

# 2016

# **Annual report UPF-Centre for Animal Ethics**





#### 1. ACTIVITIES

#### December 2015

Approval of CAE by UPF's board of management.

## January 2016

 Centre's launch and incorporation of the first volunteer, Samara Maultasch, with the role of webmaster and communications assistant.

#### February 2016

Web page and Facebook page launch.

#### March 2016

 Presentation of UPF-CAE and the book Critical Animal and Media Studies at the Department of Communication, on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The presentation was moderated by the director of the research group Unica, **Miquel Rodrigo**, with the participation of CAE's two co-directors, **Núria Almiron** and **Paula Casal**, and also with members of CAE's board, **Marta Tafalla** and **Montserrat Escartin**. The book, published by Routledge (2016), was presented by its authors: **Tobias Linée**, from University of Lund (Sweden) and **Núria Almiron**.

Attendees: 25-30

Seminar by Tobias Linné with activists and academics, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Professor from University of Lund (Sweden) **Tobias Linné** conducted a seminar for a group of activists and academics with the participation of members of the CAE's board (**Núria Almiron**, **Marta Tafalla**, **Catia Faria** and **Eze Paez**), UPF pre-doctoral researchers, and activists from the organisations Foundation Franz Weber, Libera and FAADA, as well as independent activists.

Attendees: 15

Presentation of UPF-CAE at the Law School: Global Animals - Launch Event of the UPF Centre for animal ethics, March 14<sup>th</sup>

The event was moderated by CAE's two co-directors, **Núria Almiron** and **Paula Casal**, and included the participation of Professor **Jeff McMahan**, Oxford University and member of the CAE's advisory board, who delivered the Center's inaugural lecture with **Catia Faria**, member of the CAE's board, and **Andrew Williams**, from UPF, as respondents. There was also a round table with **Oscar Horta**, from University of Santiago de Compostela and member of CAE's advisory board, the president emeritus of Proyecto Gran Simio, **Jesús Mosterín**, and also **Jeff McMahan**.

Attendees: 40-50

 Catia Faria presented the first PhD dissertation about intervention on nature to help wild animals, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Catia Faria, member of the CAE's board, defended at the UPF Law School the first PhD dissertation about intervention on nature to help wild animals that suffer because of natural causes: "Animal Ethics Goes Wild: The Problem of Wild Animal Suffering and Intervention in Nature". The jury included **Genoveva Martí** (University of Barcelona), **Alasdair Cochrane** (University of Sheffield), and **Jeff McMahan** (University of Oxford).

### May 2016

Presentation of UPF-CAE at MADRID CAPITAL ANIMAL, May 14th.

CAE's coordinator **Núria Almiron** and CAE's board members **Marta Tafalla** and **Catia Faria** participated in different tables of MADRID ANIMAL CAPITAL, in Madrid. **Alicia Puleo**, member of the CAE's advisory board, also participated in the conference.

Presentation of UPF-CAE at the University Autònoma of Barcelona, May 19th.

Professor Marta Tafalla, member of CAE's board, organized an event introducing UPF-CAE at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB). Participants included CAE's board members **Núria Almiron** and **Eze Paez**, the lawyer from Foundation Franz Weber **Anna Mulà**, and the animal ethics investigator from Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM) **Eduardo Rincón**.

#### June 2016

Seminar with Niccolò Bertuzzi on his doctoral research, 9<sup>th</sup> June.

Niccolò Bertuzzi, researcher at the University of Study of Milano Bicocca (UNIMIB), presented the results of his PhD dissertation "El archipiélago animalista italiano: ¿movimiento sin protesta o protesta sin movimiento?" at UPF. The seminar was attended by Catia Faria (UPF-CAE), Eze Paez (UPF-CAE), Núria Almiron (UPF-CAE), Fabiola Leyton (Observatori de Bioètica y Derecho, UB), Laura Roth (UPF), Renata Paz (UAB) and the activists Núria Sanahuja (FAADA), Audrey Garcia, and Rita Wing.

Course on Political Activism on Behalf of Animals, 27th June to 1st July.

A twenty-hour course was organized with the collaboration of the Foundation Franz Weber (FFW) and taught by **Leo Anselmi** (FFW), **Anna Mulà** (FFW) and **Núria Almiron**, UPF-CAE's codirector, at Poblenou campus. Speakers donated 100% of the revenue to **Gaia Sanctuary**, whose founders participated in the last session.

Students enrolled: 20.

- Incorporation of the second volunteer, Sandra Amigó, as Community Manager.
- Launch of the "Guidelines for an Ethical Media Coverage of Other Animals".

Recommendations prepared by CAE's board with the collaboration of US researchers **Carrie P. Freeman** (Georgia State University) and **Debra Merskin** (University of Oregon). The recommendations have been published in Catalan, Spanish, Galician, Basque and Portuguese. The Catalan version was presented to the Information Council of Catalunya (CIC).

#### July 2016

## Diana T'ika Flores Rojas visits CAE, July 11th.

The Peruvian activist, ecologist, and animalist **Diana Tîka Flores Rojas** visited CAE to meet with the board. Tika Flores Rojas has been an activist of the Colectivo EcoVida, Acción Crítica, Huellitas Puno (Perú) and is currently part of the Grufides (organisation for the defence of the territory of collective rights), the Movimiento Sembrar, and the Committee of Animal Defence of Frente Amplio.

### September 2016

## Workshop with Lisa Kemmerer, September 14th.

Lisa Kemmerer (Montana State University, EUA) offered the seminar "Intersections: Theory and Practice" at Poblenou campus. Participants in the workshop included: Fabiola Leyton (Observatori de Bioètica i Dret de la UB), Pilar Medina (UPF), Marcos Pichio (UPF), Maya Esteve (COPPA), Federico Bogdanowicz (Institut Jane Goodall), Paula González (PG Comunicación), Laura Bridgeman (Sonar) and the activists Ana Fernández-Aballí, Rita Wing, and Annie Moretz. Members of UPF-CAE also participated: Eze Paez (who offer the opening talk), Marta Tafalla and Núria Almiron.

## Workshop with Jacy Reese, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Jacy Reese, member of the Animal Charity Evaluators, conducted the seminar "Effective Altruism: A Case Study of Helping Farmed Animals" at Ciutadella campus. The seminar was introduced by Eze Paez and Núria Almiron, from CAE's board, and by Oscar Horta, member of the CAE's advisory board and founder of the organisation Animal Ethics, which also coorganized the event.

Attendees: 20-25

#### October 2016

# Activism for Animal Rights Conference, October 1<sup>st</sup>

Conference held from 5pm to 9pm at Ciutadella Campus and that included three talks: "Animals in the nature and anti-speciesist activism" (Catia Faria, Animal Ethics and CAE), "Virtual reality for helping animals", (Javier Moreno, Igualdad Animal) and "Introduction to effective altruism for animals" (Jacy Reese, Animal Charity Evaluators). The event was presented by CAE's co-director Núria Almiron and Oscar Horta, member of CAE's advisory board and founder of Animal Ethics, co-organizers of the event.

Attendees: 70-90

#### Collaboration agreement with the University of Lund, October 21st.

UPF-CAE signed a collaboration agreement with the **Lund Critical Animal Studies Network (LUCASN)** at the University of Lund (Sweden). The agreement includes teaching exchanges between instructors of both centres for degree and postgraduate programs, pre-doctoral and postdoctoral stays of research, and training and dissemination joint-projects.

#### November 2016

Screening of the documentary Sonic Sea, November 8th.

Screening of *Sonic Sec* at Poblenou Campus within the short documentary section of the International Environmental Film Festival.

Book presentation with Jan Deckers: Animal (de)liberation, November 28th.

Professor Jan Deckers, from Newcastle University, presented his new book at UPF. In his presentation he sketched the key concepts in *Animal (De)liberation: Should the Consumption of Animal Products Be Banned?*, published in 2016 with Ubiquity Press.

Attendees: 15-20:

#### December 2016

- Incorporation of another volunteer, Cristina Cubells, to coordinate UPF Film Series starting in January 2017.
- Educational project with students of the secondary school Quatre Cantons of Poblenou

**Paula Casal**, CAE's co-director, and assistants **Sandra Amigó** and **Cristina Cubells**, carried out for 5-weeks and educational project on animal ethics with a group of students from the secondary school Quatre Cantons of Poblenou, at Barcelona.

- The UPF-CAE Facebook page reaches 276 followers.
- 150 people register for CAE's mailing list.

#### 2. PRESS ARTICLES BY THE BOARD

Contra el status quo feminista, Catia Faria. Parole de Queer, November 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2016.

**Pulling out all the stops the european vivisection lobby and the interest coalition**, Núria Almiron. *Animal Liberation Currents*, November 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2016.

En guerra contra la intel·ligència, Marta Tafalla. Ara, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Capitalismo y trato animal**, Núria Almiron. *Alternativas Económicas*, n.39, September 2016 (also in *Eldiario*.es).

Animals, aparences, estètica, Marta Tafalla. Ara, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Las compañeras vacas, Catia Faria y otras seis personas firmantes. Eldiario.es, August 16th, 2016.

Activismo total, Núria Almiron. Eldiario.es, July 26th, 2016.

Todo lo deciden los humanos, Marta Tafalla, La Vanguardia, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

The Death of the Zoo. Reflections on the Killing of Harambe the Gorilla , Paula Casal, Mètode, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

El lenguaje entre los animales y nosotros, Montserrat Escartín, Revista ADDA, n.52, June 2016.

Progreso moral y tradición, Núria Almiron. La Vanguardia, May 21st, 2016.

Experimentar en chimpances, Paula Casal. La Vanguardia, January 29th, 2016

Ficción política y cambio climático, Núria Almiron. Eldiario.es, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

#### 3. PRESS CLIPPING

Entrevista a Catia Faria: Guztiak laguntzeko lan egin behar dugu, *Nafarroako Hitza*, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

El estudio de los derechos de los animales se afianza en Barcelona. El Periódico, July 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2016.

Recomendaciones para una cobertura periodística ética de los otros animales, El Caballo de Nietzsche, *Eldiario.es*, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

La UPF pide tratamiento ético, objetivo y justo de informaciones de animales. *ABC*, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

La UPF pide tratamiento ético, objetivo y justo de informaciones de animales. La Vanguardia, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Recomendaciones para una ética animal, Catalunya Vanguardista, July 4th, 2016.

Entrevista a Eze Paez, a Quina Fauna, Sants 3 Ràdio, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Dispara con Catia Faria** - activista de Ética Animal (entrevista a Catia Faria). *DisparaMag*, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

La lluita per la igualtat i la justícia és necessàriament feminista i antiespecista (entrevista a Catia Faria). La Directa, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Es crea el primer think tank en drets animals (entrevista a Núria Almiron). TVAnimalista, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

La lucha por la igualdad y la justicia es necesariamente feminista y antiespecista (entrevista a Catia Faria). Diagonal, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

El sufrimiento de los animales salvajes por la naturaleza (sobre el trabajo de Catia Faria). Catalunya Vanguardista, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Tesis doctoral defiende intervenir en la naturaleza para ayudar fauna salvaje (sobre el trabajo de Catia Faria), La Vanguardia, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Entrevista a Montserrat Escartín al programa "La Veu dels animals". *Radio Estel*, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Nace el primer think tank de ética animal de España, La Vanguardia, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015.





# 4. ANIMAL ETHICS PROJECTS supervised by CAE's members

#### Final Year Theses

- La indústria lletera europea en clau econòmica i ètica: nous horitzons sostenibles (The Dairy Industry in Europe from an Economical and Ethical Perspective: New Sustainable Horizons). Author: Lluís Freixes. Supervised by Núria Almiron for the Economy and business Department, UPF. Final graduation project, 2015-2016.
- La ética de la experimentación con animales: análisis de la posibilidad de su abolición (The Ethics of Animal Testing: an Analysis of the Opportunities for Abolition). Author: Raquel González Navarro. Supervised by Eze Paez for the Law School, UPF. Final graduation project, 2015-2016.

#### **MA Theses**

- Daily 'Dairy': Analysing the Perceived Kinship of Food Lobbies and the Media. Author:
   Maryna Yazianok. Supervised by Núria Almiron of MA in International Studies on Media, Power and Difference. Department of Communication, UPF. Final master project, 2015-2016.
- If You're An Egalitarian, How Come You Eat Meat? Author: Ian Harper. Supervised by Paula Casal of MA in Political Philosophy. Department of Political and Social Sciences, UPF. Final graduation project, 2015-2016.
- 'Children of men': What we Owe domesticated animals. Author: Laura Sánchez de la Sierra. Supervised by Paula Casal of MA in Political Philosophy. Department of Political and Social Sciences, UPF. Final graduation project, 2015-2016.







Presentation of CAE at UPF Ciutadella Campus





# Presentation of CAE at Madrid Capital ANIMAL



Presentation of CAE at UAB



# Workshop with Niccolò Bertuzzi



Launch of the Guidelines for Journalists in 5 languages



# Course with FFW on Activism on Behalf of Animals





# Conference on Activism for Animal Defence

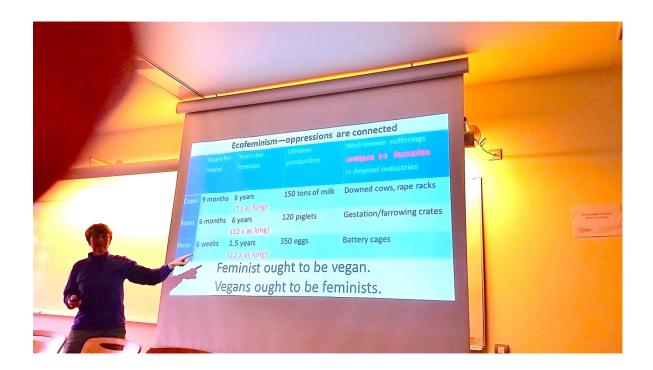




# Workshop with Jacy Reese



Workshop with Lisa Kemmerer



# Book presentation with the author: Animal (de)liberation, by Jan Deckers



First PhD Dissertation on Intervention on Nature to Help Animals



Animal Ethics Goes Wild: The Problem of Wild Animal Suffering and Intervention in Nature



Catia Faria Doctoral Dissertation





# Project with the secondary school Quatre Cantons of Poblenou

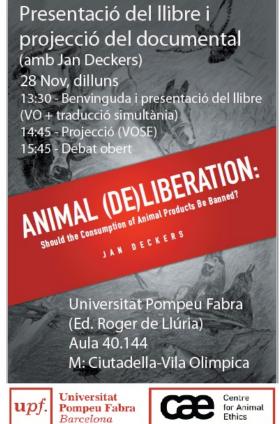












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