

# DEBRA TEACHOUT

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Lemont, IL

DVM – University of Minnesota  
MVSc Veterinary Clinical Pathology – Western College of Veterinary Medicine  
BS Medical Technology – University of Minnesota  
Editing Sequence – UC Berkeley Extension

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Copyeditor, Proofreader, Writer**

2020 – present      Teachout Editing – Small business owner, editor, and writer specializing in veterinary medical editing and animal-sensitive writing and editing  
2017 – present      [Faunalytics.org](http://Faunalytics.org) – Guest blogger for this nonprofit that conducts research and shares knowledge to help advocates help animals effectively  
2011 – present      *Journal of Wildlife Rehabilitation* – Copyeditor, proofreader  
2011 – 2016        *Journal of Wildlife Rehabilitation* – Writer of a regular column, Wild Rights: Ethics and Animal Welfare in Wildlife Rehabilitation

### **Veterinarian**

2009 – 2020        Pulaski Animal Hospital – Small animal associate veterinarian, Chicago, IL  
2000 – 2012        Animal Friends Veterinary Services – Small business owner and veterinarian providing house calls and veterinary relief services, Lemont, IL  
2000 – 2008        Spring Brook Nature Center – Wildlife veterinarian providing medical and surgical care for native birds of prey, Itasca, IL

### **Animal Welfare Consultant**

2008 – 2017        [Mercy for Animals](http://MercyforAnimals.org) – Provide a written expert opinion about the welfare of farmed animals seen in undercover videos as part of forensic investigations of animal cruelty

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **Adjunct Assistant Teaching Professor**

2011 – 2014        University of Missouri, College of Veterinary Medicine, Online Biomedical Sciences and Technology – Animal Welfare and Ethics

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## Instructor

2011 Humane Society University – Animal Health and Behavior in the Sheltering Environment

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Certificates

2020 Professional Sequence in Editing Certificate, UC Berkeley Extension, Berkeley, CA  
2014 Graduate Certificate in Animal Policy and Advocacy, Humane Society University, Washington, DC

### Continuing Education

2021 Medical Editing Series, American Medical Writers Association, Rockville, MD  
2015 Animal Cruelty and Interpersonal Violence, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

### Conferences

2019 Editorial Freelancers Association Conference, Chicago, IL  
2022 American Medical Writers Association Annual Medical Writing and Communication Conference, virtual

## SAMPLE PUBLICATIONS

### Book Chapter

2018 Teachout, Debra. "Videography: A New Tool in Animal Cruelty Investigations." In *Veterinary Forensics: Investigation, Evidence Collection, and Expert Testimony*, by Edited by Ernest Rogers and Adam Stern, 53-71. Boca Raton: CRC Press, Taylor and Francis Group.

### Anthology Book Essay

2015 Teachout, Debra. "Canada Geese and Undercover Videos." In *The Jane Effect: Celebrating Jane Goodall*, edited by Dale Peterson and Mark Bekoff, 192-3. San Antonio: Trinity University Press.

### Regular Column

2014 "Lessons from Managing Manatee Welfare," *Wild Rights, Journal of Wildlife Rehabilitation* 34 (2): 25.  
2014 "Personality Counts," *Wild Rights, Journal of Wildlife Rehabilitation* 34 (1): 30  
2013 "Stereotypic Behavior and Secret Suffering." *Journal of Wildlife Rehabilitation* 33 (1): 28-9.

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- 2012 "Let An Otter Do It," Wild Rights, *Journal of Wildlife Rehabilitation* 32 (2): 21-2.  
2012 "One Koala at a Time," Wild Rights, *Journal of Wildlife Rehabilitation* 32 (1): 23.

## Guest Editorial

- 2012 "Palliative medicine and hospice care, the third option." *Advances in Small Animal Medicine and Surgery* 25 (1).  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.asams.2011.12.001>
- 2011 "The Veterinarian's Voice Against Animal Abuse." *Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association*. July 11.  
[https://www.hsvma.org/veterinarians\\_voice\\_against\\_animal\\_abuse\\_071111#.Yeyl-rMl2w](https://www.hsvma.org/veterinarians_voice_against_animal_abuse_071111#.Yeyl-rMl2w)

## BLOGS

### Animal Editing Blog

- 2022 "Frequently Asked Questions about Writing and Editing for Animals." *Words About Animals* (blog), Teachout Editing, January 19.  
<https://www.teachoutediting.com/blog/frequently-asked-questions-about-writing-and-editing-for-animals>
- 2021 "Avoiding Harmful Language When Speaking or Writing About Cats," *Words About Animals* (blog), Teachout Editing, October 4.  
<https://www.teachoutediting.com/blog/avoiding-harmful-language-when-speaking-or-writing-about-cats>
- 2021 "Revising the Term 'Shark Attack'." *Words about Animals* (blog). Teachout Editing, July 27. <https://www.teachoutediting.com/blog/blog-post-title-three-jdh4k>
- 2021 "Animal Pronouns: A Case Study." *Words about Animals* (blog). Teachout Editing, July 5. <https://www.teachoutediting.com/blog/blog-post-title-two-b83fn>
- 2021 "Help the Push to Make Style Guides Animal Friendly." *Words about Animals* (blog). Teachout Editing, May 30. <https://www.teachoutediting.com/blog/blog-post-title-one-37g47>

### Guest Blog

- 2020 "Saving The California Condor." *Faunalytics*. January 13.  
<https://faunalytics.org/saving-the-california-condor/>.
- 2018 "A Plea For More Post-Release Research In Wildlife Rehabilitation." *Faunalytics*. October 17. <https://faunalytics.org/a-plea-for-more-post-release-research-in-wildlife-rehabilitation/>.
- 2018 "Coyotes: Coexisting Is The Only Option." *Faunalytics*. February 21.  
<https://faunalytics.org/coyotes-coexisting-only-option/>.

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2017 "Intentional Vehicle-Wildlife Collisions." *Faunalytics*. December 13.  
<https://faunalytics.org/intentional-vehicle-wildlife-collisions/>.

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

### Conferences

2013 *The Undercover Video as Evidence in Animal Cruelty*. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterinary Forensic Science Conference, International Veterinary Forensic Sciences Association, Orlando, FL

2010 *Following the Oath: Veterinarians, Animal Protection, and You*. Their Lives Our Voices Conference. Minneapolis, MN

2009 *Animal Welfare and the Ethics of Using Captive Wildlife for Educational Purposes*; co-presenter. International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council Annual Symposium. Virginia Beach, VA

## AWARDS AND HONORS

2013 Veterinary Advocate of the Year, Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association

## SERVICE

2020 – present Illinois State Co-representative, Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association

2011 – present Peer reviewer for veterinary articles in *Journal of Wildlife Rehabilitation*

## MEMBERSHIPS

American Medical Writers Association  
Editorial Freelancers Association  
Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association  
International Veterinary Forensic Sciences Association  
International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council