

**Noon Time Legal Seminar (in person or via Zoom)**  
**Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 12:00-1:00 p.m. – Free!**

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***“Odor” in the Court- A Summary of Animal Laws***

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980 Helling Way, Nevada City

**Presented by Fran Cole, Attorney**

Attendance may be in person, at the Collaborative Technology Center of the Madelyn Helling Branch of the Nevada County Library, or via Zoom from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. This seminar is geared towards the non-legal community, although everyone is welcome to attend. No MCLE credit is offered. These seminars are designed for information only and do not constitute legal advice.

**About the Seminar**

Animal laws focus on the behavior of humans rather than the biological reality of animals, and the outcomes of judicial decisions are largely determined by the human connection rather than the impact on the affected animal. Animal laws cover many diverse areas of the law, including contracts, criminal law, torts, property, constitutional law, commercial law, wills and trusts, domestic relations, environmental law, evidence, patent and even tax law. As pets and animals have gained prominence in our society, legislators and courts are struggling to draft and apply animal laws, which historically have viewed animals as property. As scientists increasingly find that non-human animals have consciousness, should that ethically be taken into consideration? This seminar will summarize California and local laws and cover trends that are upending animal welfare.

**About the Presenter**

Fran Cole is the Executive Director of Sammie’s Friends, a local nonprofit that runs the Nevada County Animal Shelter. She is also an attorney and is now Of Counsel to the Grass Valley law firm of DBMC, LLP, having practiced business law for over thirty years.

Fran was the first dog walker at Sammie’s Friends and is an animal lover and an equestrian.

**Register through** the Nevada County Library’s website at <https://nevadacountyca.libcal.com/event/13433472>. Spaces are limited. The Zoom link and materials will be sent by the Law Library prior to the seminar.