

“Understanding and Responding to Animal Cruelty in Oregon”

Practical legal guidance and field coordination for veterinary professionals

Event Details

RSVP	rvvma2@gmail.com
Date	Tuesday, October 7, 2025
Schedule	Registration – 6:30 PM Dinner & Presentation – 7:00 PM
Location	Black Bear Diner Grants Pass 1900 NW 6th St, Grants Pass, OR 97526 Dinner will be provided
Continuing Education	1.5 hr CE for Oregon (mention in RSVP if you need a certificate)

You will learn:

- Oregon’s statewide animal cruelty laws, including definitions, statutes, and related caselaw.
- How pre-trial forfeiture allows agencies to care for seized, mistreated animals.
- Mandatory reporting requirements and permissive reporting protections for Oregon veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- The process of seizing and impounding animals subject to cruelty, and how you can best assist law enforcement and animal services on these cases.
- How to communicate effectively with law enforcement, animal services, and prosecutors, and what to expect if you are involved in a criminal case.

Presented by

Jake Kamins, Animal Cruelty Resource Prosecutor,
Senior Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Justice Division,
Oregon Department of Justice

Jake Kamins is a Senior Assistant Attorney General and Animal Cruelty Resource Prosecutor at the Oregon Department of Justice. He began his career in 2009 at the Multnomah County District Attorney’s Office. In 2013, Jake became the nation’s first statewide animal cruelty prosecutor, working throughout Oregon. Since then, he has prosecuted hundreds of cases and trained law enforcement, animal services, and rescue agencies nationwide.

Jake also teaches the “Crimes Against Animals” class at Lewis & Clark Law School. In 2023, the Oregon legislature created the Animal Cruelty Resource Prosecutor position at DOJ, largely due to Jake’s advocacy.

His awards include Top Ten Animal Defenders (2012) and the Bill Lehman Memorial Award (2022). Jake lives in Portland with his wife, children, cats, and a saltwater fish tank.

Hosted by the Rogue Valley Veterinary Medical Association
Attendance: Members – Free | Non-Members – \$40 per person