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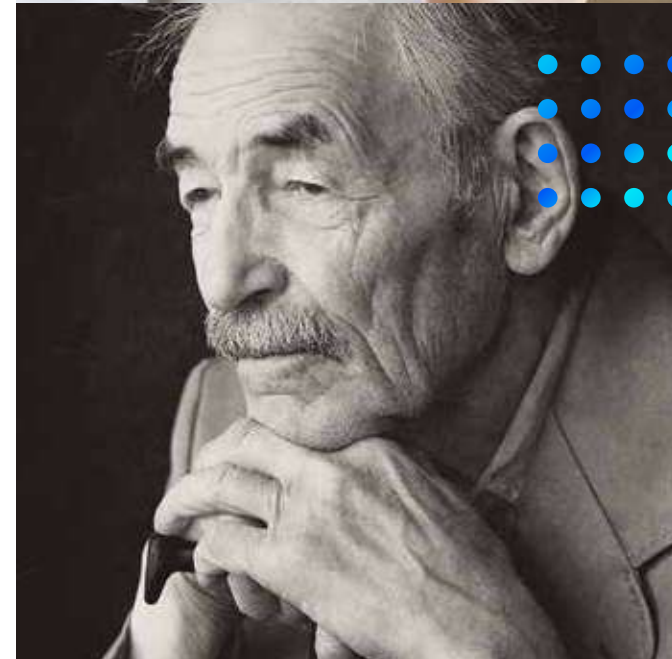
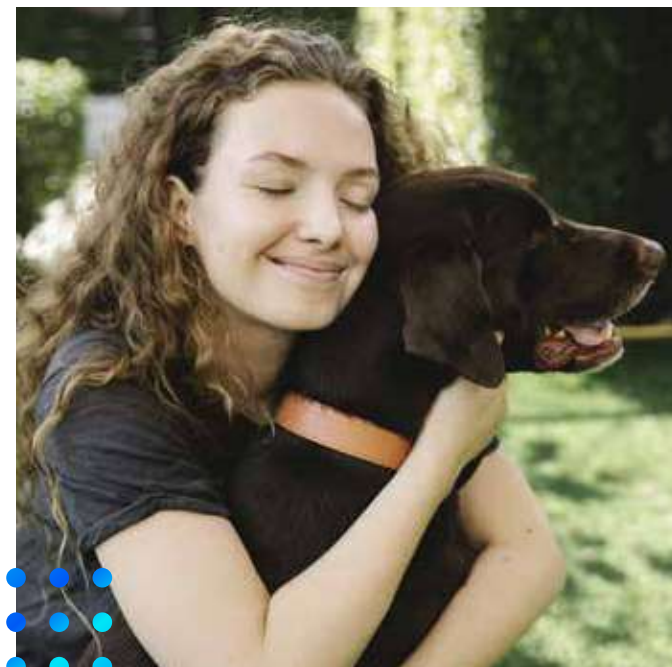


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International Conference

The Link lectures 2nd of June 2023, CCB, Lisbon

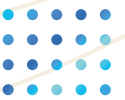
8:00h – 8:45h - Welcome and registration

8:45h - Opening Session

Your Honor the Minister of Environment and Climate Action

– Duarte Cordeiro

Animal Ombudsperson – Laurentina Pedroso



9:00- 11:00h – Session 1

The LINK - The connection between violence against animals and violence among people, International Sharing

The experience in the United States of America, international approaches and the path to preventing future violence

Phil Arkow, USA

The elephant and the ant in the middle of the room - Unconstitutionality

Raúl Farias, Portugal

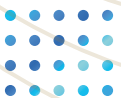
Violence as a phenomenon that cuts across various realities of life

Miguel Carmo, Portugal

Animals and People, the Connection between Violences, a matter of One Health and One Welfare

Laurentina Pedroso, Portugal

10:45 – 11:05h – Coffee Break



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11:05h-13:30h - Session 2

Protecting Victims: International Experiences of Veterinarians, Public Security Forces, Social Services and Justice

Why Veterinarians Must Report Suspicious of Animal Cruelty

Martha Smith-Blackmore, USA

The Link for Prosecuting Attorneys: handling Link cases in the Courtroom, sharing the experience of the USA

Allie Phillips, USA

The Development of awareness of the Link: The Dutch Police Model and other initiatives in The Netherlands

Marie-Jose Enders, The Netherlands

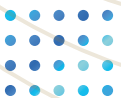
Cooperation in the Netherlands between the police, the Public Prosecution Service and the probation Service in animal welfare criminal cases

Mary Tjalkens, The Netherlands

The Link, Recent legislation in the US, 2021. Reporting requirement: veterinarians, social workers, and others - OHIO House Bill 33

Vicki Deisner, USA

13:30-14:30h – Lunch, included



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14:30 -15:30h - Sessão 3

National Experience of the Authorities – Public Security Forces and Social Services – Roundtable - Situation in Portugal, where we are and where we want to go

Moderators: Isabel Pires and Laurentina Pedroso

Guarda Nacional Republicana (GNR-SEPNA) – Cláudio Saraiva

Polícia de Segurança Pública (PSP) – David Marcos Pereira

Comissão Nacional de Promoção e Proteção dos Direitos das Crianças e dos Jovens (CNPPDCJ) - Maria João Fernandes

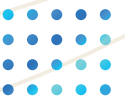
Direção Geral de Alimentação e Veterinária (DGAV) – Susana Pombo

Instituto da Conservação da Natureza e das Florestas (ICNF) – Nuno Banza

Ordem dos Médicos Veterinários (OMV) – Conceição Peleteiro

Instituto Nacional de Investigação Agrária e Veterinária (INIAV) – Patrícia Inácio

Conselho Nacional dos Psicólogos – Mauro Paulino



15:30 – 16:30h - Session 4

Victim protection – Strategies to shelter animals and people in cases of domestic violence

Sheltering Animals and Families Together: Creating Pet-Inclusive Domestic Violence Shelters

Allie Phillips, USA

Animal abuse as a strategy of coercive control. Animal fostering services for families escaping domestic abuse with animals - The UK experience

Mary Wakeham, UK

Sheltering pets of victims of abuse - The Dutch Model

Rianne Haaijema, The Netherlands



Coffee Break – 16:30 – 16:45h

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16:45 –18:00h – Session 4 (continuation)

Victim protection – Strategies to shelter animals and people

Protection for pets of victims of domestic violence – The Portuguese Experience

Manuel Albano, Portugal

Round table - Protecting Victims - Strategies for sheltering Animals and People, where we are and where we want to go

Moderators: Ana Sofia Róis and Laurentina Pedrosa

Grupo de Acção Social Cristã (GASC) – Cristiana Barbosa

Instituto de Apoio à Criança – Dulce Rocha

Projeto de Apoio a Vítimas Indefesas (PRAVI) – Conceição Valdágua

Animalife – Rodrigo Livreiro

Intervenção e Resgate Animal (IRA) – Tomás Pires

União Zoófila – Ana Palha

Liga Portuguesa dos Direitos do Animal (LPDA) – Maria do Céu Sampaio

Associação de Médicos Veterinários Municipais (ANVETEM)– Susana Santos

Instituto da Conservação da Natureza e das Florestas (ICNF) – Alexandra Pereira

18:00h – Closing session



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Laurentina Pedroso

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 Ombudperson since July 2021



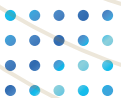
Phil Arkow

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.



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Miguel Ângelo Carmo

Public Prosecutor of the Republic since 1998. He was Advisor to the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic (October 2012 to October 2022).

Since October 2022 he has been a Member for the National Coordination Office of the Attorney General's Office (PGR) called "Office for the Family, Children, Youth, the Elderly and against Domestic Violence".

Member of the Central Authority of the Convention on the International Protection of Adults.

Member and Coordinator of various Working Groups in the areas of domestic violence, human trafficking and accompaniment of adults, with emphasis on the Inter-ministerial Group responsible for the elaboration of the Manual of Functional Performance to be adopted by the Criminal Police Organizations in the 72 hours following the presentation of the complaint of ill-treatment committed in a context of Domestic Violence; new Victims' Statute; new DV Notice; Manual for Completing

the New DV Notice; Database on Violence against Women and Domestic Violence and for the promotion and improvement of the model of risk assessment and reaction of the justice system for children and youth at risk.

He was a lecturer at the Centre for Judicial Studies, and is a member of the juries of the entrance examinations to the Judicial Studies Centre.

He integrates, as representative of the Attorney General's Office, the Technical Commission for Monitoring the Annual Plans for the Prevention and Combating of Trafficking in Human Beings.

TAIEX expert and representative of the Attorney General's Office at GREVIO and GRETA.

Speaker at several conferences in Portugal and abroad.

Certified trainer in hate crimes and violence against women and domestic violence. Currently integrates the body of trainers in the Training Plan for OPC in the areas of Violence against Women and Domestic Violence and Trafficking in Persons.

He has published legal work.



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Raul Farias

Magistrate of the Public Prosecutor's Office. Advisor to the Attorney General of the Republic between 2012 and 2018.

Lecturer at the Centre for Judicial Studies since 2021,

Co-coordinator of postgraduate courses on "Animal Law" at the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon between 2017 and 2022.

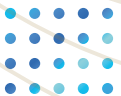


Martha Smith-Blackmore

Dr. Smith-Blackmore is a faculty fellow of the Center for Animals & Public Policy at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, teaching Veterinary Forensics, and Law & Veterinary Medicine, and she is president of a private veterinary forensic consulting firm, Forensic Veterinary Investigations, LLC. She is an associate member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, the National Association of Medical Examiners, the National Sheriffs Association, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police, appointed to their forensic science committee. She serves on the National Institute of Science and Technologies Organization of Scientific Area Committees in the Crime Scene Investigation and

Reconstruction subcommittee and is on the professional advisory committee of the National Link Coalition.

Dr. Smith-Blackmore's forensics career has included working with a variety of police departments, animal control departments and attorneys. She trained for one year at the Office of Chief Medical Examiner in Boston. She is a recent Visiting Fellow in the Brooks McCormick Jr. Animal Law & Policy Program at Harvard Law School. Dr. Smith has contributed to the prosecution of cases of simple animal abuse, intentional abuse & torture, animal sexual abuse and animal fighting. She has also worked as a consulting expert witness for defense teams.



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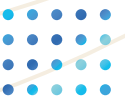
Marie-Jose Enders

Prof. em. dr. Marie-Jose Enders-Slegers is a clinical and health psychologist by training. Her special field of interest is the human-animal bond and animal-assisted interventions in health care and education. Her research topics include: the development of the human-animal bond, the meaning and effects of human-animal interactions and animal-assisted interventions for different groups of vulnerable people (e.g. elderly people, elderly people with dementia, traumatized children, mentally handicapped people, children with behavior problems, veterans with PTSD). She also researched the 'dark

side' of the human-animal relationship: the link between domestic violence and animal abuse.

From 2013 – 2022 she held the position of Professor in Anthrozoology at the Faculty of Psychology, Open University Heerlen, the Netherlands.

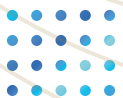
Since 2016 she is serving as President of IAHAIO – International Association of Human Animal Interaction Organizations. She is and was involved in many international and national boards such as the Dutch Association of Animal Protection, International Association of Anthrozoology. She published many articles and book chapters.



Mary Tjalkens

Mary Tjalkens, trained as specialized veterinary assistant and social worker, is working as a probation officer since 2007. She is chairman of a national working group on animal welfare, which she set up in her organization in 2020. The other two probation organizations in the Netherlands joined this working group later. The goal

of the working group is to safeguard and develop attention for animal welfare in the rehabilitation work, as well as strengthening the collaboration between the probation services, the animal police and the Public Prosecutor's Office in the Netherlands, on the issue of animal welfare.



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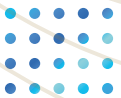
Vicki Deisner

Vicki is Animal Welfare Institute's (AWI) State Government Affairs Representative and successfully passed Ohio HB 33 in the last Ohio legislative session which requires social workers, counselors and veterinarians report animal abuse, and law enforcement, animal control officers and dog wardens report child maltreatment and elder abuse. Vicki has partnered with Phil Arkow – coordinator of the National Link Coalition, Inspector Todd Curtis, Dr. Janet Hoy-Gerlach, and other professionals to conduct hundreds of seminars in Ohio on the implementation of HB 33 and the importance of recognizing the link between animal and human violence in protecting families from escalating violence. Vicki has also participated in annual conferences of My Dog Is My Home, the lead non-profit addressing the homeless and their companion animals, and has presented at the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio on the trend to co-shelter the homeless with their animals. Vicki is currently

assisting other Midwest states with legislation, grant writing and training related to the link between animal and human violence.

Vicki was formerly the Midwest Legislative Director of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, where she was primarily responsible for legislative and advocacy initiatives in the states of Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky. Prior to that she served as the Associate Director of the National Water Resources Campaigns for the National Wildlife Federation in Washington, DC, Executive Director of the Ohio Environmental Council and Ohio Assistant Attorney General, Environmental Enforcement Section in Columbus, Ohio.

Vicki received her J.D. from Salmon P. Chase Law School at Northern Kentucky University, her clinical degree in Respiratory Therapy from the University of Chicago, her M.S in Physiology from the University of Cincinnati, Medical College, and her B.S. in Zoology from The Ohio State University.



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Allie Phillips

Allie Phillips is an author, attorney and advocate for protecting vulnerable victims. As Founder & CEO of the Sheltering Animals & Families Together (SAF-T)[®] Program, she has led the global movement in helping domestic violence shelters to create on-site pet housing. As a result of her groundbreaking work to create safe housing for families with pets, she was the recipient of the 2018 Trailblazer Award from the Urban Resource Institute and 2015 Top Defender of Animals award recipient from the Animal Legal Defense Fund. She is a former prosecuting attorney who worked for the National District Attorneys Association as the Founder/Director of the National Center for Prosecution

of Animal Abuse and Deputy Director of the National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse. She was the Vice President of Public Policy and Vice President of Human-Animal Strategic Initiatives for American Humane Association. With over 27 years of experience in helping animal and human survivors of abuse, she has been educating criminal justice professionals since 1997 and specializing in how animal abuse links to family violence. Her work has been featured on The Today Show, by the Associated Press, and in The Washington Post, USA Today, Denver Post, Cat Fancy Magazine, National Public Radio, and national animal radio talk shows.

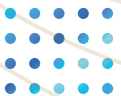


Rianne Haaijema

Rianne Haaijema
(Director Mendoo Foundation)

Studied Animal Management and founded the 'Blijf van mijn Dier' project in 2014. The project turned out to be successful and was transferred to Mendoo foundation in 2019.

The foundation tries to raise awareness in The Netherlands about The Link and the value of pets to children in violent situations. Mendoo collaborates with governmental organisations to offer solutions for both humans and animals.



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Nuno Banza

Nuno Banza, 48 years old, has a degree in Environmental Engineering and a Master in Spatial Planning and Impacts from the Faculty of Science and Technology, New University of Lisbon. PhD candidate in Climate Change and Sustainable Development Policies at the Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon. In the Inspectorate General of Agriculture, Sea, Environment and Spatial Planning (IGAMAOT) he held the position of Sub-Inspector General between March 2013 and May 2014 and Inspector General between May 2014 and May 2019. He represented the National Association of Portuguese Municipalities in the Coordination Group of the National Strategy for Adaptation to Climate Change and in the private sector, he was manager

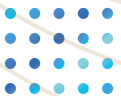
of environmental projects and consultant for several entities in the area of Environmental Impact Assessment. He is author and co-author of several publications in his area of expertise and regular contributor to some newspapers, having been coordinator of the Portuguese case study of the European Project "Participatory Spatial Planning in Europe - PSPE". He is President of the Board of Directors of the Institute for Nature Conservation and Forests, I.P. since May 2019. In this capacity, he ensures the senior management of the Management of Rural Fires at ICNF, assisted by the Directive Council, which also includes a member responsible for the area, on which the services depend functionally.



Cláudio Gonçalves Saraiva

Major in the National Republican Guard (GNR), with a degree in Military Sciences from the Military Academy, qualified for the Senior Officer Promotion Course and the Joint Staff Course at the Military University Institute. He holds a Master's Degree in Integrated Management Systems, a Master's Degree in Law and Security, a Master's Degree in Military and Police Sciences

and a Master's Degree in Military Sciences, Security and Defense. He is Internal Security Auditor and Internal Auditor of Quality Management Systems. He was two years Head of the SEPNA Section of the Territorial Command of Guarda and assumed, on July 7, 2022, the functions of Head of the Nature and Environment Department of the SEPNA Directorate.



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David Marcos Pereira

Subintendant of Public Safety Police, he has held various positions in the police institution and is currently Head of the Strategic Command and Control Centre of the National Directorate, as well as Deputy Head of the Policing and Public Order Division of the Operations Department. He is responsible, among other matters, for the national operational and training coordination in the field of environmental protection.

He has a Doctorate in Climate Change and Sustainable Development Policies from the University of Lisbon and the Nova University of Lisbon (UNL); a Master's Degree in Law and Security from the Faculty of Law/UNL; and a Degree in Police Sciences from the Higher Institute of Police Sciences and Internal Security.



Manuel Joaquim Pereira Albano

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.

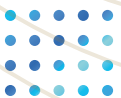
He has a degree in Social Work from the Porto Institute of Social Service (1993), and has been working in the area of gender equality and women's human rights and gender violence in since 1994.



Mary Wakeham

Talented practitioner and researcher committed to social work research and tackling domestic abuse through the provision of high quality services for victim-survivors as well as driving strategy, policy and legislative development in

the field. She is currently Chief Executive Officer for Refuge4Pets in the southwest of the UK, research advisor in the University of Bristol, working as part of a multi-disciplinary research team in the School for Policy Studies



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Isabel Pires

Veterinarian, PhD in Veterinary Sciences, is Professor of Pathology and Forensic Veterinary Medicine at UTAD. She is Director of the Department of Veterinary Sciences and Director of the Histology and Pathology Laboratory, where she works as a pathologist. She is the author of the Virtual Atlas of Veterinary

Pathology (<http://atlas-ap.utad.pt>) and coauthor of the book "Understanding the Veterinary Forensic Necropsy: an overview of procedures and critical points". She has taught seminars and workshops on forensic necropsy in scientific meetings, as well as awareness actions on animal abuse in primary and secondary schools.



Susana Pombo

Director-General of Food and Veterinary since August 2020, held the position of Director of Services of the Directorate of Food and Veterinary Services of the Lisbon and Tagus Valley Region, of the Directorate-General of Food and Veterinary from November 2012 to October 2019. Appointed as: alternate member of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) in September 2022, member of the Steering Board of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Animal Welfare Platform for Europe in May 2021. She is coordinator of the Animal Welfare Working Group for the evaluation of the implementation of Law

no. 27/2016. Appointed delegate of Portugal to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), in August 2020. Appointed delegate of Portugal to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), (2011-2012). Held the position of Director-General of the Directorate-General of Veterinary (DGV) in the periods 2010 and 2011. Held the post of Head of Division of Animal Identification, Registration and Licensing of Holdings, DGV, in 2008 and 2009. Held the position of Head of Division of Veterinary Intervention of Ribatejo, in the Regional Directorate of Agriculture of Ribatejo e Oeste (DRARO) in 2006 and 2007.



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Maria João Rodrigues Fernandes

Doctoral student in Education at the Lusófona University. Master in Public Management and Degree in Law from the Faculty of Law, University of Coimbra. Post graduation in Protection of Minors. Higher Course in Legal Medicine. Training Program in Public Management - CAGEP, the Training Program in Public Management - FORGEP and Senior Management Seminar. She is since August 1, 2019 Vice President of the National

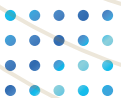
Commission for the Promotion of Rights and Protection of Children and Youth Was President of the Commission for the Protection of Children and Youth of Vila Real. He was an officer of the Municipality of Vila Real in the areas of Social Action and Health. She was a leader in IGFSS, IP. She is a Family Mediator. She is a Mentor at INA, IP. Speaker in seminars, conferences and workshops and lecturer in master courses.



Maria da Conceição Valdágua

Currently she is Professor of Criminal Law at the Lusíada University of Lisbon, President of the Board of PRAVI - Project to Support Helpless Victims. From 1999 to March 2023, Conceição Valdágua was Secretary of the Commission for Special Witness Protection Programs, and was also a researcher at the "Institut für die Gesamten Strafrechtswissenschaften" of the University of Munich (1985 to 2015). She has collaborated as a lecturer of Criminal Law in several postgraduate courses on Animal Law organized by the Center for Private Law Research

of the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon; she lectured Criminal Law in all postgraduate courses and access to the Judiciary courses organized by the Lusíada University of Lisbon. She is the author of several studies on Criminal Law and Animal Law, published in Portugal, Germany, Spain, Argentina, Brazil and Cape Verde; she has been a speaker in several Conferences on Animal Abuse in Portugal and Brazil; she is also Consultant of JPM Advogados in the areas of Criminal Law and Animal Law.



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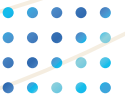
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Conceição Peleteiro

Conceição Peleteiro, was born in Lisbon in 1954. In 1976, she obtained a degree in Veterinary Medicine from the School of Veterinary Medicine, now Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (FMV) of the University of Lisbon (UL). In 1987, she obtained the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Stirling, United Kingdom. From 1996 to 2021, she was a Professor at FMV in the discipline of Pathological Anatomy, having retired as a Full

Professor. She was Vice-Rector of the Technical University of Lisbon (1996-1999 and 2011) and Vice-President of the Foundation for Science and Technology (2003-2004). Research Areas – Veterinary pathology: Oncology (bladder and skin neoplasms). She is a member of the European College of Veterinary Pathology since 1996. She is a corresponding member of the Academy of Sciences of Lisbon.

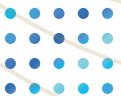


Patrícia Inácio

Degree in Veterinary Medicine, Master in Veterinary Public Health, Postgraduate Degree in Emerging Infectious Diseases, and PhD student in Sustainability Sciences at the University of Lisbon.

Member of the Board of Directors of INIAV since January

2020, responsible for laboratory areas, including the National Reference Laboratories in the areas of animal health, plant health and food safety. Since December 2020 he has been coordinating the Strategic Unit of Research and Services in Animal Production and Health.



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Cristiana Barbosa

Psychologist, graduated in Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences - University of Porto (FPCEUP), Victim Support Technician and post graduated in Forensic Psychological Assessment. Already performed functions in the context of shelters for women victims of domestic violence and since september 2021 is responsible for the

project "CorAção com Voz" (heart with voice)- psychological support response for children and young people victims of domestic violence, promoted by GASC - Christian Social Action Group, based in Barcelos, Braga. Also collaborates with GEAV - Centre for Research and Intervention with Victims and Offenders from FPCEUP.



Dulce Rocha

PROSECUTOR
OF THE REPUBLIC, RETEIRED
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.



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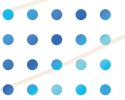
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Rodrigo Livreiro

Graduated in Marketing Management from IPAM in 2007. Social entrepreneur, having attended several courses related to Communication in Organizations, Advertising, Marketing, Public Relations, Fundraising, Financial Sustainability and Brand Management. Founder and Chairman of the Board of Animalife (2011), a nationwide animal-social support association dedicated to fighting animal abandonment. Founder of BSA

- Banco Solidário Animal (2012). Participates in the planning and organization of the International Fair of animal welfare Petfestival (FIL). In 2015 was distinguished by Notícias Magazine with the title of Portuguese Extraordinary - "O Cuidador". Founder of the Project "Vet in the Street" (2021), which aims to implement responses of social and veterinary support, considering social intervention as a whole to all elements of the family. Trainer and lecturer in the Social-Animal area.



Susana Santos

In 1999 obtained a degree in Veterinary Medicine from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of Lisbon (FMV), University of Lisbon.

Municipal Veterinarian of Amadora since 2001.

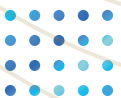
Is currently developing her master's thesis in the area of forensic veterinary medicine.



Tomás Pires

Founder and President of the board of Intervenção e Resgate Animal (IRA). Most relevant formation: USAR (Urban Search & Rescue), BREC (Search and Rescue in Collapsed Structures), STPC (Technical Rope Rescue),

BSAFE by ONU - United Nations Organization, Animal Well-being by ICNF - Instituto da Conservação da Natureza e das Florestas. Post-Graduation in Animal Law by FDL - Lisbon Law School.



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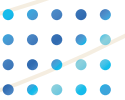
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Ana Palha

Volunteer for over 20 years in União Zoófila and currently on the Board, with extensive experience in fundraising and rescue processes of animals at risk. Member of the organizing committee and first subscriber of the Petition In defense of the law that criminalizes mistreatment - Mistreating an animal must be a crime in Portugal. Collaborates actively and pro bono in the construction and modernization of Shelter facilities of Portuguese Zoophile Associations, as well as in the

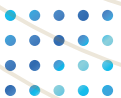
access of these to support and fundraising funds. Collaborates with Red Panda Romania. Delegate of the III International Training Programme (ITP), Improving Animal welfare internationally, promoted by Dogs Trust Worldwide (2021). Member of the EU Dog & Cat Alliance. Attended the III Post-Graduation Course on Animal Law at the Lisbon Law School. Degree in Architecture with Master in Urban Planning and Territorial Management; since 2003 in CMOeiras.



Ana Sofia Rois

Ana Sofia da Silva Valbordo Rois, 40 years old, born in São Martinho, Sintra, lives in the municipality of Mafra. PhD in Biology from the University of Lisbon, she has been a university professor at Universidade Lusófona since 2009 and a researcher at the Instituto Superior de Agronomia. Environmental activist and animal rights defender,

she is currently executive director of Associação Animais de Rua, where she joined in 2009 and, from early on, participated in the growth and successes of the association. She currently represents the Association Street Animals at the Pan-European Organization, Eurogroup for Animals, in the working group Cats and Dogs.



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Maria do Céu Sampaio

She has been a collaborator of the LPDA (Portuguese League for Animal Rights) since 1981, holding the position of President since 1987. She was a founder of the Portuguese Confederation of Environmental Associations, and has been a member of its governing bodies since then.

She represented LPDA in the Advisory Committee on Animal Experimentation, appointed by the Ministry of Agriculture. Represented the Portuguese Confederation of Environmental Associations in the Portuguese Social Forum. Represented LPDA at the Eurogroup for

Animal Welfare for 10 years. She was a member of the working group of the CPADA for the preparation of the Portuguese representation at the Rio de Janeiro Summit and of the working group for the attribution of the Ecolabel.

She has promoted and participated in colloquiums and debates on Animal Welfare and Environment at various levels of education.

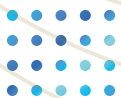
She is coordinator of the LPDA Zoophile Institute Quinta Carbone, in Tercena, and AMIAMA, in Amadora.



Mauro Paulino

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).



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Alexandra Pereira

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.

