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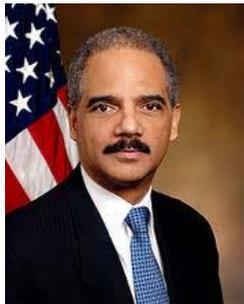
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U.S. Government Invites Comments on Children's Exposure to Violence

U.S. Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr., has announced the formation of a Defending Childhood Initiative to prevent and reduce children's exposure to violence, mitigate the negative effects experienced by children exposed to violence, and develop knowledge about and increase awareness of this issue.

**U.S. Attorney General
Eric H. Holder, Jr.**

This national initiative includes a task force on Children Exposed to Violence. The purpose of the Task Force is "to examine the extent and nature of the problem of childhood exposure to violence in the U.S. and identify policies and promising practices to address it." The Task Force held public hearings in Baltimore and Albuquerque, and has scheduled hearings in Miami (March, 2012) and Detroit (April, 2012). The group is also inviting written testimony from community members and professionals working with children who have experienced violence.

Given the increasing recognition of the harmful effects on children of exposure to animal cruelty, it would be valuable to have this aspect of The Link addressed by the Task Force. National Link Coalition participants are invited to submit comments which will help raise the level of awareness of this issue within the broader field of children's exposure to violence.

Information about the federal initiative is at the following websites:

<http://www.justice.gov/defendingchildhood/about-initiative.html>

<http://www.justice.gov/defendingchildhood/task-force.html>

(Note: There may be a computer glitch on these sites: if you get an error message, click the "Try Again" button and the pages should open.)

To submit written testimony to the Task Force, please e-mail defendingchildhoodtaskforce@nccdcrc.org or send it to NCCD, Attn: Defending Childhood Task Force, 1970 Broadway, Suite 500, Oakland, CA, 94612. You must include your name and contact information for the testimony to be considered; however, the Task Force will not be able to send a response. The deadline for submissions is April 24, 2012. We'd appreciate it if you'd send a copy of your testimony to the National Link Coalition as well at arkowpets@snip.net.

AVMA Amends Policy on Reporting Abuse



The House of Delegates of the American Veterinary Medical Association has updated its [Policy on Animal Abuse and Animal Neglect](#) to require practitioners who observe animal abuse or neglect, when it meets criteria as defined by local, state or federal laws, to report such cases promptly to appropriate authorities. Previously, there was no guidance as to when such reports must be made. The update continues the existing policy that veterinarians should attempt to resolve improper animal husbandry that does not meet legal definitions of abuse or neglect through educational approaches with the client, and clarifies that incidents which do meet the legal threshold must be reported.

AVMA'S policy was adopted in 1995 and amended in 2000 and 2009. The philosophy behind the policy is that animal abuse or neglect that is consistent in type and severity with that covered by cruelty laws should always be reported to an appropriate authority, regardless of whether reporting is mandated by law. This policy is consistent with AVMA's Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics and the Model Veterinary Practice Act. AVMA recently published a [Practical Guidance for the Effective Response by Veterinarians to Suspected Animal Cruelty, Abuse and Neglect](#), co-authored by Phil Arkow, Paula Boyden, and Emily Patterson-Kane, on a [new web page](#) offering animal abuse resources for vets.

The 2012 update followed AVMA's Animal Welfare Committee asking for an explicit statement regarding expectations for timely reporting. The Committee agreed that "prompt reporting of such incidents can be critical to protection of both animals and people (specifically in situations with co-existing domestic violence)," according to an AVMA statement. The new policy reads:

Animal Abuse and Animal Neglect

The AVMA recognizes that veterinarians may observe cases of animal abuse or neglect as defined by federal or state laws, or local ordinances. The AVMA considers it the responsibility of the veterinarian to report such cases to appropriate authorities, whether or not reporting is mandated by law. Prompt disclosure of abuse is necessary to protect the health and welfare of animals and people. Veterinarians should be aware that accurate, timely record keeping and documentation of these cases are essential. The AVMA considers it the responsibility of the veterinarian to educate clients regarding humane care and treatment of animals.



"Every veterinarian has an obligation to protect the health and welfare of animals. Therefore, the AVMA considers it the responsibility of every veterinarian to report animal abuse to appropriate authorities, even when such reporting is not mandated by law or local ordinance. Such reporting is for the benefit of the animals, but there are often implications for people, as well."

-- Dr. Ron DeHaven, AVMA Council on Education

"The veterinary oath commits members of the profession to protect animal health and welfare as well as promote public health. Substantial research documents the link between animal abuse and other forms of violent human behavior. As trained health care providers who treat animals and come into frequent contact with the public, veterinarians have a unique role to play to protect both from disease and harm. To fulfill their ethical, professional and societal obligations, veterinarians must become better educated about animal abuse and management options, ranging from client education to reporting to local authorities."

-- Dr. Lila Miller, Vice President, Veterinary Outreach, ASPCA



SAF-T Manual Guides On-Site Kennels for Domestic Violence Survivors

The long-awaited Sheltering Animals and Families Together (SAF-T™) manual, written by NLC steering committee member Allie Phillips, has been published. The 58-page manual is a step-by-step guide to assist domestic violence shelters in building external kennels, converting interior spaces to animal housing areas, or allowing residents to keep family pets in their rooms. It includes legal and financial considerations, lists of references and resources, sample forms, animal handling and safety tips, and testimonials.



An outgrowth of Phillips' earlier PAWS (Pets And Women's Shelters) manual, SAF-T includes extensive descriptions and photos of various housing options, and quotes from women's shelter staff describing their challenges and successes. Currently, 65 SAF-T shelters are established in 29 states and five more are in the process of opening: a list of these shelters is available on the [SAF-T website](#). Maya Gupta, also on NLC's steering committee, maintains a list of 240 off-site ["Safe Haven" animal sheltering programs](#) for women's shelters in the U.S., Canada and the U.K.

"Pets provide emotional support to victims and children leaving their homes," writes Phillips. "Allowing them to take their pets with them eliminates their need to return to abusive homes to protect their pets from calculated retaliation. Failure to consider pets in emergency and temporary housing then becomes a barrier to safety for families."

For technical assistance in starting a SAF-T program, contact [Phillips](#) or visit the [SAF-T website](#).

Kansas City Women's Shelter Starting Pet Program After Dog Rescues Domestic Violence Survivor

The Rose Brooks Center in Kansas City, MO has started a \$140,000 capital campaign to include pet housing at its shelter – following a dramatic incident involving a heroic Great Dane who saved a domestic violence victim's life.



This was no ordinary dog: when her boyfriend tried to kill the woman with a hammer, her fearless dog jumped in the way, covered her body and took most of the blows until the man threw both of them out of a second-story window. The dog suffered multiple broken bones, saving her life in the process.

Despite their injuries, they were able to escape. When Center staff offered her a bed but said no pets were allowed, she was defiant, and the shelter bent the rules, setting in motion the change in policy.

With 18% to 48% of battered women staying in abusive relationships to protect their pets, Center CEO Susan Miller said adding a pet-friendly wing would remove a serious barrier. "They provide so much comfort, and to have to leave that pet behind is so heartbreaking," Miller told [KCTV5 news](#). "It has become abundantly clear that the incredible therapeutic benefits that pets can have on a family greatly outweigh the cost and inconvenience of housing them."

The renovations will add seven kennels, a walking trail and pet-friendly play area. Future victims of abuse in the Kansas City area will no longer have to choose between personal safety and the well-being of their four-legged loved ones, a change that shelter officials believe will save lives.

GLOBAL LINKS TO THE LINK

Link Helps Dutch “Animal Cops” Fight Abuse

Awareness about the connections between animal abuse and human violence has helped encouraged Dutch officials to launch a new animal abuse prevention and response program. Since the end of 2011, law enforcement officials in The Netherlands have been educating a task force of “animal cops.”



[Thom Verlinden](#) is project manager of the newly-created Bureau of Operational Expertise for the Animal Police of the Netherlands Police Agency (KLPD), which will provide back-office services for these officers. A national call-center (dial 144) has been established where citizens can report animal abuse, neglect and animals in need of emergency help. The hotline takes calls and dispatches serious cases to appropriate local authorities, humane organizations or the animal cops.

Verlinden tells *The LINK-Letter* that goals of the organization, which is still in early stages of development, are to support the 144 call center; provide knowledge and expertise to the animal cops; provide the Ministry of Security and Justice with management information regarding the fight against abuse; and to conduct research into the links between animal abuse, child abuse and domestic violence.

The Link Comes to Colombia

Dr. Núria Querol i Vinas, member of the NLC and head of Spain’s [GEVHA](#) Link group, and Dr. Anna Mulà, animal law expert from the Franz Weber Foundation, are bringing The Link to Colombia. They will teach workshops about SAF-T animal housing programs and groundbreaking laws to protect animals and humans at the [4th National & International Forum Against Animal Abuse](#) in Bogotá on Feb. 23.

Alabama Starting Link Coalition

Several Alabama domestic violence and animal welfare agencies are considering organizing a Link task force. An organizational meeting will be held on March 1 in Clanton. Contact [Jacque Meyer](#) at the Greater Birmingham Humane Society, or [Melody Madaris Copps](#) at the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic violence, for details.

THE LINK IN THE LITERATURE

Impact of Domestic Violence on Women and Pets

Australian women experiencing intimate partner violence reported a high rate of pets, usually dogs belonging to them rather than to their partner, being verbally and/or physically abused by their partner. In 84% of households with multiple pets, one animal was singled out as a target animal for abuse. 27% of respondents reported animals dying, largely as a result of abuse. 85% of women reported their animals experienced behavioral changes, such as fear of men and anxiety. Many were unaware of accommodation services for people fleeing violence; those who did know were unwilling to use these services, citing their bond with the animals. 92% indicated they were unwilling to discuss the animal abuse with a veterinarian, either because they did not feel able to speak to the veterinarian about the abuse, fear of repercussions from their partner, they believed the veterinarian would be judgmental about them, or they felt ashamed of the abuse.

-- Tiplady, C.M., Walsh, D.B., & Phillips, C.J.C. (2012). Intimate partner violence and companion animal welfare. *Australian Veterinary Journal*, 90(1-2), 48-53.

THE LINK IN THE NEWS

San Antonio Abuser Gets Two Years in Jail

Texas State District Judge Maria Teresa Herr handed Gerald Davison Rodriguez, 31, the maximum punishment for cruelty to animals on Jan. 21 after he pleaded no contest to charges of repeatedly bashing Chester, his wife's pet schnauzer, against a wall during a marital spat, then spiking the dog like a football by slamming it into a bathtub. The San Antonio man will serve two years in a state jail facility.



Chester is still recovering from his injuries

The [San Antonio News-Express](#) reported that witnesses also said Rodriguez tried to intimidate — and even bribe — them into not testifying. Chester is recovering but remains partially paralyzed and cannot put full weight on his legs. Sandra Morales, now Rodriguez's ex-wife, said he initially welcomed Chester when they got married. But an argument in January, 2011 escalated and Rodriguez shoved the dog against the wall at least 10 times, with Chester making “a shriek sort of sound” each time, Morales recalled through tears.

A psychologist testified that Rodriguez has been diagnosed with severe attention deficit hyperactive disorder since childhood and has spent time in a mental health facility. His condition has caused him to act impulsively, she said.

The case was investigated after a veterinarian alerted Animal Care Services about Chester's paralysis.

Arkansas Animal Abuser Kills Two, Is Killed in Shootout

An Arkansas man with a history of animal cruelty, who later wrote his ex-wife threatening letters from jail, was killed by sheriff's deputies in a shootout after allegedly [killing his ex-wife and her new husband](#) once he was released from custody. Authorities said Donald Hux, who had been incarcerated in Texas and Louisiana on charges of sexual assault, turned up three days later at the home of his ex-wife, Amy Huckabee, where he fatally shot her husband, Sandy Huckabee, in the head. Huckabee was a distant relative of former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee.



Donald Hux

Police said Hux then kidnapped Amy Huckabee and their three children, the youngest of whom is just 3 years old. He left the children at his father's house. Deputies later saw him shoot Amy in a rural part of Union County. Hux died after a shootout with sheriff's deputies.

Hux's criminal history dated to the 1990s, when he pleaded guilty to an assault charge after he shot at a man's truck. He also pleaded guilty to animal cruelty and theft of property stemming from the killing of a pet turkey. Hux did not receive jail time in those cases but was sentenced to 24 months in a regional punishment facility for setting a towel on fire while he was being held in custody.

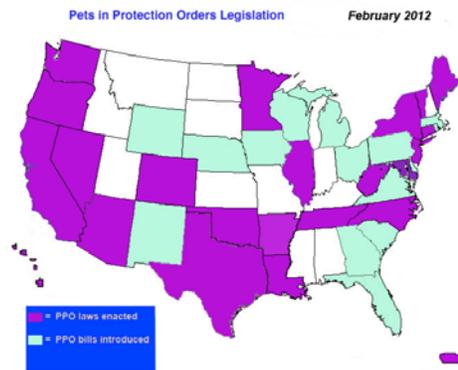
THE LINK IN THE LEGISLATURES

New Jersey Enacts Pet Protection Orders

New Jersey has become the 24th political jurisdiction to enact statutes enabling judges to include animals in domestic violence protection-from-abuse orders. Gov. Chris Christie signed the measure into law on Jan. 17.

The new law allows judges to issue an order barring a domestic violence defendant from coming into contact with family animals in a respondent's request for emergency relief, or when the defendant has been charged with domestic violence, released on bail or personal recognizance, or convicted. An unusual provision law allows that when a person has abused or threatened to abuse an animal, there will be a presumption that possession of the animal shall be awarded to the non-abusive party.

New Jersey joins 21 other states plus Washington, DC and Puerto Rico with Pet Protection Order laws.



22 states (highlighted in purple) now have laws enabling judges to include animals in domestic violence PFA orders. Six states (NV, AZ, CO, NE, IN, TN) include acts of animal abuse within definitions of elder abuse or domestic violence.

PET PROTECTION ORDERS:



FLORIDA: Sen. Mike Fasano has introduced **SB288** which would allow courts to issue a domestic violence protection-from-abuse order to include any animals in the household, and making it a first-degree misdemeanor to violate the order. The bill would include acts or threats of physical injury to an animal, or placing a family member of fear of an animal's being harmed, within the state's definition of domestic violence. Fasano has also introduced **SB618, "Dexter's Law,"** which would create a state registry of animal abuse offenders within the Department of Law Enforcement.



MASSACHUSETTS - S682, which would include pets in protection orders, has been referred to the Joint Committee on the Judiciary.



OHIO - H25, which would include animals in domestic violence and anti-stalking protection orders, passed the House on June 21 and has gone to the Senate Judiciary/Criminal Justice Committee. The bill would also increase penalties for animal cruelty, and include provisions for psychological assessment and counseling for animal abusers.

OTHER



FEDERAL – H.R. 2492 (Animal Fighting Spectator Prohibition Act of 2011) would amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit any person from knowingly attending an animal fighting venture or causing a minor to attend such a venture. Offenders would be subject to a fine and/or imprisonment for up to a year for each violation; and a fine and/or imprisonment for up to three years for causing a minor to attend such venture. The bill, with 136 sponsors (101 Democrats and 35 Republicans) representing 34 states, is in the House Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Animal Abuser Registry Bills Defeated in Colorado, Introduced in Maryland

Colorado lawmakers [voted down House Bill 1087](#) that would have created a statewide registry of animal cruelty offenders similar to “Megan’s Law” registries for sex offenders. The bill failed to make it out of committee after some legislators feared the stigma of being on such a registry might unfairly label abusers and stereotype them as being possible serial killers and rapists. The bill would have excluded livestock owners.

Meanwhile, a similar bill was [introduced in Maryland](#) in memory of Heidi, a seven-month-old puppy who was shot four times while playing on her farm in Frederick County. “Heidi’s Law” was introduced by Sen. Ron Young as SB 301 so the public could keep track of anyone abusing or neglecting an animal in Maryland. Their picture and address would be posted on the registry for 10 years. Three counties in New York State have such registries, but no statewide registries have been enacted to date.

Family Spirals Addresses The Link and Sibling Abuse

by [Eric Greene](#), Founder & CEO of Family Spirals

The links among various forms of violence towards humans and other animals are perhaps most evident within the family. A new organization, [Family Spirals](#), is being developed to address multiple dimensions of family relationships and cohesion. Our Interspecies Families division explores our relationships with animals, particularly pets, within a family context. Family Spirals plans to advance Link work by exploring new ways in which to frame family problems, deepening our understanding of these connections, and contextualizing linkages within a broader multidisciplinary framework of family dynamics.

As a cultural anthropologist and pioneer in the emerging field of animals and culture studies, I’ve drawn upon cultural anthropology in examining human behavior and thought holistically, looking cross-culturally as well as within particular cultural milieus. Such an approach opens up new interpretations of family dynamics, and may enrich our framing of family violence to resonate with varied audiences.

Our Sibling Dynamics division addresses another overlooked form of family violence – sibling abuse – often minimized with the more acceptable tag “sibling rivalry.” While sibling abuse has not been emphasized in the discourse highlighting animal abuse, the abuse/killing of a sibling’s pet has been recognized in the literature on sibling rivalry/abuse. To be comprehensive, we also assert that pet abuse is not only an indicator of other abuses within families, but may be itself a form of child abuse, spousal abuse, elder abuse or sibling abuse. Likewise, we also recognize that attacks against a human family member in front of a pet may traumatize that animal, which can lead to behavioral manifestations. This is important to note in order to find ways to (re)integrate the pet within the family.

Family Spirals seeks to amplify marginalized voices within the field of family violence and to help empower those who have experienced its ravages. We plan to help ensure that aggression towards animals will not be isolated within broader discourse on violence. By generating greater visibility to marginalized/stigmatized forms of violence, we plan to create opportunities for public education and provide sound policy recommendations. We also hope to launch a number of research projects and to consult/collaborate on projects based at universities.

LINK TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Coming Soon to a City Near You...

Bogotá, Colombia – Feb. 23: Dr. Nuria Querol i Vinas, member of the National Link Coalition and head of Spain's GEVHA Link group, and Dr. Anna Mula, animal law expert from the Franz Weber Foundation, are bringing The Link message to Colombia. They will present workshops about SAF-T animal housing programs and groundbreaking laws to protect animals and humans at the [4th National & International Forum Against Animal Abuse](#) in Bogota on Feb. 23.

Atlanta, GA – Feb 21-24: Randy Lockwood of the ASPCA, and Jason Byrd and Amanda Fitch of the University of Florida, will discuss veterinary forensics at the [American Academy of Forensic Sciences](#).

Washington, DC – Feb. 28-Mar. 1: Allie Phillips will train on “Sheltering Animals and Families Together (SAF-T)” at the [2nd World Conference on Women's Shelters](#).

Anaheim, CA – Mar. 3-4: Karen Halligan and Madeline Bernstein of the spcaLA, Deputy L.A. City Attorney Don Cocek, and Robert Reisman of the ASPCA will conduct workshops on the forensic gathering of evidence and courtroom presentation in animal cruelty cases at the California Veterinary Medical Association [Animal Care conference](#).

Blackwood, NJ – Mar. 11: Phil Arkow will train volunteers of the Center for Family Services' [Services Empowering Rights of Victims](#) program on The Link.

(Online) –Mar. 14: Allie Phillips, J.D., Director of the National Center for Prosecution of Animal Abuse, will present a free webinar on “Foreclosure Pets: Investigating and Prosecuting the Abandonment of Pets” in a [webinar series](#) presented by the NCPAA, a program of the National District Attorneys Association, in partnership with the ASPCA and the Animal Legal Defense Fund.

Lake Ozark, MO – Mar. 16: Phil Arkow will train the [Missouri Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers](#) on “Women's Best Friend: Social Work and the Domestic Violence/Animal Abuse Link.”

Gainesville, FL – Mar. 24-25: 16 speakers will discuss psychology, health, animal behavior, investigation, prosecution, and evidence handling issues of animal hoarding at the Maddie's [Veterinary Forensics Conference](#) at the University of Florida.

Harrisonville, MO – Mar. 30: Randy Lockwood and Tim Rickey of the ASPCA, and psychologist LeeAnn McKee, will discuss animal hoarding and clinical treatment for offenders at the [Missouri Animal Control Association](#) .

(Online) –April 12: [Franklin D. McMillan, DVM, DACVIM](#), director of well-being studies at Best Friends Animal Society, will present a free webinar on “The Psychological Aspects of Maltreated Animals” in a [webinar series](#) presented by the National Center for Prosecution of Animal Abuse, a program of the National District Attorneys Association, in partnership with the ASPCA and the Animal Legal Defense Fund.

York, PA – April 17: Phil will conduct a training on The Link for community human services leaders under the auspices of the [York County SPCA](#).

Erie, PA – April 20: Phil Arkow will conduct a training on The Link for community human services leaders under the auspices of [Gateway Rehab – Erie](#).

Kansas City, MO – April 20: Kansas City’s Link network, KC-CAN (Caring for All Network) will meet. Contact [Heddie Leger](#) for details.

Edmonton, AB, Canada – Apr. 24: Tim Battle of the [Alberta SPCA](#) will present a session at the *Moving Forward On Domestic Violence* conference on “Helping Human and Animal Victims of Domestic Violence” which will incorporate results from the Alberta SPCA’s research at women’s shelters across Alberta and a progress report from the provincial task force looking into establishing a pet-safekeeping network and legal safeguards for animal-owning victims of domestic violence.

Harford County, MD – Apr. 27: Allie Phillips will present on “Caught in the Cross-Fire: When the Abuse of Animals Co-Occurs with Family Violence.”

Miami Beach, FL – May 1-4: More than 18 speakers will discuss topics of Link interest at the International Veterinary Forensic Sciences Association’s [5th annual conference](#).

Calgary, AB, Canada – May 6-9: Phil Arkow will present a workshop on “Kids, Critters and Sexual Abuse” at the [Canadian Society for the Investigation of Child Abuse](#) biennial conference.

(Online) – May 9: Allie Phillips will conduct a webinar on “Children Exposed to Animal Abuse” for the [National Children’s Alliance](#).

Raleigh, NC – May 22-24: Lesley Ashworth will present a workshop on Domestic Violence and Pet Abuse at the [North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#)’s biennial conference.

Las Vegas, NV – May 23: Randy Lockwood of the ASPCA will discuss how the links between animal abuse and human violence can be addressed through humane education at HSUS [Animal Care Expo](#).

(Online) – May 24: Scott Heiser, Esq., of the [Animal Legal Defense Fund](#), will present a free webinar on “Common Issues Law Enforcement and Prosecutors Confront When Investigating and Litigating ‘Puppy Mill’ Cases” in a [webinar series](#) presented by the National Center for Prosecution of Animal Abuse, a program of the National District Attorneys Association, in partnership with the ASPCA and the Animal Legal Defense Fund.

San Diego, CA – Aug. 4: Randy Lockwood of the ASPCA will discuss “Animal Hoarding: A Community Problem” at the [AVMA Annual Conference](#).

Saskatoon, SK, Canada – Sept. 21: Rob Reisman of the ASPCA will discuss “Veterinarians’ Role in Animal Welfare Investigations” at the [Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association](#) conference.

Saskatoon, SK, Canada – Sept. 28-30: Randy Lockwood of the ASPCA will discuss The Link at the Saskatchewan SPCA annual [Animal Welfare Conference](#).

ABOUT THE NATIONAL LINK COALITION

The [National Link Coalition](#) is an informal network of individuals and organizations addressing the intersections between animal abuse and other forms of violence through research, legislation, program implementation, and public awareness. Organized in 2008 at a historic summit in Portland, ME, the National Link Coalition's vision is:

The Link between violence against humans and violence against animals is widely known and understood. We believe that through the recognition and integration of this understanding into policies and practices nationwide, humans and animals will be measurably safer.

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