The Animals and Restorative Justice Symposium will be hosted virtually on July 29, 2022. This symposium aims to bring together practitioners, academics, service providers, and researchers to explore methods of recognizing the harms inflicted on animals, the need for a more restorative approach to crimes against animals, and the importance of addressing deeper, structural causes of animal abuse.

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