

# Penal Code Section 597.1 – From Every Angle

This exciting session is intended for anyone involved in using, enforcing, defending, counseling or litigating California Penal Code Section 597.1—an extremely valuable tool for municipalities, animal services agencies, humane societies, SPCAs, and their lawyers. This code section provides multiple benefits and opportunities when dealing with seized, abandoned, neglected, abused, dangerous, and stray animals. During this daylong seminar a panel of experts with a combined experience of over 100 years in the field will dissect, explain, and explore the law in detail.

This program will include in-depth case studies; input from a hearing officer who has presided over many post-seizure hearings; and presentations by a nationally recognized expert animal law attorney and two long-time animal services managers. It will help attendees understand the impact and specifics of this very important and progressive tool applicable to a wide variety of animal protection and seizure cases. The presenters will share their experience and knowledge from the field and the courtroom, providing attendees with fresh insights into this complex statute.

**INSTRUCTORS:** Henry Brzezinski, El Dorado County Animal Services; Harold Holmes, Los Angeles County Animal Services; Captain Cindy Machado, Marin Humane; Bruce Wagman, Schiff Hardin

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**November 4, 2017**

9:30 am – 4 pm

Marin Humane  
171 Bel Marin Keys Blvd  
Novato

**December 2, 2017**

9:30 am – 4 pm

P.D. Pitchford Companion Animal  
Village & Education Center  
7700 E. Spring St, Long Beach

Doors open for check-in at 9 am. Lunch will be provided.

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**COST:** \$25 for CACDA and SHAC member agencies (including affiliated city attorneys/county counsels)  
\$75 for non-members

**PARTICIPATION IS LIMITED TO:** humane officers, animal control officers, shelter manager/directors, prosecutors, county counsels, city attorneys, and private attorneys (who represent humane societies/SPCAs with animal control/humane officers)

**CONTINUING EDUCATION:**

- \* Humane Officers - This course is intended to provide 5.5 hours of training in state humane laws relating to the powers and duties of a humane officer.
- \* Attorneys - Continuing education credit for attorneys (MCLE) is pending approval.

**REGISTER ONLINE at [www.CaliforniaStateHumane.org](http://www.CaliforniaStateHumane.org)**

Questions? Please contact SHAC at 510-525-2744, ext. 2 or [info@californiastatehumane.org](mailto:info@californiastatehumane.org).



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## Instructor Biographies

### Chief Henry Brzezinski

Chief Henry Brzezinski has served as the Chief of El Dorado County Animal Services (Western Slope and South Lake Tahoe) for 11 years and the proud father of a new animal shelter. His passion for animal welfare has led to a 33-year career. He started his journey in South Carolina as a Humane Investigator after attending pharmacy school. During his time in the South as a lobbyist he drafted and attained passage of 22 state animal welfare laws. Chief Brzezinski was also a Field Investigator for the Humane Society of the United States, Mid-Atlantic Regional office. He has been recognized as an expert witness in several states. One of his many interests is researching and applying California animal laws.

### Mr. Harold Holmes

Harold Holmes is currently the Executive Assistant for the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control. Most recently, he was a Deputy Director for the County of San Diego Department of Animal Services, retired as a Chief of Police in northern California and is a former U.S. Marine. He has experience drafting and shepherding legislation that became law at both the state and local level, including changes to PC 597.1. His assignment to run San Diego County's Dangerous Dog Task Force for three years inspired him to attend law school and was admitted to the Bar in June 2013. Mr. Holmes is also a hearing officer, a trained mediator and teaches a variety of legal and law-enforcement related topics.

### Captain Cindy Machado

Captain Cindy Machado is the Director of Animal Services for Marin Humane in Marin County, California. She began her career as an animal services officer with Marin Humane over 33 years ago. She is in charge of supervising the activities of the Animal Services division at Marin Humane as well as coordinating the Animal Law Enforcement Academies held there. Captain Machado's background and strong interests in various animal issues have resulted in hundreds of successful investigations and positive outcomes.

### Mr. Bruce Wagman

Bruce Wagman has dedicated his career to defending and improving animal lives. He is the only lawyer in a leading United States firm focusing solely on animal law. Mr. Wagman works at San Francisco's Schiff Hardin law firm with an almost exclusive focus on animal law matters, including litigation, legislative drafting and counseling. He also teaches animal law at three Bay Area law schools and has been involved in litigation and consultation with shelters, animal control officers, and county authorities on a wide variety of legal issues. Mr. Wagman is the coauthor of *Animal Law: Cases and Materials*, the main casebook for law school courses, and the lead author of *A Worldview of Animal Law*, the only global survey of animal law.

## HOTELS

near Marin Humane  
(group discount available)  
Inn Marin, Novato  
Best Western PLUS at Novato Oaks Inn  
Courtyard by Marriott-Novato Marin/Sonoma

near P.D. Pitchford Center  
Best Western Los Alamitos Inn & Suites  
La Quinta Inn & Suites NE Long Beach/Cypress

