Complexity in Conservation: The Legal and Ethical Case of a Bird-Eating Cat and Its Human Killer

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Note to Instructors: This case is different from others in our collection in that there is no case, nor is there an answer key. Students are given a reading assignment which forms the basis for a role-playing activity that they will engage in in class. For this case study, students should be provided with the following newspaper article, which is a pre-class reading assignment:


As the instructor desires, additional assignments could be provided. For example, as part of the pre-class assignment, students could be asked to do the following:

"After reading the newspaper story about the cat killer, write a one-paragraph response. In this response, state whether you would convict or acquit Mr. Stevenson and explain the reasoning for your decision."

See the teaching notes for full details.