

IMPORTANT: To be considered for enrollment in the Practicum in Animal Welfare Skills, you must email this form to LMILOT@uga.edu by 5pm on Wednesday, March 21, 2018.

**Application Form 2018
Practicum in Animal Welfare Skills
(PAWS)**

Name: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

E-mail: _____ Cell Telephone: (____) _____

Semester(s) for which you are applying: _____

Do you speak or read Spanish? If so, indicate the level of fluency: _____

Do you plan to be employed in a legal capacity during the semester for which you are applying to PAWS? If so, please indicate your expected employer's name and city and the anticipated subject matter of your work (e.g., criminal defense work, estate planning, civil litigation, etc.).

Employer: _____ City: _____

Subject Matter: _____

Have you been employed in a criminal defense capacity or participated in a clinic or externship that involved criminal defense work? If so, please provide the name of the employer, clinic, or externship placement and a brief description of the client work involved.

Employer, clinic or placement: _____

Description: _____

Any student who will be employed in legal work during any part of the semester for which s/he is applying, or who is currently or has previously participated in a clinic or externship involving criminal defense work, must meet with me during the application period to ensure there will not be representation conflicts.

Please read the following statements carefully before signing and submitting this application:

If I am selected to enroll in the Practicum in Animal Welfare Skills (PAWS), I hereby commit to doing the work required to meet the practicum's objectives in a professional manner. I understand that:

- I will need to spend a minimum of 125 hours during the semester on practicum work, as well as preparing for and participating in the weekly seminar and the half day orientation, and this work will not be spread evenly throughout the semester and may involve weekend work;
- I will need to provide my own transportation to off-campus locations in the Athens area that may not be available from public transportation or within easy walking distance of the campus; and
- I may be exposed to acts of cruelty or severe neglect or be involved in high conflict situations and am prepared accept the emotional consequences to me of this exposure.

I agree to transition any open matters I may have at the end of the semester to students enrolled in PAWS in a subsequent semester or the professor.

If selected for PAWS, I agree to accept or decline the offer to enroll by email to Professor Milot at LMILOT@uga.edu by the later of (1) 11:59 p.m. on April 6, 2018, and (2) 24 hours after the invitation is sent by Professor Milot to the email address listed above.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please attach a file with your typed answers to the following questions. It should be no longer than one page in length (12 pt Times New Roman font; 1” margins).

1. Why would you like to enroll in PAWS?
2. What experience have you had that you believe would make your participation in PAWS valuable to the animal welfare community and to other students in the practicum? (This could be experience in animal welfare, working with community members to come into legal compliance or prosecuting those that fail to do so, working closely with people who have socio-economic backgrounds that differ from yours, or anything else you think might be relevant.)
3. Two of the more difficult parts of animal welfare work are (1) emotionally dealing with acts of cruelty or severe neglect, and (2) remaining professional in confrontational settings (for example, in field reviews of potential violations and arraignments). Do you believe you will be able to handle these situations and why?
4. This practicum is a one-semester course for 4 credits (it may be taken for more than one semester if you and I agree it would be productive). I expect you to work 125 hours over the course of the semester (an average of approximately 9 hours per week) on practicum matters as well as prepare for and participate in the weekly seminar and the half-day orientation session. This work will not be distributed evenly throughout the semester; there will be more or less work than the average in any given week depending on workflow demands and you may be required to perform some work on weekends. Moreover, while some of the field sites are located downtown, others will be in areas of the community that are not easily accessible by public transportation or walking (including Athens-Clarke County Animal Control). Will you be able to participate fully in the practicum given these requirements? Please explain.
5. Please provide the names of two UGA professors you have had for class or for whom you have worked; I may contact one or both as a reference for you. If you have had me in class, you need only provide the name of one other professor. (Please note: If you are a law student, these professors must be in the law school; if you are not, please let me know in which school or college each professor has an appointment.)
6. I strongly recommend you do not enroll in another clinic, practicum, or externship while enrolled in PAWS. However, I do not prohibit it. If you wish to engage in another clinic or externship during the semester in which you are applying to PAWS, please indicate the other opportunity you would like to pursue, when it would occur, and where it is located. Please explain why you think you will be able to manage your time effectively between the two competing obligations, given the demands of law school more generally.

Please submit your resume with this application.

Important Dates:

March 21 (5 pm): deadline to submit application, resume and transcript

April 4: date by which I will notify students by email of enrollment and waitlist decisions

April 5: date on which you should email LMILOT@uga.edu if you have not received an email with an enrollment or waitlist decision

April 6 (11:59 p.m.): deadline for accepting or declining an enrollment offer

April 6-9: dates on which waitlisted students will be notified if slots became available; acceptance or rejection must be made within 24 hours

April 10: confirmation of final enrollment