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Jenny Edwards is a criminologist and independent researcher specializing in animal sexual abuse issues. Edwards guest lectures for university and college criminal justice and human-animal studies programs, and has developed animal cruelty training programs for the Washington Criminal Justice Training Center, the University of Missouri Law Enforcement Training Institute, and multiple statewide animal control associations. A certified animal control officer and animal cruelty investigator, Edwards previously managed a large animal shelter for seven years and has been personally involved in the rehabilitation of sexually abused animals.

Edwards has been honored for her work on high-profile bestiality cases, and appeared in the film "*Zoo"* documenting the death of a Washington man after a sexual encounter with a horse. She has contributed to criminology and veterinary books and publications, and has authored numerous articles on animal cruelty, equine cruelty investigations, and animal sex-abuse related topics.

In conjunction with the Humane Research Council and the University of Minnesota, Edwards is currently supervising a large-scale study of nearly 500 adjudicated cases of animal sex abuse throughout United States over the past forty years. The results of *Understanding Zoosexualism: Prevalence, Impact, and Links to Criminal Behavior* (working title*)* is expected be an important contribution to the welfare and protection of animals in the US and beyond.