A scientifically proven concept whose application could save many from a life of abuse and misery. Practised by the FBI and now brought to Europe.

We would eagerly seek for veterinarians to be aware of the Link and for it to be mandatory that they report animal abuse to initiate investigation of other possible abuses within the household with provision of any necessary professional support.

We would seek for the creation of a dedicated team of professionals who would respond to animal abuse reports and explore the possibility that other occupants of the household were 'at risk'.

"The difference between what we do and don't do, is greater than the difference between what we know and don't know"
“Animal abuse comes from the same aetiological pathways as child abuse, domestic violence and elder abuse. They are highly likely to co-occur. They are the same, except... One of them is easier to identify”

For some 20 years extensive research has been conducted in the connections between animal abuse and inter human abuse and violence. Primarily conducted in the United States it has been shown that abuse against animals is highly predictive of other abuses. These may include child, spousal and elder abuse and may even extend into crimes within society including murder. Abuse of an animal being easier to identify that that against humans, provides the possibility of using this Link to identify otherwise undiscovered 'at risk' individuals and families.

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