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FAMILY AND ANIMAL VIOLENCE LINK

Children who witness domestic violence in their homes are nearly 3x more likely to abuse animals than other children.


In a comprehensive study of over 3500 domestic violence victims across 11 metropolitan cities in the U.S., the 4 greatest risk factors for determining a likely domestic abuser: 1) Not graduating from high school; 2) Fair or poor mental health; 3) Excessive drug or alcohol use; and 4) Pet abuse.


Women at domestic violence shelters were almost 11x more likely to have a partner that hurt or killed their pet than other women.


18 – 59% of women who are victims of domestic violence delay seeking shelter if they are afraid their abuser will harm their animals.


Subjects with a history of animal cruelty were 11 times more likely to have committed sexual homicide. Further, subjects with higher frequency of animal cruelty during adolescence were 6x more likely to commit sexual homicide.
A study conducted by the Chicago Police Department found that 65% of people arrested for abuse against animals had been previously arrested for battery against a human.


Men convicted of violent crimes were significantly more likely to have committed animal cruelty as children.


The following groups agree that animal abuse by children is a warning sign of future violent behavior: The American Psychological Assoc., the National Crime Prevention Council, the U.S. Department of Education, and The National School Safety Council.


In 88% of homes under state supervision for the physical abuse of children, animal abuse or neglect was also occurring.


A study exploring the link between domestic violence, child abuse, and animal abuse found “a robust link between witnessing animal abuse and perpetuating cruelty towards animals” ....Furthermore, individuals who witnesses animal cruelty were 8x more likely to be perpetrators, i.e., children who are simply present in a violent home are more likely to abuse animals later in life.

12 different studies have found that 18% to 48% of female domestic violence victims stay with their partner because they are worried about the safety of their companion animals.


71% of abused women reported that their partners had killed, abused, or threatened to abuse at least one of their animals.


In 2000, a survey of APS caseworkers discovered that 35% of clients reported their companion animals were abused, killed or threatened.


In a study involving over 44,000 males - sexual abuse of animals was the largest risk factor and strongest predictor of increased risk of committing child sexual abuse.