



INVITATION TO 'DOG LAW TOOLKIT' LAUNCH

**MOOT COURT ROOM, LAW SCHOOL, QUEENS
UNIVERSITY BELFAST 1-3.30PM MONDAY 24 JUNE 2024***

Professor Marie Fox and Dr Sarah Singh are delighted to invite you to an end of project event we are hosting at QUB Law School in collaboration with the Charity Law and Policy Unit at the University of Liverpool.

This event aims to disseminate findings and legal resources from a research project we have undertaken. It examines the role of legal regulation in increasing animal welfare standards and offering reassurance to the public about governance of the dog rescue sector in the UK. Funded by Research England and the Economic and Social Sciences Research Council (Impact funding), this research was conducted in collaboration with charities and NGOs including A-LAW, Battersea, Causeway Coast Dog Rescue, the Kennel Club, and the USPCA. The project has solicited views of smaller rescues across the UK about regulation of the rescue sector. (To learn more about the early stages of the research see socialandlegalstudies.wordpress.com/tag/socio-legal-studies/).

A key finding from our research has been the absence of a specialist legal sector in Northern Ireland able to offer advice to members of the public and/or rescue organisations. A key output from our project will be an online 'Dog Law Toolkit' which will be launched at this event. The toolkit

is primarily aimed at explaining the legal obligations of rescues (including their legal obligations if registered as a charity), dog owners, responsible dog breeders, vets etc in an accessible format. It will also signpost owners and members of the public to relevant agencies, services and regulators where appropriate.

This event aims to allow a range of stakeholders - including charities, vets, lawyers, regulators and political representatives - to give feedback on the toolkit, which, once constructed, will be hosted on this website: www.regulationofdogrescue.com

We hope that the event will be of interest to all the above groups. If you wish to attend please contact us at info@regulationofdogrescue.com

Event Address:

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SchoolofLaw/about/location/](http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/SchoolofLaw/about/location/)

*A vegetarian/vegan buffet lunch will be available from 1pm and formal discussion will start at 2pm.

About Us



Professor Marie Fox

Marie Fox holds the Queen Victoria Chair of Law at the University of Liverpool. Her current research projects (funded by the Leverhulme Trust, Socio-legal Studies Association, Economic and Social Research Council and Research England) focus on pet loss, and the place of companion animals in care homes, regulation of animal rescues and governance of assisted reproductive technologies and direct to consumer testing. More generally, her research is concerned with the legal governance of human and animal bodies, legal conceptions of embodiment, pet loss and regulation of reproduction. She has volunteered for various dog charities, was a trustee of North West English Springer Spaniel Rescue for 7 years and is an editor of the journal *Social & Legal Studies*.



Dr Sarah Singh

Sarah Singh has a long-standing interest in animal law. Prior to her current position as a lecturer in the School of Law and Social Justice at the University of Liverpool, Sarah was employed at LJMU (2009–2017) where she taught one of the first animal law modules introduced in the UK. She has presented at national and international conferences exploring animal law topics including a legal analysis of companion animal adoption agreements and the impact of Covid-19 on dog rescues. Sarah's current project on regulation of animal rescues is funded by Research England and the Economic and Social Research Council. She is also Secretary and a Trustee of North West English Springer Spaniel Rescue.

Contact us:

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