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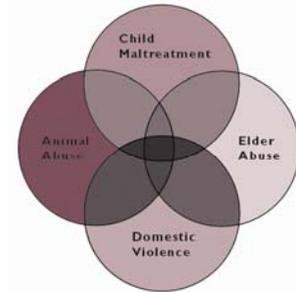
Working together to stop violence against people and animals

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A monthly report of news about the connections between animal abuse and other forms of violence

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New Veterinary/Domestic Violence/Law Enforcement Link Initiative Launched in Scotland



[The Links Group](#), the U.K.'s Link organization, has joined forces with Medics Against Violence and the Strathclyde Police Violence Reduction Unit to produce a new Medics Against Violence Domestic Abuse Veterinary Initiative (MAV/DAVI) in Glasgow, Scotland. MAV/DAVI will offer practical help and advice to victims and health professionals, as well as help make people understand why hurting

animals matters. Other partners in the initiative include Scotland Crimestoppers, Pet Fostering Service Scotland, and OneKind.

MAV/DAVI will provide Scottish veterinarians with the information and reassurance required when they suspect that their patient, and possibly the patient's owner, may have suffered non-accidental injury. The MAV Practice Note for dentists has been adapted by the British Veterinary Association to inform and advise veterinarians about potential domestic violence issues: the new Practice Note explains how vets can apply the AVDR principles (Asking, Validating, Documenting and Recording) developed for dentists by Dr. Barbara Gerbert of the University of California, San Francisco. A brochure has been published explaining these principles to veterinarians.

The Initiative will also enable the safe reporting of actual or suspected animal abuse by the public. A poster – *Sharing a secret* – has been produced for distribution to all vets in Scotland, highlighting the fact that animals and humans can be victims of the same abuser. It encourages people to report anonymously to Crimestoppers Scotland, where their information will be acted on and they need have no fear about speaking up.

MAV/DAVI will provide practical assistance to people with pets who need to escape domestic abuse. Pet Fostering Service Scotland, supported by OneKind, is establishing a corps of foster homes prepared to take on the challenging and open-ended role of caring for pets from abusive homes. This will help victims to leave home without having to leave pets behind and at risk from their abuser.

The initiative will also gather data from Scottish police forces on the prevalence of pet abuse, with a view to providing guidance for officers dealing with incidents that involve families with pets.

The Link in the Literature



Survey Describes States' Uniform Crime Reports of Animal Cruelty Statistics

The connections between animal cruelty and other forms of violence support the need to include data about animal abuse crimes in national crime statistics. The FBI has been asked repeatedly to collect and code animal cruelty crimes as part of its Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system. This would allow policy-makers, researchers and other stakeholders to have a better understanding of animal cruelty, estimate incidence and trends, and develop evidence-based policies.

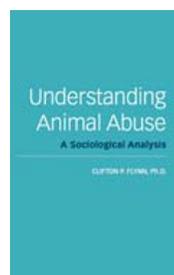
A new [report by the Animal Welfare Institute](#) (AWI) notes that the FBI is aware of the advantages of collecting data about animal cruelty crimes and even reported to Congress in 2005 that such information would enrich the national database and provide law enforcement officials with vital information. However, three obstacles have been cited in adding animal cruelty data to UCR: technical challenges of adding additional elements on data collection forms and computer programs; costs of developing a uniform definition of “animal cruelty” and training local police on the new process; and securing acceptance by state UCR programs and law enforcement agencies.

To assess the degree to which state UCR agencies already collect animal cruelty data, and to which these three issues are obstacles and identify ways to overcome them, AWI conducted a survey of all state UCR program managers and in-depth interviews with selected state officials. Of the 28 states that responded, 18 receive information about animal cruelty from state, county or local law enforcement agencies. 11 state UCRs receive this information only when there is an arrest for a felony or misdemeanor animal cruelty offense; 7 receive it when there is either a report or an arrest. States varied as to whether animal cruelty was identified as a separate offense or grouped with “other crimes.” 85% of respondents felt that the collection of animal cruelty data was useful.

The AWI report recommended: that all state UCRs should be contacted to clarify if animal cruelty crimes are catalogued and identifiable; that state animal control associations work with UCR officials to create a common communications system; and that a working group determine a process by which animal cruelty crimes can be organized and recovered within FBI crime data systems. One step to effect this would be to reclassify animal cruelty as a crime against society rather than as crimes against property.

-- Addington, L.A., & Randour, M.L. (2012). *Animal Cruelty Crime Statistics: Findings from a Survey of State Uniform Crime Reporting Programs*. Washington DC: Animal Welfare Institute.

Understanding Animal Abuse: A Sociological Analysis



Sociologist Clifton P. Flynn, a frequent author on human-animal interactions and the links between animal abuse and domestic violence and child maltreatment, has incorporated Link awareness in his newest book. *Understanding Animal Abuse: A Sociological Analysis* explores why animal abuse is worthy of serious scholarly focus. This overview examines the various theses explaining The Link, and lays out some theoretical perspectives on the issue. Flynn offers recommendations for policy and professionals and some directions for future research. He compares individual psychopathological approaches to animal cruelty with social and cultural models of violence and abuse, and offers recommendations for policy and future research. (Brooklyn, NY: Lantern Books, 2012).

Studying the Predictive Value of Childhood Animal Cruelty on Adult Violence

These two studies replicated earlier research by examining the relationship between demographic and situational factors and specific methods of childhood animal cruelty among 180 male prison inmates. In the first study, respondents who had engaged in frequent animal cruelty were more likely to have drowned, shot, kicked, or had sex with animals. Those who had grown up in urban areas and who did not become upset after abusing animals were more likely to have kicked animals. Those who covered up their abuse were more likely to have had sex with animals. Sex with animals was the only method of childhood animal cruelty that predicted the later commission of violent adult crimes. The second study explored the relationships between childhood motivations for animal cruelty and subsequent commission of violent crimes. Almost 2/3 of inmates reported engaging in childhood animal cruelty for fun, while ¼ reported being motivated out of anger or imitation. Only 1/5 reported having hated the animal. Respondents who had committed recurrent childhood animal cruelty were more likely to have committed recurrent adult violence. None of the childhood motives had any effect on later violence against humans.

Hensley, C., Tallichet, S.E., & Dutkiewicz, E.L. (2011). The predictive value of childhood animal cruelty methods on later adult violence: Examining demographic and situational correlates. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 20(10), 1-15.

Overton, J.C., Hensley, C., & Tallichet, S.E. (2011). Examining the relationship between childhood animal cruelty motives and recurrent adult violent crimes toward humans. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 20(10), 1-17.

Canadian Province Institutes Foster Care, Veterinary Reporting and Cross Reporting

In recognizing the link between animal abuse and human abuse, the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association along with the Winnipeg Humane Society, the Family Violence Prevention Program, the provincial Chief Veterinary Office, and various other organizations, have developed a Manitoba *SafePet* program. *SafePet* allows Manitobans in abusive situations to leave, knowing their animals are safely secured and cannot be harmed. *SafePet* is designed to help keep an animal safe, housed and fed, while giving the abuse victims a chance to reestablish themselves. This program is currently only available in Winnipeg.

Animal protection officers, police officers, the Chief Veterinary Office, and licensed veterinarians are aware of the link between animal abuse and child abuse. Recently the Manitoba Animal Care Act was revised and now includes the requirement for veterinarians to report suspected animal abuse to the Chief Veterinary Office. When residences are inspected as a result of an animal welfare complaint and animal abuse is identified, the police will notify social workers if there are children in the home.

Cross-Reporting Implemented in The Netherlands

[Marie-Jose Enders-Slegers](#), who is coordinating Link activities in Holland, reports that in the new Dutch Report Code for Child Abuse, professionals who are mandated to report suspected child abuse will find a new section about animal abuse and its potential link to child abuse and neglect. The new section includes a statement that the reporter who suspects animal cruelty must call the new “Animal Cops” (Dierenpolitie) with that information.

News from Local Link Coalitions

Link Coalition Launched in Chicago



In January 2011, law school student Blair Warner started the Safety Network for Abused Animals and People (SNAAP) in the Washington, DC metropolitan area to help domestic violence victims with pets. The success of SNAAP helped initiate a sister organization, [SNAAP-Chicago](#), in the Windy City, started by Blair's fellow law school student Jessica Katz. Jessica wanted to participate in SNAAP, but when she moved to Chicago she realized she could start a similar organization there. Jessica explains, "I've gotten a lot of good feedback and support both from the animal protection community and the domestic violence community. I have a lot of friends and family around the country, so I'm hoping that my efforts here will inspire them to start SNAAP networks in their own cities."

Since its inception in September 2011, SNAAP-Chicago has drawn five additional volunteers and a number of interested supporters. In the past four months, the group has finalized partnerships with three local animal shelters to participate in a Safe Haven Referral Program to provide temporary housing options for the pets of domestic violence victims, and is seeking partnerships with others. "SNAAP-Chicago hit the ground running and is already making a difference in Chicago. A number of key shelters and animal welfare organizations have agreed to house battered animals while abused women and children stay in safe houses, and this alone is a significant step from where Chicago was this past summer," says Hayley Glaholt, SNAAP-Chicago's latest volunteer member.

Currently, SNAAP-Chicago is working to build a network of veterinarians to partner with the organization and provide necessary gap-filling services, such as a neutral drop-off zone for victim's pets and short-term boarding while temporary shelter arrangements are made. SNAAP-Chicago is also planning to form its own network of foster homes, and hopes to work with existing domestic violence shelters in Chicago to find kennel space for the pets of domestic violence victims that seek their services. In an effort to increase awareness of the prevalence of animal abuse in domestic violence and its role in a victim's decision to escape or stay, SNAAP-Chicago also plans to conduct cross-trainings and other outreach efforts. As Glaholt says, "Hopefully SNAAP-Chicago will become a go-to resource over the next few years!"



Berkshire County Prosecutor Honored

HAVEN (Human/Animal Violence Education Network), the Link coalition in Berkshire County, Mass., has announced that HAVEN partner Assistant District Attorney Kelly Kemp was named the recipient of the Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association's Merit Award. Kemp is being honored for her tough prosecution of animal cruelty cases in Berkshire County and for her efforts through HAVEN to educate other prosecutors in Massachusetts. She is the Chief District Court Prosecutor and an adjunct faculty member in the Criminal Justice Department at Berkshire Community College.

Oregon Link Team Initiates Therapy Program



A member of the Washington County Animal Protection Multi-Disciplinary Team, based in the Portland suburb of Hillsboro, OR, has founded "[The Little Dog Laughed](#)" a nonprofit that works with at-risk children. Team member Linda Keast developed the STAR (See, Tag and Reward) program as one part of the team's Children and Animals Protection Program. It utilizes trained therapy dogs and their handlers to work with a counselor to intervene with the children, who teach the therapy dog new "tricks" using clicker training. Team organizer [Whitney Kubli](#) reports that the program's goals are to help children learn that there are more constructive and healthy ways to get what they want instead of using violence, and to build their empathy toward animals. In its first year, STAR teamed up with an elementary school and incarcerated youth at Harkin's House. One youth learned to clicker-train goats, and now wants to pursue a career working with animals, Kubli reports.

The team has also developed the "Protect My Pets Program" to temporarily house the animals of domestic violence victims. In its first year, 312 free nights of boarding were provided for pets.

Klamath Falls Link Coalition Changes Name



The Klamath Falls, OR Link coalition, organized under the auspices of [Klamath Child Abuse Prevention \(CAP\)](#), has changed its name from Be Kind 2 Animals to **Purple Paws and People**. Coordinator Michael Kaibel explains that the name change better reflects the blending of CAP's violence prevention programs for people and animals. Klamath Chapter Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting® Project is CAP's primary anti-bullying, anti-violence program, with the Hands Pre-K and K-12 curricula in 100% of Klamath County public and private schools. "The national color for the Hands Project is purple and so we changed our animal program to **Purple Paws & People**," he says. "The award-winning [Hands Project](#) reduces all forms of violence and in the schools we focus on anti-bullying for the students and then segue into not bullying animals. In short, we are using the national anti-violence Hands Project to end violence against human and non-human animals."

The Link in the News

Teen Pleads Guilty in Dog Torture and Mutilation

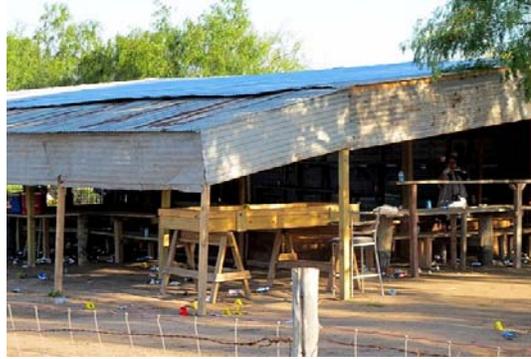


Joseph Nelson

A Grand Junction, CO teenager has pleaded guilty to brutally torturing and killing his mother's dog in an incident that may have been fueled by alcohol and drug abuse. Joseph Nelson was arrested last November, seven days after his 18th birthday, after his mother's dog was found hanging by its leash from a pedestrian bridge. The dog's internal organs were cut out and an eyeball was missing, according to the arrest affidavit. Friends told police Nelson had become enraged after being contacted by officers for an unrelated incident, then swung the dog by the leash, slammed it into a backyard shed 10 to 12 times, kicked it and threw a bicycle on top of it. The [Grand Junction Daily Sentinel](#) reported the mother told police her son was heavily involved with methamphetamine use. The guilty plea included dismissal of other charges including a minor in possession of alcohol. The plea bargain calls for Nelson to be sentenced to probation on June 22.

Three Participants Killed in Deadly Cockfight

Three men were [reported killed](#) and [eight more wounded](#) in a deadly shootout at a midnight cockfight in Edcouch, TX, near the Mexican border in the Rio Grande Valley. Hidalgo County sheriffs described a chaotic scene where 200 attendees trampled each other, and some 20 roosters were killed, after masked gunmen opened fire on two brothers at the event. The brothers were reportedly well known by law enforcement officials for previous criminal activity including drug possession. Officials speculated the shooting may have been in retaliation for an earlier drive-by shooting.



Investigators examine the scene of the deadly cockfight near Edcouch, TX.

Three individuals were charged with cockfighting and engaging in criminal activity for owning the ranch, building the pavilion that covered the bleachers and ring, and operating the facility. The injured participants could also be charged with misdemeanor cockfighting charges.

In February, one man was killed at a cockfight in East Texas after an argument over a bet. Police in San Antonio confiscated about 100 roosters and \$10,000 in cash during a raid last January; Galveston police raided a ranch last December where more than 300 fighting birds were allegedly being raised. A new Texas law stiffens penalties for cockfighting, attending, or allowing one's property to be used for such purposes. Federal legislation is pending that would make it a crime to attend animal fights.

"When police officers roll up on a cockfight, everyone runs and you're left with a bunch of birds," said Belinda Smith, who heads the animal-cruelty section of the Harris County District Attorney's Office. With the new law, at least the property owners can be prosecuted.

Alleged Dog Burner Convicted on Attempted Homicide Charges



Travers Johnson, the Baltimore, MD teenager who had been charged with trying to kill a man and his sister after earlier having been accused of setting a dog on fire (*The LINK-Letter*, February 2011) has pleaded guilty to attempted second-degree murder. He was [sentenced](#) to 25 years, with all but eight years suspended. At the time of the shooting, he and his twin brother, Tremayne Johnson, were both out on bail after being charged with animal cruelty for setting fire to a pit bull puppy named Phoenix in a case that drew national attention. The brothers' first trial on the animal cruelty charges ended with a hung jury: the retrial resulted in an [acquittal](#) after jurors determined the prosecutors presented insufficient evidence. Tremayne Johnson was charged with marijuana possession after the first animal cruelty trial and is slated to be tried on those charges soon.

Couple Convicted of Sex Crimes after Bestiality Charges Dropped



Robert Melia, 42, and Heather Lewis, 36

“tormented” by the acts.

In a case that the prosecutor called “outright depravity,” a police officer from Moorestown, N.J. and his former girlfriend were [convicted](#) on 22 counts for repeatedly sexually assaulting three girls and a boy between the ages of 12 and 17 over an eight-year period and videotaping some of the attacks. Robert Melia, 42, and Heather Lewis, 36, are scheduled for sentencing in Superior Court on Sept. 13, where each could face more than 50 years in prison. Investigators also found videos of the policeman engaged in sex with calves on a farm, but a judge dismissed those charges saying there was no evidence that the animals had been

Jilted Boyfriend Gets Back at Girlfriend by Killing her Hamster



Ryan O'Brien was seen smirking during his trial.

A British man jilted by his girlfriend has received a [six-month suspended sentence](#) after he pleaded guilty to holding her hamsters hostage for £20, flinging one of them into a wall, crushing it with his boot, and feeding its remains to his bulldog. He then held a knife to the second hamster’s throat, causing the woman to hand over £5 before fleeing with her surviving pet. Ryan O’Brien, 22, tried to get back at Jemma Tracey, 23, after she broke off their six-year relationship. The magistrate, who called Ryan’s actions “uncontrollable rage,” nevertheless sentenced him to 24 weeks in prison (suspended for two years) plus 140 hours of community service, attending a substance abuse program, and a £375 fine.

The Link in the Legislatures



KENTUCKY: Reps. Joni Jenkins and Kelly Flood have introduced **HB 233** which would allow the court to direct the care, custody or control of any pet belonging to either party or a minor child in the household. The bill has cleared the House and is in the Senate Judiciary Committee.



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 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.

CROSS-REPORTING



KANSAS: HB 2533 would add animal control officers as professionals mandated to report suspected child abuse. The bill cleared the House and is in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

LINK TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Coming Soon to a City Near You...

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

May 23 – Las Vegas, NV: Randy Lockwood will discuss Link topics and the biology of empathy in a humane education track at the Humane Society of the US [Animal Care Expo](#). The National Center for the Prosecution of Animal Abuse will exhibit at the conference and share materials from the National Link Coalition.

May 24 – (Online): 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.

May 25 – Stockholm, Sweden: Phil Arkow will conduct a multidisciplinary training on The Link for [Swedish](#) authorities, nonprofit organizations and researchers.

May 30 – Phoenix, AZ: Chris Risley-Curtiss will train Maricopa County adult probation officers on the correlation between animal and human violence and on assessing for animal abuse.

June 12 – (online): Joshua Marquis, District Attorney for Clatsop County, OR, will present a free webinar on “Challenges of Prosecuting Equine Neglect 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.

June 14 – Piscataway, NJ: Phil Arkow will give the keynote address on animal abuse and domestic violence, and a workshop on building community anti-violence coalitions, at the New Jersey Association of Domestic Violence Professionals' annual conference for the [New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women](#).

June 20 – San Diego, CA: Allie Phillips will train on The Link at the National District Attorneys Association's Career Prosecutors Course.

June 27 – Ft. Leavenworth: Phil Arkow will conduct a training on The Link for the Ft. Leavenworth Army Community Service [Family and Morale/Welfare/Recreation](#) program.

July 11 – (Online): Allie Phillips will conduct a webinar on “Children Exposed to Animal Abuse” for the [National Children's Alliance](#).

July 16 – (online): Geoff Fleck, Criminal Justice Program Contract Attorney for the Animal Legal Defense Fund, will present a free webinar on “Trial Strategies in Animal Cruelty Prosecutions” 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 ALDF.

July 17 – Philadelphia, PA: Phil Arkow will conduct a training on the implications of animal abuse for child welfare workers for the [Pennsylvania Council of Children, Youth and Family Services](#).

July 20 – Mystic, CT: Allie Phillips will present at the National District Attorneys Association’s Board of Directors meeting on animal abuse and its important connections to violence against people.

July 23-25 – Denver, CO: Five Link workshops, strategy sessions, and Institutes will be featured at the [National Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#) biennial conference. Speakers will include Phil Arkow, Diane Balkin, Amy Fristoe, Maya Gupta, Jane Hunt, Anna Melbin, Allie Phillips, Randy Lockwood, and Kath Schoen.

July 24 – Washington, DC: Chris Risley-Curtiss will speak on “Incorporating Resiliency and Hope into Social Work Practice through Animal-Human Relationships” at the National Association of Social Workers’ [annual conference](#).

Aug. 2 – Orlando, FL: Allie Phillips will present on “Caught in the Cross Fire: When the Abuse of Animals Co-Occurs with Family Violence” at the [Florida Crimes Against Kids](#) conference.

Aug. 4 – San Diego, CA: Randy Lockwood will discuss the role of the veterinarian in recognizing and responding to animal hoarding, Dr. Rachel Touroo of the ASPCA will discuss veterinary forensics and the role of veterinarians in responding to animal cruelty, and Chris Risley-Curtiss will speak on animal abuse and domestic violence at the annual conference of the [American Veterinary Medical Association](#).

Aug. 23 – (online): Joel Lopez, Sr., Manager of Operations, Field Investigations and Response for the ASPCA, will present a free webinar on “Planning for a Large-Scale Seizure” 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.

Sept. 14 – Chesterfield, MO: Phil Arkow and Heddie Leger will present a workshop on “Women’s Best Friend: Social Work and the Domestic Violence/Animal Abuse Link” for the [Missouri Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers](#) annual Training institute.

Sept. 20 – (online): Dr. Randy Lockwood, Senior V.P. of Forensic Sciences and Anti-Cruelty Projects for the ASPCA, will present a free webinar on “Combating Animal Cruelty: The Past, Present and Future” 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.

Sept. 21 – Saskatoon, SK, Canada: Dr. Robert Reisman of the ASPCA will present on veterinary forensics in the investigation of animal cruelty at the conference of the Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association.

Sept. 28 – Saskatoon, SK, Canada: Randy Lockwood will discuss “Prosecuting Animal Hoarding: When, Why and How” at the [Saskatchewan SPCA](#) Animal Welfare Conference.

Oct. 14 – Jacksonville, FL: Phil Arkow will discuss the links between animal cruelty and child maltreatment at Prevent Child Abuse America’s [National Conference for America’s Children](#).

Oct. 16 – (online): Diane Balkin of the Animal Legal Defense Fund will present a free webinar on “Anticipating Defenses in Animal Abuse 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.

Nov. 14-17 – Chicago, IL: Nuria Querol i Vinas will present on “Cruelty to Animals and Antisocial Personality Disorders: Criminological and Forensic Correlations” at the [American Society of Criminology](#) conference.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL LINK COALITION

The National Link Coalition is an informal, multi-disciplinary collaborative network of individuals and organizations in human services and animal welfare who address the intersections between animal abuse, domestic violence, child maltreatment and elder abuse through research, public policy, programming and community awareness. We believe that human and animal well-being are inextricably intertwined and that the prevention of family and community violence can best be achieved through partnerships representing multi-species perspectives.



OUR VISION: 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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