



May 13, 2026

Animal Advocacy

Sent electronically to jbray4@wisc.edu

Regarding Case Number: 2025295901

On April 16, 2026, the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards (OSCCS) received a report alleging members of Animal Advocacy improperly posted fliers for a speaking event which occurred on Thursday, April 16, 2026. On April 16, 2026, OSCCS also received a report alleging members of Animal Advocacy solicited others to unlawfully enter Ridglan Farms and remove animals from the property on or before April 19, 2026. OSCCS has opened a case against Animal Advocacy, and I am the Investigating Officer for that case.

If the report is correct, Animal Advocacy may have violated the following [rules](#) from the RSO Code of Conduct:

5 - Violation of UW-Madison, UW System Administrative, or UW System Board of Regents Policies: Failure to comply with UW-Madison, UW System Administrative, or UW System Board of Regents policies including, but not limited to, the use of university facilities and grounds, fleet vehicles, electronic information technology, and facility reservation contracts. The specific UW policy Animal Advocacy may have violated is UW-6013 II. M (2) Expressive Activity - Postings in outdoor public university areas must not be affixed to... buildings.

3 - Violation of Law: Conduct that could constitute a violation of any local, state, or federal law, including violations of City of Madison Ordinances and Regulations. The specific law Animal Advocacy may have violated is Wis. Stat. §939.30 (1) Solicitation to commit: burglary (Wis. Stat. §943.10(1m)(a)) and the unauthorized release of animals (Wis. Stat. §943.75(2m)).

**Please respond to this email by 4:30pm CT on June 1, 2026 to schedule an investigatory interview.** Failure to respond by this deadline or refusal to participate in the investigatory process may result in additional charges and disciplinary consequences. OSCCS may contact other members of your organization to schedule separate meetings. You and the other members may have an advisor or support person present for these meetings. Please share the information in this letter with your organization—all members who OSCCS contacts must fully cooperate with any investigatory requests.

The rest of this letter explains more of the student organization misconduct process and possible outcomes for an investigation.

At the conclusion of my investigation, I will recommend a finding for the case. If I recommend that it is more likely true

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than not that Animal Advocacy violated rules, I will also recommend sanctions. These recommendations will be sent to Animal Advocacy . The organization will then have seven (7) calendar days to request a hearing for the case. If no hearing is requested by this deadline, my recommendations will become the final decision. If Animal Advocacy requests a hearing, OSCCS will proceed with scheduling the hearing and distributing hearing materials.

Click here to learn more about the Registered Student Organization Code of Conduct and Registered Student Organization rights: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-2002>.

No matter how this case ends, other judicial bodies may pursue or continue their own investigations into Animal Advocacy or its members related to the case. Additionally, if Animal Advocacy disbands or gives up its University affiliation during the disciplinary process, it may be added to the [Student Organizations Not in Good Standing](#) letter. If this happens and Animal Advocacy would like to become registered as a student organization again in the future, the organization will have to petition for reinstatement no matter what the outcome of the disciplinary process is.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gretchen Vollrath". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Gretchen Vollrath  
Investigator - Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards

CC: Director, OSCCS