareness on animal abuse in primary and secondary schools.

## **Isabel Pires**

*Portugal*



**Alice Pereira**  
*Portugal*

Alice Pereira has a PhD in Psychology. She is Assistant Professor at the University of Maia and Adjunct Professor at the Polytechnic Institute of Maia, where she teaches several courses in the field of Psychology. Her main research field of interest is centered on the association between companion animals and human well-being. Within the scope of Maiêutica's Healthy Campus initiative, Alice Pereira is responsible for the Prevention of Risk Behavior, which aims to empower campus communities to promote health, well-being, inclusion and sustainability. She is also responsible for implementing the volunteer program at the University of Maia and the Polytechnic Institute of Maia, involving the entire academic community. She has a strong connection with organizations dedicated to safeguarding animal rights and has been actively involved in assisting animals victims of violence and abandonment as well as in promoting safe adoptions.



**Justina Prada Oliveira**  
*Portugal*

Justina Prada Oliveira, graduated with a degree in Veterinary Medicine from UTAD, a Masters in Legal Medicine from ICBAS and a PhD in Veterinary Sciences from UTAD. Aggregated Assistant Professor at the Department of Veterinary Sciences of UTAD and Deputy Director at the Veterinary Hospital of UTAD. She teaches Pathological Anatomy, Forensic Veterinary Thanatology and Companion Animal Clinic at MIMV-UTAD. She has been working in forensic medicine for over 20 years, participating in training courses, articles and co-author of the book on forensic necropsy "Understanding the Veterinary Forensic Necropsy: an overview of procedures and critical points".



**Daniel Cotrim**  
*Portugal*

Daniel Cotrim has trained in the field of Psychology and works at APAV where he has been Technical Advisor to the Board since 2001 and instructor. Since 1999 he has extensive experience working with people who are victims of crime, especially women and children who have been victims of domestic and sexual violence. He developed, implements and evaluates training courses in the context of supporting victims of crime and violence. He has been Technical Supervisor of the national network of shelters for women and children victims of violence at APAV since 2005. He has been responsible for the Equal Opportunities Unit since 2009.



**Manuel Albano**  
*Portugal*

Manuel Joaquim Pereira Albano has been vice-president of the Commission for Citizenship and Gender Equality (CIG) since October 2020, a position he also held between 2009 and 2011.

Between 2012 and 2020, he was director of services for the Northern delegation of the CIG.

He has been National Reporter for Trafficking in Human Beings since January 2008. Coordinator of the I, II, III and IV National Plan against Trafficking in Human Beings and Focal Point with the OSCE for the issues of Gender Equality and Trafficking in Human Beings.

He has a degree in Social Work from the Porto Institute of Social Service (1993), and has been working in the area of gender equality and women's human rights and gender violence in since 1994.



**Eunice Marcelino**  
*Portugal*

Prosecutor of the Republic

In 2015 and until 2017, she served as head of the Specialized Unit in crimes against animals, in the DIAP of the Court of Setúbal.

Currently placed in the Local Criminal Court of the same Court.

She participated, as a speaker, in several conferences and training courses on this subject, organized by the Center for Judicial Studies, DGAV, Veterinary Medical Association, PSP, GNR, Union of Magistrates of the Public Ministry, Order of Lawyers and the Ombudsman of Lisbon.



**Bruno Branco**  
*Portugal*

Bruno Filipe Branco is a Public Security Police Commissioner with a Masters in Police Science from the Higher Institute of Police Sciences and an Internal Security

Postgraduate in Animal Law from the Faculty of Law of Universidade Nova de Lisboa.

Since 2017 he is the Chief of the Environmental Protection Brigade of the Lisbon Metropolitan Command of the PSP and Coordinator of the PSP Animal Defense Program.

He is a instructor and responsible for organizing various police training in the legal protection of pets.

Instructor of the Course for Keepers of Dangerous and Potentially Dangerous Dogs.



**Alexandra Pereira**  
*Portugal*

Graduated from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the Technical University of Lisbon with a degree in Veterinary Medicine. Masters in Clinical Ethology and Animal Welfare at the Complutense University of Madrid in 2004. Certified in Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in London in 2006. Practiced small animal surgery and clinics at the RSPCA, Greater Manchester Animal Hospital and PDSA, Brighton PDSA Animal Hospital, in the United Kingdom, from 2000 to 2006. She completed several postgraduate courses and graduate courses in health and animal well-being, public health and public administration. She was the Municipal Veterinary of Sintra and Municipal Veterinary Sanitary Authority from 2006 to 2021. She is a guest lecturer at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at the Lusófona University of Humanities and Technology since 2016. Since July 2021 she is the director of the Department of Animal welfare at the Institute for the Conservation of Nature and Forests.



**Maria Dulce Rocha**  
*Portugal*

PROSECUTOR OF THE REPUBLIC, RETEIERED PRESIDENT OF THE CHILD SUPPORT INSTITUTE

As a magistrate, she worked in the Courts of Setúbal, Almada and Lisbon.

She was:

- Coordinator at the Lisbon Juvenile Court;
- Coordinator of the National Commission for Child Rights;
- Member of the Superior Council of the Public Ministry;
- Member of the National Commission to Combat Child Labour;
- President of the National Commission for the Protection of at Risk Children and Youths.

She is a Grand Officer of the Order of Merit and was awarded the Gold Medal for Human Rights by the Assembly of the Republic.



**Marisa Reis**  
*Portugal*

Marisa Reis is a former Municipal Animal Ombudsperson of Lisbon, co-coordinator of the Post-Graduation in Animal Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon, where she is a Researcher.

She is also an Invited Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the Universidade Lusófona and a Guest Assistant at the Higher Institute of Economics and Management of the University of Lisbon.





**Tenente Coronel  
Ricardo Vaz Alves**  
*Portugal*

Head of the Nature and Environment Division of the Nature and Environment Protection Directorate. General Command of the GNR in Lisbon.  
National coordinator for the cooperation with external countries and EUROPOL on environmental crime  
National Operational Coordinator of various actions to combat environmental crime within the scope of EMPACT;  
Promotes investigations of environmental crimes in coordination with other international bodies and agencies;  
GNR Liaison Officer with ANEPC;  
Contact point for monitoring wildlife trafficking;  
Assistant Professor of the Environmental Law Curricular Unit of the Military Academy.



**Anabela Santos Moreira**  
*Portugal*

Has a degree in Veterinary Medicine (1987) and a PhD in Veterinary Science (2001) from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Lisbon, and a Master's degree in Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences (2017) from the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Lisbon. She has specific training in Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology, in Animal Experimentation, in Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences, in Veterinary Medicine and Forensic Science and in Animal Law. She is an assistant professor at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at ULisboa, where she has been teaching since 1987.  
Author/Co-Author of about 50 papers/scientific presentations in the field of Pharmacology, Toxicology and Forensic Veterinary Medicine.



**Nuno Paixão**  
*Portugal*

Veterinary Doctor licensed by UTAD  
Animal Ombudsman of the Municipality of Almada  
Master in Police Science from the Institute of Police Science and Homeland Security  
Master in Strategy from the Higher Institute of Social and Political Sciences  
Postgraduate in Security Management by ISCP SI  
Postgraduate in Information and Security from ISCS P  
Postgraduate in Animal Law from the Faculty of Law of Lisbon  
Researcher at the Police Science Research Center



**Eduardo Quinta Nova**  
*Portugal*

Eduardo Jorge Glória Quinta Nova, graduated from the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon with a degree in Law, and is a lawyer. He held the functions of Legal Technician of the UGT-General Union of Workers between 1992/1995, from 1995 to 2003 he held the functions of Legal Adviser to the Parliamentary Group of the Socialist Party in the Assembly of the Republic, where he also performed the functions of Cabinet Assistant (2003/2008) and Cabinet Chief (2008/2013). In the period 2001/2005 he served as a member of the São Marcos parish assembly, between 2007/2008 as a councillor for the Municipality of Sintra. He currently holds the responsibilities of the Office of Public Health, Food Safety and Veterinary Medicine, Department of Assistance and Organizational Development, Legal Department, Department of Solidarity and Social Innovation in this City Council.



**Ricardo Lobo**  
*Portugal*

Municipal veterinarian of Vila Nova de Cerveira since 2003.  
Clinician for pets and livestock species since 2001.  
President of the National Association of Veterinary Doctors of Municipalities since 2020.  
Chairman of the OMV Northern Regional Council since 2020.



**Mauro Paulino**  
*Portugal*

Consultant Forensic Psychologist at the National Institute of Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences.

Doctoral student in Forensic Psychology at the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences at the University of Coimbra. Master in Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences by the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Lisbon with research in the area of marital violence. Post-graduated in Psychological Consultation, Psychotherapy and Neuropsychology.

Guest lecturer in several national and international universities. Member of the Ethics Commission of the Psychology Research Center at Universidade Autónoma de Lisboa.

Member of the Psychological Assessment and Psychometry Laboratory (PsyAssessmentLab) (FPCE-UC) and of the Research Center of the Center for Cognitive-Behavioral Studies and Intervention (CINEICC).



**Ana Caldeira**  
*Portugal*

Degree in Medicine by the Faculty of Medical Sciences of Lisbon, since 2001.

Graduated Assistant in Pediatrics at Saint Francis Hospital, in Lisbon.

Member of the Medical Hospital Saint Francis Nucleus of Support of Children and Youths at Risk.