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**L**awyers working with the RSPCA in the fight against animal cruelty received a helping hand, er, paw, on May 27 with the launch of the Justice for Animals campaign on the steps of the Supreme Court.

The launch featured several four-footed friends, including Van, the staffy whose ears were cut off to make him look fierce (pictured left with RSPCA senior inspector Daniel Young).

A range of merchandise, such as the jacket modelled by Van, is available to help raise funds to prosecute cruelty cases. For details, visit: <http://justiceforanimals.rspcaqld.org.au>.

Proctor readers may also recall reading about Tracy-Lynne Geysen, the co-founder of BLEATS (Brisbane Lawyers Educating and Advocating for Tougher Sentences), who has been working with the RSPCA. Ms Geysen is launching her own firm, TLG Lawyers, specialising in family law and, of course, animal law. She will be joined by Griffith Law School lecturer and author Steven White as a consultant in animal law and family law consultant Donna Cooper. ■

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...about Una Bick, not just the first woman but the first person to graduate from the University of Queensland with an LLB on April 29, 1959. The happy circumstance of having a name beginning with B put her alphabetically ahead of the other two graduates, who were men. ... to the Bar in September 1938, she recalled that it was the committee who was fated by "the gentlemen of the Bar" at a dinner to which she was not invited. The Courier-Mail reported that Una Bick, beautiful in black sandra crepe trimmed with emerald green, ... entertained by her mother who wore navy crepe de chine and a ... straw hat to morning tea with other lady friends.

She failed to get any real job until the outbreak of war when she was offered a job with the Crown Solicitor in Brisbane – it was made clear at her interview that she would be sacked when the war ended when she would be replaced by a Returned Man. Apart from her legal duties she was also the office bookkeeper. We wrote: "As she was the first female lawyer to be employed in the department there was no appropriate salary scale. In its wisdom the department decreed that she be paid according to its only existing salary scale for females and that was for typists."

The term "glass ceiling" hadn't been invented back then. ■

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