



To: Advocate E.V Chinoda

From: Moses Mutemeri (Projects Coordinator)

REF: Animal law training (Monday)

The training started on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2017 and the main topic of the day was Introduction to animal law. Advocate Chinoda took the participants on her journey into becoming an animal law advocate. Her story was meant to motivate the junior lawyers as they were starting this training of a new field of law. The presentation tried to show why animal law is important in which it was made clear that animals are beings with feelings which have rights, immunities and privileges. The presentation also covered animal law in the Zimbabwean context. It was highlighted that Zimbabwe already has statutes that protect animals though most of them are not being used. The presentation also unveiled a weakness that is found in these statutes for example the fact that animals are defined differently in 3 acts. The guest speaker of the day was a lawyer who has written many articles on “animal law” Ms Mirriam T Manjome. Her main objective was to assert animal rights in Zimbabwe. The presentation was mainly based on one of her articles, “Do animal rights exist?” In her presentation, she tried to equate human rights to animal rights asking if animals should also have the same rights as human beings. She also highlighted that the laws governing animal protection in Zimbabwe have not been amended in a while and there is need for them to be amended.

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Picture showing one of the participants (Caroline) paying attention to the presentation



Ms Mirriam Majome in striped top. “Do animal rights exist?”.



Ms Mirriam Majome paying attention to Advocate EV Chinoda as she explained about animal rights

