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Reasons because I did the Master in Animal Law and Society:

I believe that if you want to defend any position, first of all you need a knowledge base. In the field of animal defence, you get the knowledge with this Master, unique in Europe.

Education:

- Law Degree, Autonomous University of Barcelona, 2001-2006.
- Criminology Degree, Autonomous University of Barcelona, 2007-2009.
- Legal Practice, Il·lustre Col·legi d'Advocats de Terrassa, obtaining the Professional Competence Diploma, 2006-2008.
- Master in Animal Law and Society, Autonomous University of Barcelona. Thesis defence: “*Animal Abuse: Normative and Jurisprudential study*”, under the supervision of Dr. Teresa Giménez-Candela, 2011-2012.

Courses:

- Specialisation course in Domestic Violence, Terrassa, 2008.
- General course in Foreigners Law, Terrassa, 2008.
- Course in Juvenile Court, Terrassa, 2008.
- Workshop in Criminal Procedure, LexNova Online, 2010.
- Workshop in Family Law, LexNova Online, 2010.
- Course in legal Catalanian, getting J level, Barcelona, 2013.
- Minding Animals Pre-Conference 'Animals and the Law', Bellaterra, 2011.
- Specific symposiums since 2006 to present day in Bar Association of Terrassa and Barcelona.

Work experience:

June and July 2005: Internship in D. Alfonso Arbona Casp Notary, Terrassa.

November 2005 – January 2006: Internship in Ventalló Bufet d'Advocats, C.B., de Terrassa.

January 2006 – August 2008: Lawyer in Ventalló Bufet d'Advocats, C.B., Terrassa.

June 2008 – Now: Court-appointed lawyer, Terrassa.

September 2008 – Now: Lawyer in GBadvocats, own law firm.

October 2012 – Now: Associate Professor, in Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona.

Current activities:

- Lawyer, collegiate member 2240, Terrassa.
- Member of the ADS (Animals, Law and Society) research at the Autonomous University of Barcelona.
- Contributing editor in Jurisprudence section in www.derechoanimal.info
- Member of Criminologist Association in Catalonia.

- Member of Spanish Society of Criminological Research.