



Cruelty to animals

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Every 60 seconds, another animal is abused

- By definition, animal abuse is “socially unacceptable behavior that intentionally causes unnecessary pain, suffering, or distress to and/or death of an animal”.

Animal abuse

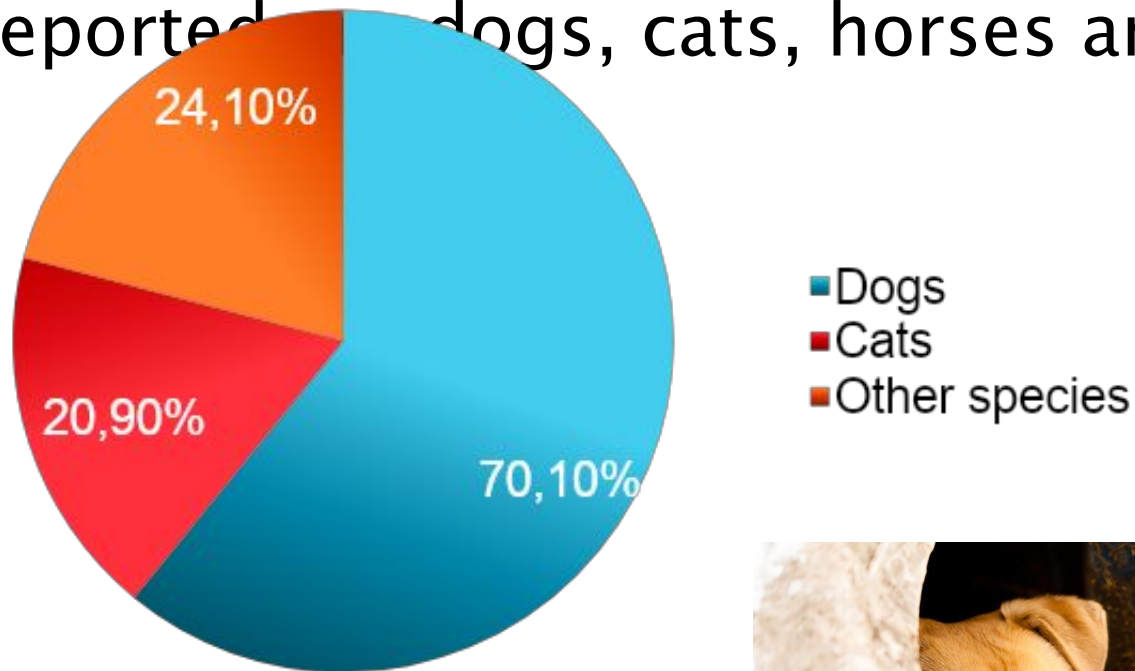
Abuse can include acts such as:

- ❑ **Neglect**
- ❑ **Hoarding**
- ❑ **Physical harm**
- ❑ **Forced fighting**
- ❑ **Abandonment**
- ❑ **Poaching**
- ❑ **Trophy hunting**



The most common victims

- The animals whose abuse is most often reported are dogs, cats, horses and livestock.



Connection with other social issues

- ❑ People who had witnessed it were **eight times more likely** to commit animal abuse.
- ❑ Children who witness or commit animal abuse are more likely to have experienced child maltreatment and/or inter parental violence.



Organizations

- ▣ **PAWS** (Pets and Women's Safety Act) would give victims of domestic abuse means to escape their abusers while keeping their companion animals safe.
- ▣ **ASPCA** - to provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals throughout the United States.
- ▣ **People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)** is an American animal rights organization based in Norfolk, Virginia, and led by Ingrid Newkirk, its international president.
- ▣ **WAP (world animal protection)** – is an international non-profit animal welfare organization that has been in operation for over 30 years. The charity describes its vision as: A world where animal welfare matters and animal cruelty has ended.

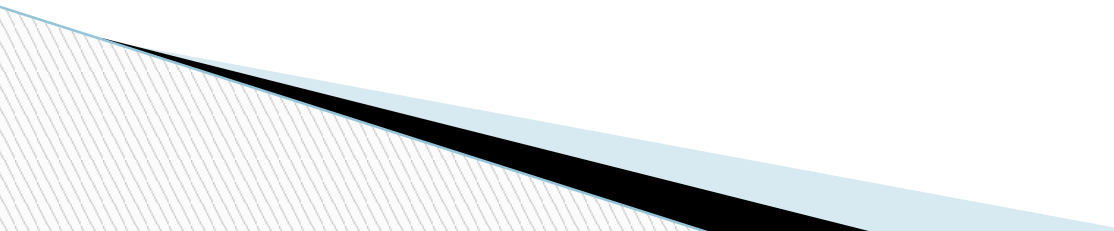
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HOW do they help?

- ❑ Provide a safe haven to homeless and mistreated animals.
- ❑ Fight cruelty and rescue animals by investigating and making arrests for crimes against animals.



Your help

- Urge your local law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, judges, and schools to take cruelty to animals seriously. Violence against any feeling creature – human or nonhuman – is unacceptable.
 - Be aware of signs of neglect or abuse in children and animals, and immediately report suspected crimes to authorities. Take children seriously if they report that animals are being neglected or mistreated.
 - Don't ignore even minor acts of cruelty to animals by children. Talk to the child and the child's parents. If necessary, call a social worker.
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**Thank you for your
attention!
Take care of your Pets!**

