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Professional Development Project

THE ANIMALS PROTECTION ACT 71 OF 1962

A deep dive into the legal tools for animal welfare
in South Africa

PRESENTED ONLINE VIA ZOOM

DATES

13 to 16 October
2025

TIME

14:00 to 16:00
SAST

COURSE DURATION

8 hours
over 4 days

COURSE FEE

R3,960 per delegate
Includes any course materials. Full payment
must be received 3 days before course starts.

This course offers a comprehensive exploration of the Animals Protection Act (APA), from its historical roots to its current enforcement challenges.

Learn how the APA defines cruelty, outlines offenses, and empowers SPCA inspectors. Examine real cases, legal procedures, and collaboration with law enforcement. You'll also explore gaps in the law, constitutional questions, and international comparisons. A must for anyone interested in strengthening legal protections for animals and understanding the global shift toward recognising animal sentience and welfare rights.

Ideal course for legal professionals (attorneys & advocates), local government officials, and 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)

Colette Barnard - a multi disciplinary professional with over fourteen years experience in the animal welfare sector, law enforcement, education, public engagement, and nonprofit leadership.

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DIGITAL CERTIFICATE
OF ATTENDANCE
[ON ATTENDING
THE ENTIRE COURSE]

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