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Education

Current: University of Washington, Ph.D. candidate, Behavioral Science
University of Kentucky – Masters work, Law and Criminology
Purdue University - B.S. Accounting with minor in Psychology

Certifications and Continuing Education

Forensics in Animal Investigations – Forensic Technology Center of Excellence, National Institute of Justice, 2017
Criminal Justice - Centre for Interdisciplinary Justice Studies, Winnipeg, Canada, 2015
Basic Forensics, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, 2014
Legal Investigations, LMI Professional Investigations, Seattle WA, 2010
Animal Cruelty Investigations - Law Enforcement Training Institute, University of Missouri, course completed 2010
Ritual Crimes, Large Scale Investigations - Washington Animal Control Association Conference, course completed 2009
Animal Cruelty Investigator, Criminal Justice Training Commission, Washington State Basic Law Enforcement Academy, Des Moines WA, 2005

Professional Associations:

American Psychology-Law Society, 2016 to present
American Society of Criminology, 2011 to present
National Coalition of Independent Scholars – 2013 to present
Institute for Critical Animal Studies, Board of Directors, 2013
Washington Animal Control Association, Board of Directors, 2004-2009

Employment History:

2010-Present: Independent Researcher and Consultant, Chandler Edwards, Seattle WA
2013-Present: Guest Instructor, Veterinary Social Work continuing education course, University of Tennessee, College of Veterinary Medicine, Knoxville TN
2001-2010: Executive Director, Hope For Horses Humane Society, Snohomish WA
1993-1997: Group Product Manager, Microsoft, Seattle WA
1980-1993: Marketing Manager, Business Partnership Program, IBM, Lexington KY and Houston TX

Recent Interviews and Podcasts:

Animal Cross France – [Prevalence and impact of bestiality](#) – an interview for French Parliament on research findings when considering legislative changes in sex abuse laws

The Humane Roundup – a podcast for law enforcement and humane officers: [Episode 85 on prevalence, state laws, links to other criminal behavior, and investigating animal sex abuse](#)

Dogpatch Press – an online publication for the furry community: [On issues of consent, sexuality, profiling, future trends .in animal sex abuse offending](#)

CoPPA – International association of abuse prevention professionals: [Policing and prevention of animal sex abuse in Latin America and Spain](#)

Publications, including Book Chapter Contributions:

Edwards, M. J. (2019). [Arrest and prosecution of animal sex abuse \(bestiality\) offenders in the United States, 1975-2015](#). Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law. Vol 47 (2).

Ferdowsian, H. Dignity (2018). *Phoenix Zones: Where strength is born and resilience lives*. (121-136). Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.

Edwards, J. (2016). Heavy Petting. In Pierce, J. *Run, Spot, Run: The Ethics of Keeping Pets*. University of Chicago Press. Chicago, IL

Lunghofer, L. (2015). Social responses to animal maltreatment offenders: Cruelty and sexual abuse. In *Animal Maltreatment: Forensic Mental Health Issues and Evaluations*. Edited by Levitt, L., Patronek, G., and Grisso, T. New York. Oxford University Press.

Edwards, J. (2015). *Understanding Bestiality and Social Response to Offenders*. Academia.edu.

Edwards, J. (2013). *The Link between Bestiality and Human Sexual Offending*. Academia.edu.

Tiplady, C. (2012). Animal Abuse Studies and Treatment: Sexual abuse of animals. In *Animal Abuse: Helping animals and people* (pp 158-160, 219-221). CABI Boston, Massachusetts, Publisher. 2012.

Edwards, M. J., (Apr., 2012). *Sex, Lies, and Videotape: Investigating animal sexual assaults*. Presentation, Law Enforcement Training Conference, Washington State Crime Prevention Association, Walla Walla WA.

Edwards, J., (Aug. 2011). *Animal Sex Abuse: What you can do about it*. Flying Changes Magazine.

Edwards, J., (Apr. 2011). *Why a National Registry for Animal Abusers is Important*. Horsetalk of New Zealand.

Edwards, J., (Fall, 2010). *Is that all there is? Why animal cruelty cases are rarely investigated and seldom prosecuted*. Animal Justice Magazine.

Edwards, J. (2008). *Animal Love Gone Wrong*. Neon Magazine, Germany, April 2008

Current Research Projects

Edwards, M. J. *Bestiality as a form of human-animal interaction* (working title). Accepted for publication, Social Sciences Journal, Special Ed. Fall, 2022.

Edwards, M. J. and Pement, J. *Serial animal cruelty, zoosadism, and necrobstantiality* (working title). Research underway, January, 2022.

Randell, M. and Edwards, M.J. *Adjudication of animal pornography in the U.K., the U.S., and Canada* (working title). Anticipated publication Spring 2022.

Course Development and Teaching Experience

University of Florida, Veterinary Forensics

University of Tennessee, School of Veterinary Medicine, *Animal Sexual Abuse for the Veterinary Social Work professional*

Washington State Bar Association CLE Coursebook 15803, Seattle WA, *Past, Present, Future: An historical overview of bestiality laws*.

University of Missouri, Law Enforcement Training Institute, *Grant Seeking for Nonprofit Animal Welfare Agencies*

Conference Presentations

The Humane Roundup Pawcast –[*What enforcement and protection officers should know if bestiality is suspected.*](#) Online podcast July 18, 2021.

Broward County Crime Commission –*Mandated reporting and cross-discipline teams in bestiality investigations*: Webinar April 8, 2021

Edwards, M. J. *Bestiality: The Dark Side of the Human-Animal Bond*. (2017) Veterinary Wellness and Social Work Summit CEU Workshop “The Link Between Human and Animal Violence,” Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges, University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN, March 2017

National District Attorneys Association (2014). *Understanding and Prosecuting Bestiality*. Jan. 2014 [Webinar Series]. Retrieval from http://www.ndaa.org/animal_abuse_archived_webinars.html

Edwards, M. J. and Hoffman, Jeremy T., *Bestiality in America: What enforcement officers and sexual assault detectives need to know*. Arizona Professionals Animal Cruelty Taskforce; a Link Coalition, Scottsdale, Arizona, April 2014

Edwards, M. J. and Kiernan, B., *Understanding Zoosexualism: Prevalence, impact, and links to criminal behavior*, University of Tennessee, School of Social Work, International Veterinary Social Work Summit, Knoxville, Tennessee, April 2013

Edwards, M. J., *Profile of a PETophile*®: *Recognizing Animal Sex Abuse*, Criminal Investigations Division, Puget Sound Police Department, Mount Vernon, Washington, June 2012

Edwards, M. J. and Chandler, T., *Animal Sexual Abuse Investigations for Law Enforcement Officers*, HK9 Academy, Texas Association of Animal Control Officers, February 2010

Chandler, T, and Edwards, M. J. (2009). *Extreme Animal Cruelty Investigations for Law Enforcement Officers*, course developed for the Law Enforcement Training Institute, University of Missouri, 2009

Animal Protection and Wellness Expo – featured speaker: *Dark secrets & stolen lives: the link between bestiality and human sex trafficking*. Virtual conference October 28-29, 2020

New Mexico Conference – *The Link Between bestiality and human violence*, Albuquerque NM, Sept. 9-10, 2019.

Intersection of Psychology and Law in Bestiality Cases. Peer-reviewed paper presentation by Edwards, M. J. and Seigfried-Spellar, K. C. Annual Conference, American Psychology-Law Society. Seattle, Washington. March 16-18, 2017

It's Criminal: 40 years of bestiality in America. Paper presentation by Edwards, M. J. and Seigfried-Spellar, K C., 72nd Annual Meeting - The Many Colors of Crime and Justice, The American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 16-19, 2016

Bestiality: How Illegal Should it be? Paper presentation, Placing Justice conference, Centre for Interdisciplinary Justice Studies, Winnipeg, Canada, May 9-11, 2016

Sex, Lies, & Videotape: Bestiality 101 for Academic Activists, Power Point presentation at Institute for Critical Animal Studies conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 2013