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Don Feare has fought for animals for over twenty years with eighty-five percent of this practice dedicated to animal law. He has served on the council of the Animal Law Section from its early years. His cases include assisting in the seizure of the largest number of cruelly treated animals in history, involving some 26,000 animals, many dangerous dog cases, a suit against a university to stop a study exposing newborn deer to fire ants, shutting down the last remaining horse slaughter plant located in Kaufman and, suits against municipalities for unconstitutional dangerous dog ordinances. He has served as an appointed receiver and attorney for the receiver when animal organizations were seized by the State of Texas. Don has also served as both county and district attorneys in prosecuting civil seizures of large numbers of cruelly treated animals. He is an adjunct professor teaching animal law at Texas A&M University School of Law, served on the legislative committee of THLN, was recognized as a Top Ten Animal Defenders in America by the Animal Legal Defense Fund and, received the Animal Law Section Life Achievement Award for his work in animal advocacy. He has assisted in drafting animal law statutes and testifies before legislative committees. Don teaches a day long course for attorneys on defending dangerous dog cases as well as an annual constitutional law course for the Texas Animal Control Association. He is a regular guest speaker at local bar animal law sections and at the ALS annual Animal Law Institute.