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Professional Development Project

PROSECUTING ANIMAL CRUELTY IN SOUTH AFRICA

The interplay between the Criminal Procedure Act
and the Animals Protection Act

PRESENTED ONLINE VIA ZOOM

DATES

5 to 7 October
2026

TIME

09:00 to 11:00
SAST

COURSE DURATION

6 hours
over 3 days

COURSE FEE

R3,300 per delegate
Includes any course materials. Full payment
must be received 3 days before course starts.

Gain a deep understanding of how animal cruelty is prosecuted within South Africa's legal framework.

This course explores the Animals Protection Act and its interaction with the Criminal Procedure Act, including how cases are initiated, investigated, and tried. Learn how evidence is gathered, how charges are laid, and how cases are argued in court. The course also addresses legal loopholes, common challenges in enforcement, and current reform efforts to improve animal protection through strategic litigation and legislative change.

Ideal course for legal professionals (attorneys & advocates), animal welfare professionals, prosecutors.

PRESENTED BY:

Lisa V. Thomas - Advocate; AHAWA Legal Counsel

Michelle Wolmarans - Chief Inspector, Founder of Agency for Human and Animal Welfare and Empowerment (AHAWA)

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DIGITAL CERTIFICATE
OF ATTENDANCE
[ON ATTENDING
THE ENTIRE COURSE]

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