



ANIMAL DEFENSE PARTNERSHIP – SPRING 2020 NEWSLETTER

We at Animal Defense Partnership hope that all of you are staying healthy and safe. We have urged our clients - and urge them here - to reach out to us with any issues or questions – on Covid-19 or otherwise – and we are circulating resource materials on relief efforts to help our clients continue their extraordinary work on behalf of the animals. Our amazing clients are still engaged in hands-on work and many positive initiatives to protect animals everywhere during this difficult time.

JUST A FEW OF OUR RECENT CLIENT PROJECTS

Anyone watching the Netflix show “Tiger King” may be surprised at the lack of regulation over backyard wildlife breeders and private owners, and the “roadside zoos” where these animals live in deplorable conditions and are exploited for entertainment.

ADP represents both *Tigers in America* (www.tigersinamerica.org) and the *Big Cat Sanctuary Alliance* (www.bigcatalliance.org). Since its inception in 2011 *Tigers in America* has rescued and relocated more than 300 tigers and other big cats to 25 accredited sanctuaries. TIA cites the shocking statistic that there are more captive tigers in the US than live in the wild worldwide, explaining “This is an American problem of animal abuse, not a wildlife conservation problem.” ADP has assisted TIA with surrender and transfer agreements as well as intellectual property matters. Founded in 2017, *Big Cat Sanctuary Alliance* has 21 member organizations including 16 sanctuaries, and speaks with a unified voice on issues including the exotic pet trade and use of big cats for entertainment, while supporting and strengthening both current and prospective member sanctuaries in advancing animal care standards. ADP represents BCSA and has provided legal review of its surrender and transfer documents.



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ProVeg (www.proveg.com) is an international food awareness organization working to replace conventional animal agriculture with plant-based and cultivated alternatives. ADP is working with *ProVeg International, Inc.* ("PVI"), a non-profit, the mission of which is to coordinate *ProVeg*'s efforts across several countries, requiring legal advice on intellectual property, data privacy and tax regulations on fundraising. ADP also is assisting *PVI* with tax advice about investments in vegan food start-up companies.

ADP recently helped incorporate *Strategies for Ethical and Environmental Development, Inc.* ("SEED"), and is now assisting *SEED* to apply for status as a 501(c)(3) charity. *SEED* is a women-led effective animal advocacy and environmental organization focused on capital-intensive industrial animal agriculture, while advocating for a global shift toward a plant-based food system, which is fair and sustainable for both animals, people, and the planet.

Pasado's Safe Haven ("PSH") (www.pasadosafehaven.org) was founded in Washington State in 1997 after a beloved local donkey, Pasado, died from abuse by teenage boys. *PSH* investigates animal cruelty crimes and provides sanctuary and rehabilitation to dogs, cats and farmed animals rescued from abuse and neglect. *PSH* also engages with thousands of people each year through education and advocacy initiatives designed to reduce animal suffering and grow compassion. ADP recently helped *PSH* partner with a veterinarian office to rescue animals from unnecessary euthanasia.

The mission of ADP client *Encompass* (www.encompassmovement.org) is "to increase effectiveness in the animal protection movement by fostering greater racial diversity, equity, and inclusion while empowering advocates of color." ADP's recent support of *Encompass* includes helping them draft internal policies as well as external contracts as it expands its work.

FARM SANCTUARIES' COLLABORATION

Sweet Farm's Goat-2-Meeting. Sweet Farm (www.sweetfarm.org), an innovative California animal sanctuary, saves farm animals and educates visitors about the impacts of factory farming across animals, plants and the planet. Sweet Farm has started a wonderful service – [Goat-2-Meeting](#) – that enables you to have a farm animal join your next video call! We're pleased to report that ADP clients Catskill Animal Sanctuary and Woodstock Farm Sanctuary are collaborating with Sweet Farm on this project. Participating will help support these and Sweet Farm's other partner sanctuaries and will no doubt make for your participants' best – or at least most memorable – video call of the week.

Photo Courtesy of Sweet Farm



NEW BOOK FROM ADP CLIENT WE ANIMALS MEDIA!

HIDDEN: Animals in the Anthropocene is an unflinching book of photography about our conflict with non-human animals around the globe. Through the lenses of thirty award-winning photojournalists, led by Jo-Anne McArthur, HIDDEN shines a light on the invisible animals in our lives; those with whom we have a close relationship and yet fail to see. They are the animals we eat and wear. The animals we use for research, work, and for entertainment, as well as the animals we sacrifice in the name of tradition and religion. [More Detail and Ordering Information.](#) ADP is proud to be supporting and advising We Animals Media's operations in the United States.



MARY DULKA, ADP SENIOR COUNSEL, FEATURED IN PUBLIC INTEREST PROFILE

Our Senior Counsel, Mary Dulka, was recently featured in Practical Law The Journal's series of Public Interest Profiles. You can review the article [here](#) to learn more about Mary and ADP's work.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

ADP has built a strong network of exceptional volunteer attorneys. And, as our client base and work continue to expand, we have openings for additional highly skilled attorneys committed to our cause. If you wish to explore volunteering at ADP, we encourage you to [email us](#).

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We are grateful for any financial support you can provide so that ADP can continue offering free legal services and help our clients help animals. **Donations can [be made here](#).**

Please stay safe and be sure to call on us for any legal or operational needs. We mean it! And, no, you are not “bothering” us. It’s why we’re here.

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