The Practice of Animal Law in the UK

It is often stated that as animals are property under law they do not possess legal rights. Whilst I appreciate there may be academic questions surrounding the very definition of a right and the very definition of personhood, from a practitioner’s perspective it is hard to see how the legislation I spend so much of my life advising on is not granting certain rights and channels of redress for animals. My talk will explore examples of how animals are protected in the UK and the legal tools available that can help ensure those protections are enforced.

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