Hastings Animal Law Society – A Student Chapter of the Animal Legal Defense Fund

Bylaws

Article One. Name.
The name of this organization shall be Hastings Animal Law Society - A Student Chapter of the Animal Legal Defense Fund (hereinafter referred to as HALS).

Article Two. Purpose.
HALS is dedicated to providing a forum for education, advocacy, and scholarship aimed at protecting the lives and advancing the interests of animals through the legal system, and raising the profile of the field of animal law.

HALS is dedicated to the goals of educating the law school and surrounding community about forms of institutionalized animal abuse, and engaging in projects that combat that abuse. HALS is equally dedicated to protecting the lives and advancing the interests of animals through the legal system.

The activities of HALS shall include, but not be limited to: hosting speakers, debates, and conferences on current issues in animal rights and animal welfare law; carrying out research projects for lawyers and organizations promoting animal welfare and animal rights litigation; networking with students at other law schools, colleges, universities, and high schools; conducting educational events such as information tables and video screenings on pertinent issues; and advocacy on behalf of vegetarian/vegan students within our law school.

Article Three. Criteria for Membership.
Membership in HALS shall be open to all students currently enrolled in UC Hastings College of the Law, regardless of gender, race, creed, age, color, national origin, physical disability, or sexual orientation. Individual membership in the Animal Legal Defense Fund is encouraged but not required for all HALS members.

Article Four. Officers.
The Officers of HALS shall consist of a board not to exceed 4 members, including an ALDF liaison. The ALDF liaison will be responsible for communicating with the designated contact person at the Animal Legal Defense Fund. Qualifications for persons who are eligible to serve as officers of HALS are as follows:

• registration as a student at UC Hastings College of the Law;
• membership in HALS;
• attendance at a minimum of two meetings of HALS;
• agreement to uphold the goals and purposes of HALS, and to comply with the mission and goals of the Animal Legal Defense Fund.

In the event that an officer, for whatever reason, expected or unexpected, is unable to continue in the capacity of their office, the vacant office shall be filled within two weeks.

Article Five. Elections.
Officers shall be elected each school year by a majority vote of the membership of HALS, shall serve a term of one year, and may be reelected. In the event that no candidate attracts the requisite number of votes for election, a run-off shall be held between the two candidates with the highest number of votes.

Students interested in serving as officers shall so inform the HALS no later than one week prior to the election. In electing officers, each member shall have one vote.

Article Six. Meetings.
Regular meetings of HALS shall be held at least once each semester. Decisions at meetings shall be made by a majority of the members, with every present party agreeing to, dissenting to, or
Article Seven. Affiliation with the Animal Legal Defense Fund.

Activities of the HALS shall at all times be consistent with the mission of the Animal Legal Defense Fund (hereinafter "ALDF"). No litigation will be initiated, endorsed, or supported on the name of HALS, without prior approval of ALDF. All public policy positions taken by HALS shall be consistent with the mission of ALDF: "to protect the lives and advance the interests of animals." HALS will not purport to speak for ALDF or commit it to any position on any matter of public policy or law on behalf of ALDF without ALDF's prior written consent.

Article Eight. Amendments.

Any two current members shall be entitled to propose amendments. Proposed amendments shall be consistent with these By-Laws, and shall be communicated to the ALDF and all current HALS board members, who shall schedule a meeting for the purpose of approving these amendments. If the date of submission of these amendments is near the date of a regular or special board meeting, then no additional meeting need be scheduled. A two-thirds majority of the entire membership must be voted on any amendments to this constitution.