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Education and Focus

Areas of expertise –Criminology and Law; Deviant sexual behavior
University of Kentucky, concentration in law and psychology
Purdue University, concentration in finance and accounting
University of Washington, concentration in criminology

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, 2010
Ritual Crimes and Large-Scale Investigations - Washington Animal Control Association Conference, 2009
Animal Cruelty Investigations, 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, 2013-2015
Washington Animal Control Association, Board of Directors, 2004-2009

Employment History:

2010-Present: Criminal Justice Consultant, Chandler Edwards, Seattle WA
2013-2020: 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, mainframe and personal computer interconnectivity technology, 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](#) – interview filmed for French Parliament on research findings when considering legislative changes in sex abuse law

The Humane Roundup – 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., (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 and interests

Animal torture and sexual sadism –in progress, Spring 2024

Animal Sex Offenders: Behavior, risk assessment, and comparison to human sex offenders – manuscript in progress – planned, Fall 2024

Course Development

Washington Criminal Justice Training Commission, *Animal sex abuse investigation training for enforcement officers*. Humane Officer Enforcement Academy, September 2022. This 8-hour course has been modified and conducted for enforcement officers in 23 states as 2023.

University of Florida, Veterinary Forensics, *Animal Sex Abuse Crime Scene Investigation*, May 2021

University of Tennessee, School of Veterinary Medicine, *Animal Sexual Abuse for the Veterinary Social Work professional* – 2014 (upgraded annually)

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, *Extreme Animal Cruelty Investigations for Law Enforcement Officers*, Chandler, T, and Edwards, M. J. (2009).

Conference Presentations

Minnesota Office of Justice Programs Conference on Crime and Victimization, May 2022.
Edwards, M.J., Olsen, A., and Frederickson, R. *Animal cruelty places humans at risk: Victim advocacy in animal cruelty cases*.

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

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

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

American Psychology-Law Society. *The intersection of psychology and law in bestiality cases*. Peer-reviewed paper presentation by Edwards, M. J. and Seigfried-Spellar, K. C. at Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington. March 16-18, 2017.

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

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

Institute for Critical Animal Studies conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 2013. Edwards, M. J. *Sex, Lies, & Videotape: Bestiality 101 for Academic Activists*,

University of Tennessee Colleges of Veterinary Medicine and Social Work, March 2017. 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"

National District Attorneys Association, Webinar series, Jan. 2014). Edwards, M. J. *Understanding and Prosecuting Bestiality*.
http://www.ndaa.org/animal_abuse_archived_webinars.html

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

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

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