

# Domestic Animal Protection League

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- Proposed Goal:
- Help and protection for
  - **ABANDONED, ABUSED, NEGLECTED AND STARVING ANIMALS...**
- ...in the Kenai Peninsula borough, outside the city limits.
- **Currently there is NO PROTECTION for these animals.**
- What we are NOT proposing:
- No borough wide Animal Control
- No leash laws
- No licensing your pets
- We are not even interested in enforcing rabies vaccinations which are required by state law.

# Spring 2014

- Borough Assembly calls for an Advisory Vote.
- Question 1) **IS THIS NEEDED?**
  - Shall the borough exercise limited control powers for the purpose of domestic animal rescue and care related to rescue in the areas of the borough outside the cities?
- Question 2) **HOW SHOULD IT BE FUNDED?**
  - Shall there be a mill rate of 0.02 on properties outside of cities to pay non-area wide domestic animal rescue and care related to rescue services.
- We found two primary opinions:
  - 1) **ITS ABOUT TIME**
    - We replied) “We Agree!”
  - 2) **I DON’T WANT ANYMORE GOVERNMENT IN MY BUSINESS**
    - We replied) “If you’re taking care of your animals there will be no additional government intrusion in your life.”

# There is an Undisputed Link between Domestic Violence and Animal Abuse.

- \* April is National Child Abuse Prevention month.
- \* On April 10, 2015, Channel 2 News in conjunction with Alaskan's Children Trust presented a report which stated;
- \* "Alaska has one of the highest rates of CHILD ABUSE IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY."
- **FACTS:**
  - \* Abusers of animals are FIVE TIMES as likely to harm humans.
  - \* Nearly HALF of the victims who stay in violent households do so because they are afraid for their animals.
  - Countless more never leave the home for this very reason.
  - \* The link between violence against humans and animals is clear.

- \* When a child harms animals it can indicate that serious abuse has been inflicted on the child; Consequently, animals are abused in nearly all households in which children have been abused.
- \* According to the Center for Disease Control Prevention (CDC) Domestic violence can include; physical, sexual, emotional violence and THREATS.
- \* Killing, harming, or THREATNING to do animals harm are weapons abusers use to silence and MAINTAIN CONTROL over victims.

# An Undeniable Link

- \* Many victims entering shelters report abusers have hurt, killed or threatened the family pet.
- \* Victims often admit an animal being abused before they admit their own suffering.
- \* Animal Cruelty Investigations frequently unravel CHRONIC DOMESTIC ABUSE.
  - (published by animal league defense fund)

# More Stats

- \* A published paper from the law office of Carol Ryder, a member of the Suffolk County New York Bar association states:
- \* Stats on animal abuse show a sharp correlation between animal abuse and other crimes including; Rape, Robbery, Murder, Sexual Homicide, Domestic Abuse and more.
- \* Studies show 100% of sexual homicide perpetrators like Jeffery Dahmer, started by abusing animals.

## 2 Cases from New York

- **1) Michael Vick:**
  - Served “Little Time” for running a vicious dog fighting ring.
- **2) Chester Williamson:**
  - Set a cat named BUSTER on fire, killing the cat and Williamson served ONLY a one year MISDEMEANOR sentence.
- Due to the outrage over these cases;
- The New York State Agricultural Committee proposed a bill - #A8444
  - Due to recognizing the animal abuse tie to other crimes connection, they require psychiatric intervention for all animal abusers, even juveniles.
- Also passed, was Bill AML – S353- A “BUSTERS LAW” Raising the maximum penalty for aggravated cruelty to a companion animal from a one year MISDEMEANOR to a two year FELONY CHARGE.
- Animal Abuse is a predictor of other crimes including; Domestic Abuse, Murder, Rape and more.  
(Published Paper)

- According to The American Humane Association:

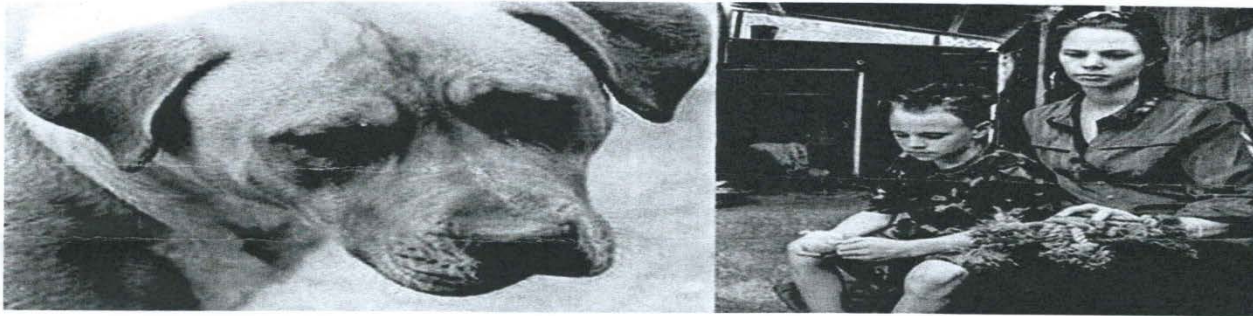
## HERE'S WHY IT MATTERS

- \* 68% of battered women reported violence towards their animals. 87% happened in the presence of the women – 75% in front of their kids.
- \* Abusers kill, harm or threaten children's pets to coerce them into sexual abuse or to force them to remain SILENT about this abuse.
- For many battered women, pets are a source of comfort and strong emotion support.
- Investigation of animal abuse is often the first point of Social Services intervention for a family in trouble.

ANIMAL CRUELTY  
PROBLEMS ARE A  
“PEOPLE PROBLEMS”.  
WHEN ANIMALS ARE  
ABUSED  
PEOPLE ARE AT RISK!

# A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH

## Domestic Violence Has Many Faces



Domestic violence and animal abuse co-exist: 85% of domestic violence victim's report their partners killed, harmed or threatened their pets. Like domestic violence, animal abuse is a learned behavior. Safe shelter for domestic violence victims and their pets is a matter of life and death.

### What You Can Do To Help

The LeeShore Center has been providing safe, emergency shelter to domestic violence victims and their pets for 29 years. LeeShore is raising funds to build a new outdoor kennel. **To donate to the project or for more information, please call The LeeShore Center at 283-9479.**



# “What Will It Cost?” [Feline and Canine]

## **KENNELS:**

### **[ W/ Own Food and Bed]**

Coopers Wounded Bear - \$20

Moose River - \$15

Tarma - \$19

Blue Moose - \$20.60

Seward Pet Lodge - \$25

AK TLC Kennel - \$22.

- {Palmer}

Dingo Design Pet Sitting - \$25

{Wasilla}

**Average:** \$21

**WILL NOT ACCEPT**  
**SIEZED ANIMALS**

## **Alaska Extended Life Animal Sactuary**

Costs for a Seized Animal

\$45 per dog to de-worm and rid ear mites

\$165 per male to neuter

\$185 per female to spay

\$18.75 per rabies shot

\$10 per Parvo/Distemper shot

\$10 per day, to feed, and house an animal

Adoption Fee: \$50 - \$150

[Depending on the animal]

**HAS ACCEPTED SIEZED ANIMALS**  
**AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.**

# “What Will It Cost?” [Equine]

- **Chris Heintz...**
- ...has been rescuing animals for over 30 years.
- Average Rescues – 10 to 12 per year
- **Costs to rehabilitate a rescued horse....**
- \$10 a day to feed a horse [ $\frac{1}{2}$  bale of hay]
- \$15 a day to feed a horse [grain and vitamins]
- \$12 de-worming per animal [4 treatments]
- \$12 delousing per animal [2 treatments]
- \* Farrier –
- \$50 + \$7 gas surcharge [every 6 weeks]
- Vet fee: \$100.00 for call out + Medication
- Teeth Floating: \$150
- Call out fee to pick up animals – \$200 – \$300 + mileage
- [fee dependant on number of animals]
- \* Rescues can also include goats, sheep, pigs, llamas,
- cattle and farm animals in general.
- **Approximate expenditures per year, all inclusive, for surrenders/ seizures, per year:**
- \* 2014 - \$38,000
- \* 2013 - \$35,000
- \* 2012 - \$42,000

# Minimum Standards of Care For Animals.

## AS 03.55.100.

- **1)** food and water sufficient to maintain each animal in good health;
- **2)** an environment compatible with protecting and maintaining the good health and safety of the animal; and
- **3)** reasonable medical care at times and to the extent available and necessary to maintain the animal in good health.
- **b)** Any determination as to whether or not the standards of this chapter are met shall be based on the professional opinion of a veterinarian licensed under AS 08.98.
- **c)** The department may adopt regulations to implement this section.
- **AS 03.55.110. Investigation of Cruelty to Animals Complaints.**
- **AS 03.55.120. Seizure of Animals.**
- **AS 03.55.130. Destruction and Adoption of Animals.**
- **AS 03.55.190. Definitions.**

# How Does This Work?

- **Scenario A:**

- 1) A call comes into dispatch that there could be animal neglect or abuse.
- 2) ACO or vet makes a welfare check.
- 3) “Can we help?” Provide food, water, or aid.
- 4) If help is wanted appropriate volunteers are called to help aid with feeding, caring for, or if necessary, re-homing the animal.

- **Scenario B:**

- 1) A call comes into dispatch that there could be animal neglect or abuse.
- 2) ACO or vet makes a welfare check.
- 3) Vet decides there is indeed a problem but help will not be accepted.
- 4) Trooper is asked to get a search warrant from the court.
- 5) Trooper serves warrant with a vet or ACO, if necessary, for safely taking the animal.
- 6) Vet or ACO contact caregiver for the animal.

• **Work Group?**

• **Pilot Program?**

In closing...

**WE NEED TO HELP OUR ANIMALS~**

• **PLEASE HELP  
US HELP  
THEM!**