CHILD AND ANIMAL WELFARE:  
THE ROOTS OF COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS AND RE-EMERGENCE  
OF INTERAGENCY AND INTERDISCIPLINARY EFFORTS

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“Cruelty to animals is defined as socially unacceptable behavior that intentionally causes unnecessary pain, suffering, or distress to and/or death of an animal.”  

RECENT REVIEWS


A Spouse Abuse


A.1 Anecdotal Reports


A.2 Assessment


A.3 Children’s Exposure


A.4 Partner Abuse and Child Abuse


A.5 Child Abuse/Animal Abuse Overlap

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A.6 Partner/Child/Animal Abuse Overlap


A.7 Potential Scope of the Problem


A.8 Threats vs Actual Harm


A.9 Therapeutic Issues

• sheltering animals
• separation/grief counseling


• typologies of batterers/animal abusers

Implications for Children’s Services

Implications for Domestic Violence Programs
Odessa, FL: Psychological Assessment Resources, Inc.

- Indicator of escalation
- Lethality/dangerousness assessment


• Conduct disorder


Their Children. Sarasota, FL: Professional Resource Press.]

- Crisis line/victim advocate training
- Safety planning
- Protective orders/prosecution
- Children’s exposure as psychological maltreatment
- Women’s grief over issues of abandonment and loss
- Forms of sexual abuse
- Informing decisions about staying/leaving

• Interventions for childhood cruelty


• Abusive animal caretaking
• Separation/grief/loss issues


• Animal phobias
• Projective assessments
• Sexual behavior with animals


- Boarding animals
- Confidentiality
- Safety
- Economics


- Visitation policy
- Screening adopters
- Rural concerns
- Veterinary Training


