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Animal Law: from the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona to Argentina

A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of being interviewed via Skype by the announcers of the radio "Animal Voice", of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

This radio has been doing a great job in the field of animal law and welfare for a long time. That is why, the announcer Eliana Couso, a great activist and President of Aluisa Organization, who fights for the Law of "No More Blood Traction" in Argentina, has been interested in knowing more about the 8th edition of the Master in Animal Law and Society that I have recently completed at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

In a very enjoyable talk, Eliana Couso and Edgardo Di Salvo, announcer, veterinarian and activist, were interested in learning more about the Master's Degree, Animal Law, my life as an Argentine in Spain, the enriching experience received by the University and my final Master's work.

It was in this way, that I began commenting on the Master in Animal Law that I have come to perform in Spain and its characteristics.

As I have commented on "Animal Voice", I was fortunate that, for personal reasons, life brought me in April 2018 to live in Spain, originally based in Madrid, a city

that I had the opportunity to meet and enjoy for 5 months. From that first day in Spain, I knew that I was getting closer to being able to meet such a desired goal, which was to pursue this Master's Degree in Animal Law and Society at the UAB. A desire that, as I commented in the interview, I have been with me from the first moment I knew of its existence.



That was how, in July of that same year I started with the registration process and a few months later, to my joy, I knew that I had obtained a place in the Master, moving to Barcelona.

During the interview we talked about the enriching experience

that has been, for my life and professional career, to learn from the best professors in Animal Law, both from Spain and from different parts of the world, and share the course with other students, with which I have forged a beautiful relationship and we keep in touch, also from different parts of the world. Which makes this Master, unique in Animal Law in Europe, has a global characteristic and a great multicultural enrichment.

Also, the course, has achieved that I have specialized knowledge in the field of Animal Law, internationally, has improved my English (since, as I told Eliana and Edgardo, it is a requirement for admission to have an English base, because it is an international Master where classes are taught 50% in English and 50% in Spanish) and has created friendships



with excellent classmates from different countries, strengthening a networking of professionals.

While narrating my experience, I have commented on how important it has been for me to be able to carry out the internship, which is an indispensable requirement to obtain the degree. In my case, the internship was in the NGO "Compassion in World Farming" in England. There, I was living for 1 month and a half, working for this Organization in a legal-academic

welfare and the eradication of Blood Traction as a vehicle used by the exploitation of horses, asked me to briefly discuss the issue addressed in my Thesis, since, they were aware that it was about the Equine Blood Traction.

This is how, as we commented on this problem, which revolves around the use of animals as a drag and pull vehicle where the main victims are horses. I had the opportunity to comment that my Thesis deals with this problem addressed through

countries are gradually taking care of it and legislating to provide some greater conditions to horses and others, definitely prohibiting them as vehicles for tourist transport.

Also, that European countries, unlike thought, can use great legislation of Latin American countries to solve this problem, as happens with the legislation and jurisprudence of Colombia and Brazil, which has also been a great surprise throughout the investigation.



investigation. Compassion in World Farming, Works to improve the welfare of farm animals in their country and throughout Europe, persuading consumers, food markets and creating projects so that the improvements reach the political and legislative sphere.

Also, about my experience in the United Kingdom, I commented on how surprised I was with this country, as to how advanced it is in animal welfare issues, with the collective awareness that exists about it, and how consumers demand better conditions from companies both in life, food, and slaughter of farm animals. In addition to the large percentage of stores and restaurants that offer vegetarian and vegan options.

These announcers, animal welfare activists, particularly known in Argentina for the work they have been doing in favor of equine

a comparative law between Latin America and Europe, in order to detect if European experience and legislation could serve as an example for the Latin American struggle against Blood Traction. I told them that, to my surprise, throughout the investigation, I discovered that Blood Traction was not just a scourge that exists in Latin American countries, nor that it exists only in underdeveloped countries, as are most of these, but also exists in European countries in various ways.

In addition, I commented in the interview that among the conclusions of the work done, I have reached that although the Blood Traction in the countries of Europe does not entail the socio-cultural problems that do exist and we know, especially in Argentina, the equine blood traction in Europe does exist and is used for tourist services. But pleasantly, these

Finally, they gave me the opportunity and space to thank Dr. Marita Giménez-Candela, the Director of this Master's Degree for opening the doors of the University in the field of Animal Law and giving me all her knowledge and empathy.

Also, as I said in the interview, I encourage everyone who wants to join in studying this branch of law, they will be welcome regardless of their profession, since it is not required to have studied law to apply.

It is gratifying to have been able to tell my experience for Argentina and encourage more people to join this study, because we need more people to join the animal movement to fight for those who have no voice.

Ana Belén Bosc.

El tratamiento de los Animales se contempla a día de hoy como un espacio holístico de estudio y acción, pero no hay demasiados ejemplos de verdadera cooperación científica organizada, salvo el que, desde hace años venimos practicando en la UAB y esfera UAB algunos profesionales del Derecho, Veterinaria, Ciencias Clásicas, Ciencias de la Salud, Sociología, Biodiversidad. De ahí la coherencia de la creación del ICALP (International Center for Animal Law and Policy).