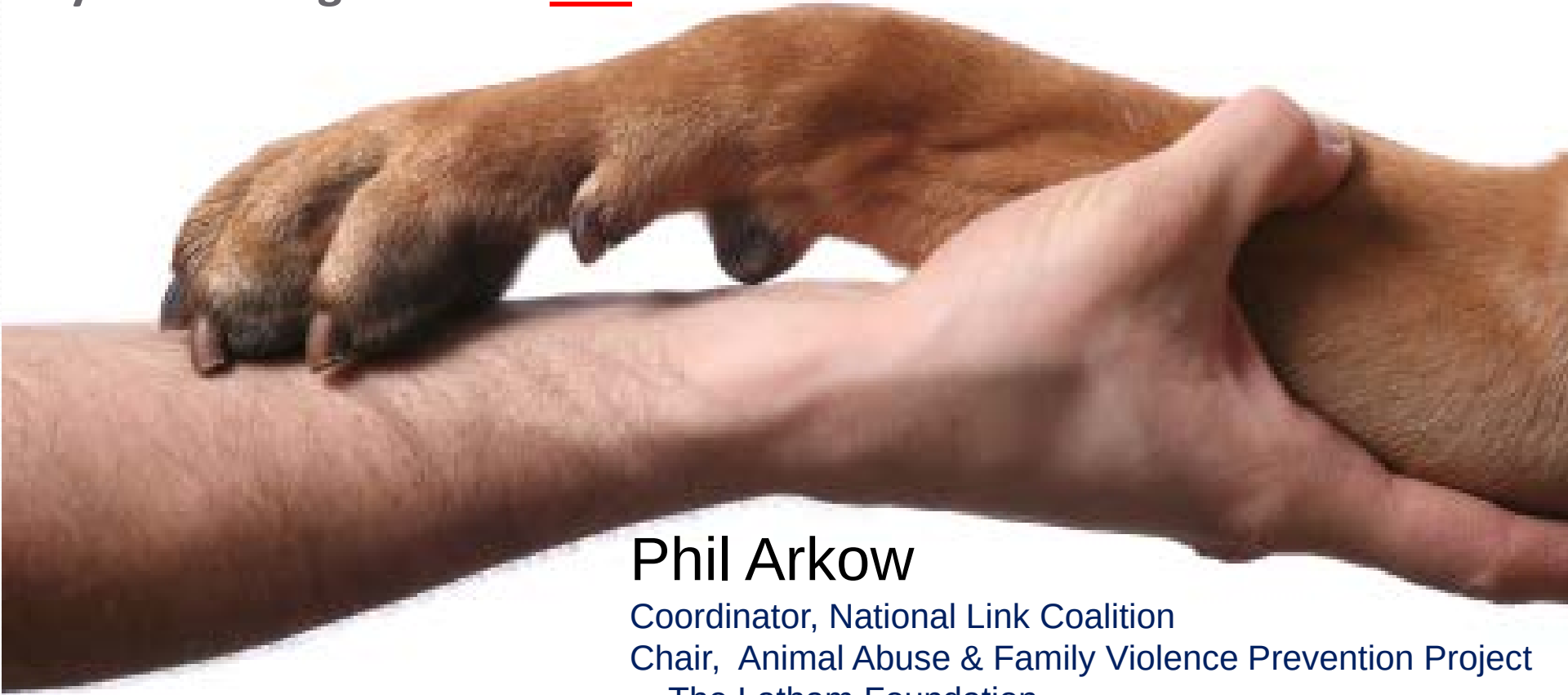


The Link, One Health and Social Capital:

New Strategies for Empathy Education & Social Work
by Addressing Humane and Human Services



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Work Summit
April 12, 2013

Some Questions for You

Nonprofit Organizations

Adequate funding?

Support from foundations?

Highly visible presence in the community?

City and County Government Agencies

Adequate budget?

Treated as an equal among departments?

Highly visible and respected presence in the community?

Private Practitioners

Earnings comparable to physicians?

Treated as an equal among medical community?

WHY DO YOU THINK THIS IS???

We Know We're Right: Why Won't Anyone Listen To Us?

Because “human” issues
will ALWAYS
take priority over
“animal”
issues.

(Get over it.)



We Know We're Right: Why Won't Anyone Listen To Us?

- Because we spend all our energy squabbling among ourselves !!!!!

The Attack of the Gonad Hunters



The Deadly Decompression Debate



The March of the Bully Breed Bullies



The Ride on the No-Kill Carousel



We Know We're Right: Why Won't Anyone Listen To Us?

- Because we never talk to the people who might really be able to advance our core agenda !!!!!
- Passion without empowerment won't get you anywhere !!!!!



The solution: Shift the Paradigm

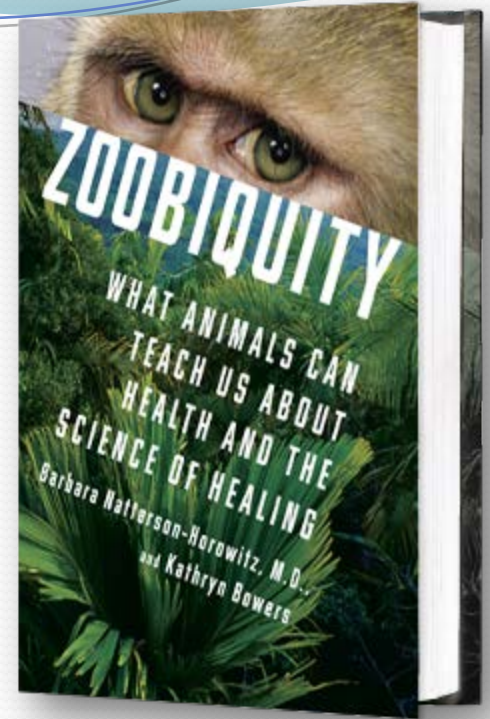
- A new perspective on veterinary medicine, social work, and animal shelter management that includes:
 - Species-Spanning Service Delivery Systems
 - Cross-sector Reporting & Referral Protocols
 - Humane AND human services

The Approach:

***LEARN WHAT THE
MONSTER LIKES...
AND FEED IT!***



“Species-Spanning Medicine”: The “One Health” Approach to Human/Animal Welfare and Abuse

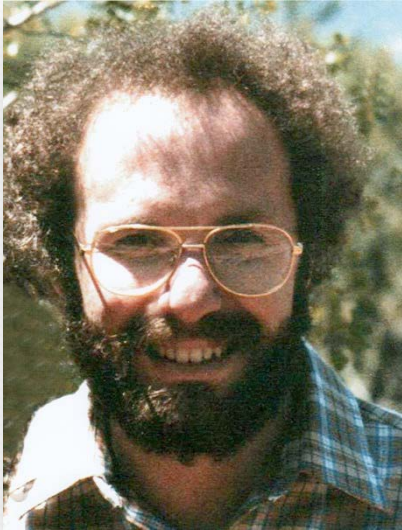


“Serious challenges require integrative solutions and collaborative initiatives.”

-- Roger K. Mahr, DVM
CEO, One Health Commission
Past President, AVMA

**A long time ago in a galaxy far,
far away, a pioneer of the animal
welfare & control movements tried
to shift the paradigms of professional
attitudes by encouraging animal care and
control and veterinarians to collaborate with
each other in hopes of getting the general public,
governmental leaders, and philanthropic funders to
support animal welfare issues with much greater respect.**

Who Was That Masked Man?



Phil Arkow
Education & Publicity
Director
c. 1973

And here's what he was saying:

“Animal welfare and animal control are two sides of the same coin. Animal welfare protects animals from people, and animal control protects people from animals.”

“We don't have animal problems: we have people problems.”



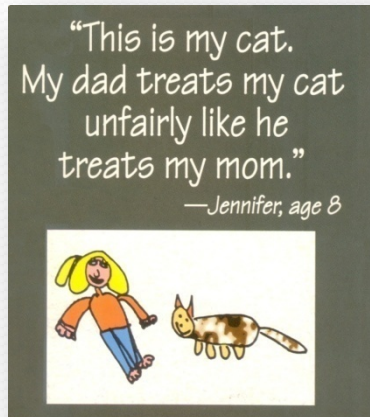
Lessons Learned

"Aha!!! moments in a parallel universe...."

The focused
Texas A&M scout....



The provocative
research study....



The fateful
after-dinner
speech



The curious
teacher
training....



The
infamous
City
Council
hearing...



The outrageous
state legislative
committee...



The nearsighted
Foundation
president....



Lessons Learned

- Humanistic, Moralistic & Scientistic are 3 of 10 distinct attitudes toward animals embraced by Americans.
- People always bring their own reality to a conversation.
- Other than among us crazy animal lovers, human needs will ALWAYS take priority over animal causes.

The Evidence...

- When it comes to cruelty to violence, both law enforcement and the public rank violence against humans above animal cruelty. Animal abuse is seen as a fairly important issue, but just can't compete.
- Law enforcement is likely to investigate cruelty if they see it, but if they don't they're not likely to think about it.
- Research demonstrating correlations between animal abuse and human violence has an effect on how seriously law enforcement and the public take animal cruelty issues.

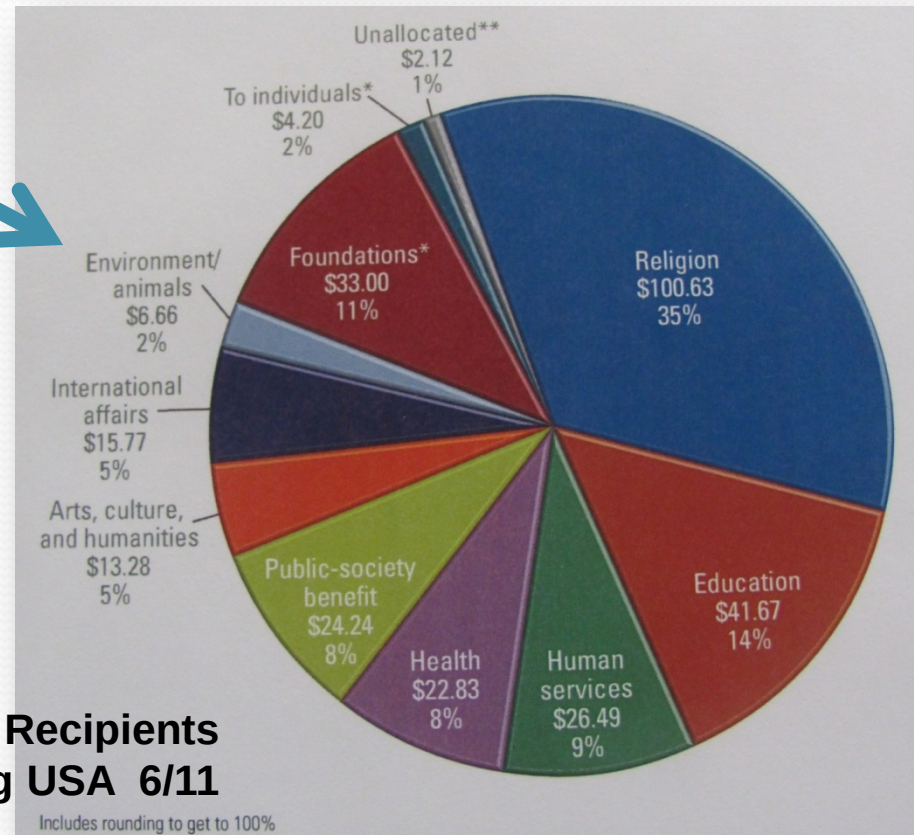
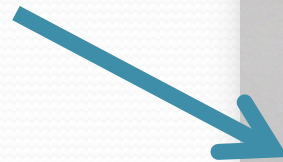
Southeastern Institute for Research (2010). *Understanding Opinions of Animal Cruelty Among Law Enforcement and the General Public*
(Study commissioned by the ASPCA)

The Evidence...

“Philanthropy”: *Love of Mankind*

Number of
charitable
foundations:
76,000

Number of
foundations
primarily
addressing
animal
welfare:
25



The Evidence...



Foundation Buzzwords

- “effect societal change”, “effect systemic change”
- “collective action”, “collaboration,” “networking,” “leveraging”
- “leadership development,” “organizational development,”
“organizational effectiveness,” “capacity building”
- “diversity,” “inclusiveness”, “underserved populations”

Schools of Social Work

- Animals included in curricula: 3/550

IN OTHER WORDS: NOT ANIMALS!

The Evidence...

Areas of Public Interest



Animal Control -- % of municipal spending:

.4%

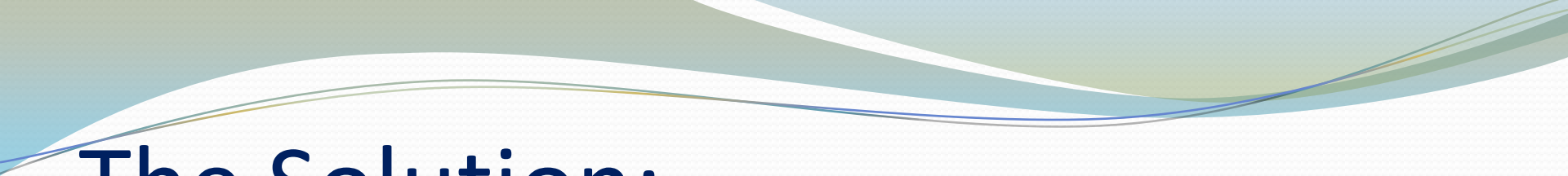
Humane Education -- % of classroom contact time:

.0004%

Where's the animal shelter?

Next to the sewer treatment plant

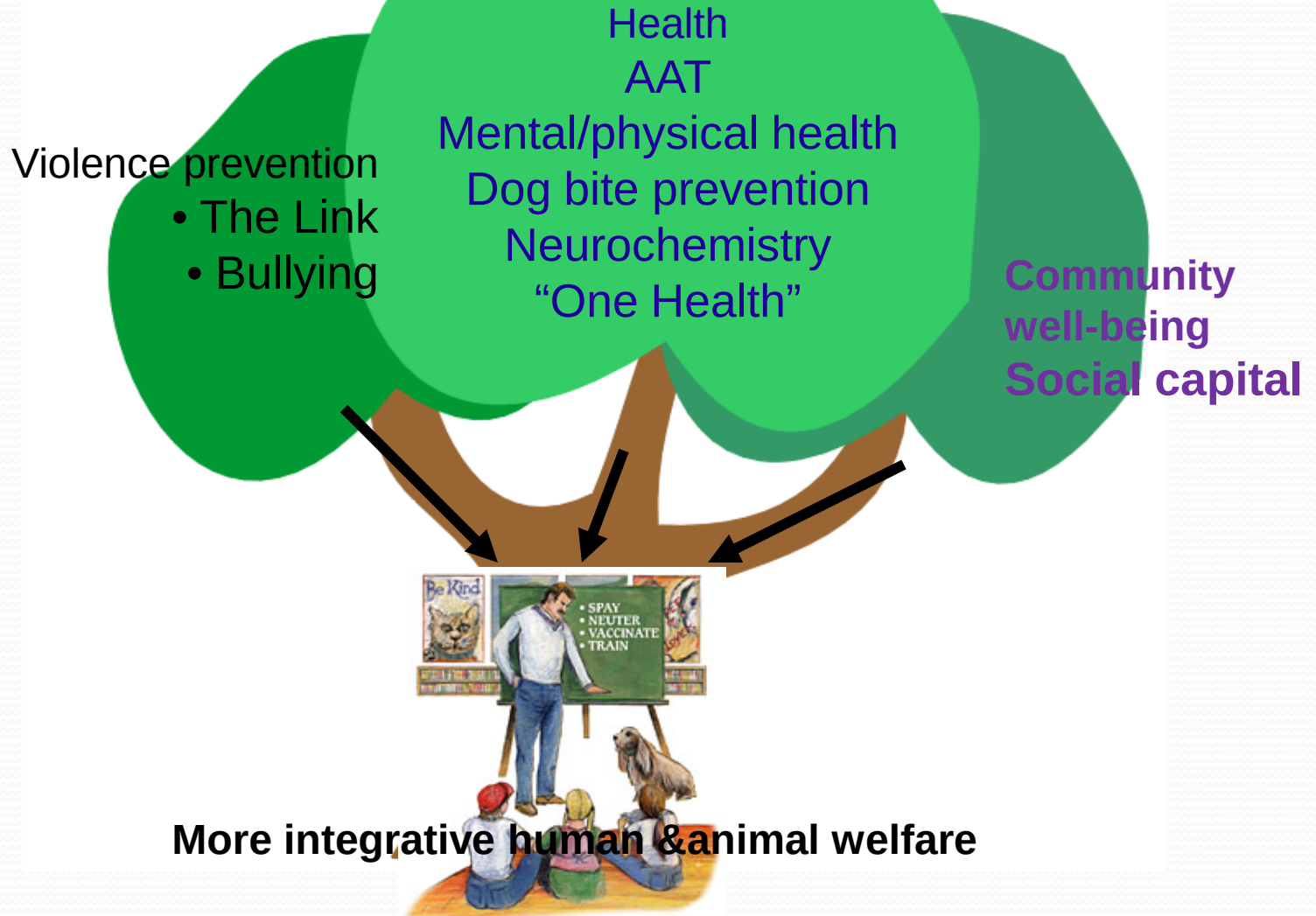
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The Solution:

- **Reposition veterinary and animal care/control as One Health institutions that protect the health and safety of the community and all vulnerable members of families by focusing on human-animal issues.**

The Solution: Promote human benefits of animal health, welfare & control programs



What They're Saying About This...

“The philosophy in the animal welfare community is switching to addressing human problems that underlie crises with animals. Animal shelters’ service philosophy is evolving to recognize that treating symptoms of animal welfare problems, such as animal homelessness, abuse and neglect, is only a stopgap solution: to be truly effective, underlying causes such as community and family dysfunction and violence must be addressed.”

-- Ipsos-Reid, 2010

What They're Saying About This...

“Animal rights and family protection agencies often represent independent or marginally linked organizational structures. Consequently, services for the protection of humans and animals frequently lack integration and coordination....”

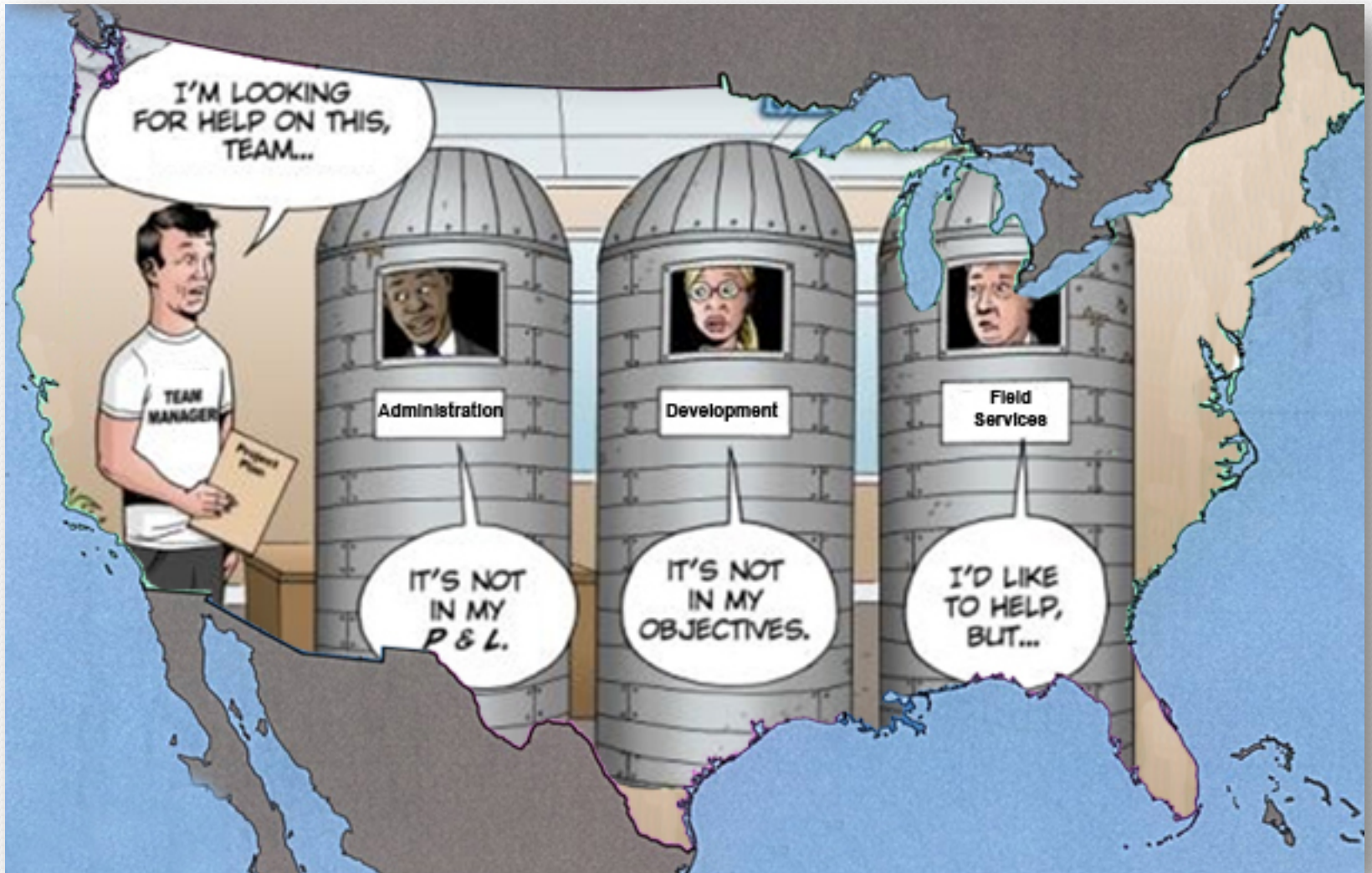
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“While recognition of a relationship between interpersonal violence and animal cruelty is an important step, collaboration between service systems holds promise for better understanding violent behavior and coordination of services for families and animals.”

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A Nation of Silos



Isn't there a better way???



We can mark our own turf...



Or we can all play together!

Shifting paradigms of animal companions

Humane Education: Rooted in Human Welfare



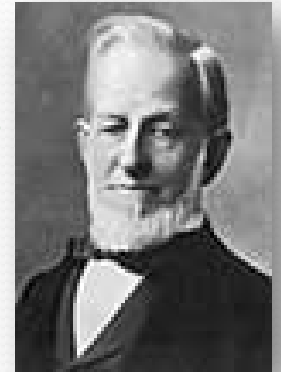
Little Goody Two Shoes.

Little Goody
Two Shoes
(1765)



The Four Stages
of Cruelty
William Hogarth (1751)

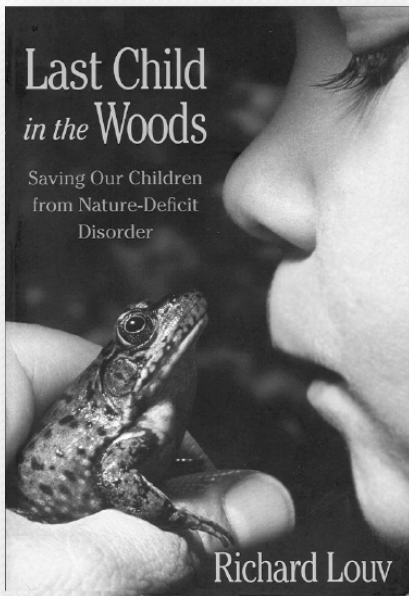
"Just so soon and so far as we pour into all our schools the songs, the poems and literature of mercy toward these lower creatures, just so soon and so far shall we reach the roots not only of cruelty, but of crime."



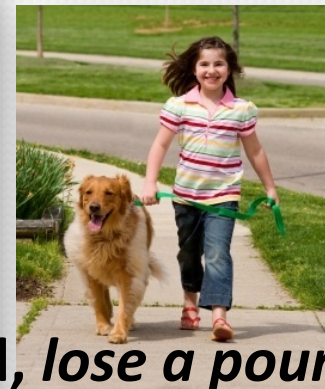
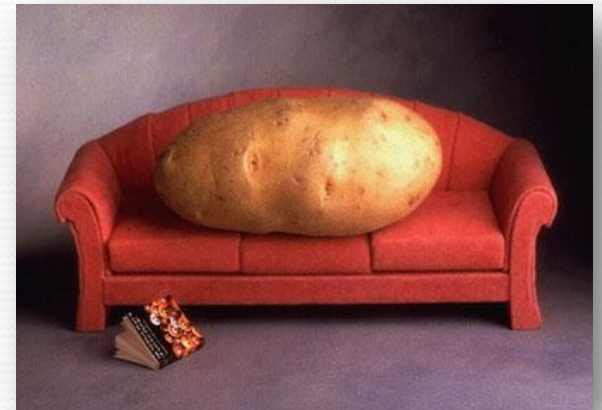
George T. Angell
Founder,
Massachusetts SPCA, 1867

Shifting paradigms of animal companions

Pets as Healthful Partners



*Saving our children from
"Nature-Deficit Disorder"*



"Walk a hound, lose a pound!"

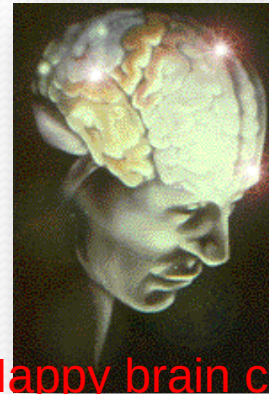
Shifting paradigms of animal companions

The Neurochemistry of Compassion



Depression,
stress,
anxiety

+



“Happy brain chemicals”

Dopamine Oxytocin
Endorphins Serotonin
Cortisol



Shifting paradigms of animal companions

Why do AAA/AAT work?

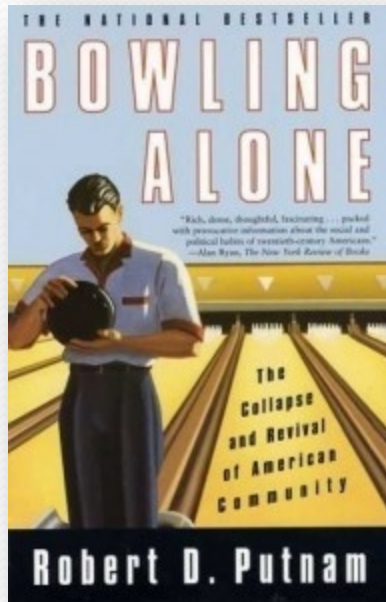
“When the dogs go walking
down the hall of the
hospital, it’s like that scene
in The Wizard of Oz when
everything changes from
black and white... to color”

*Judy Levicoff,
Abington Memorial Hospital*



Shifting paradigms of animal companions

Promote Pets and Social Capital



...the Collapse
and Revival of
American
Community

- Give a sense of community
- Cause neighbors to exchange favors
- Motivate people to use parks
- Stimulate recreation
- Protective factors for mental health



Replicating studies:
San Diego, Portland, Nashville

*Wood, Giles-Corti
& Bulsara, (2005, 2007)*

Shifting paradigms of animal companions

What is The Link?

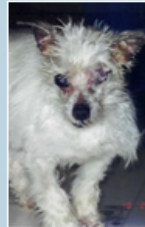
*“When animals
are abused,
people are
at risk;*

*When people
are abused,
animals are
at risk.”*

Child Abuse & Neglect



Animal Abuse



- Emotional impact
- Family violence
- Animal fighting
- Social capital

Elder Abuse



neglect pet
neglect self
guarding
safety
seweworker safety

Domestic Violence



Today's Paradigm...

The human-animal bond has increasing legislative and law enforcement importance.

"I hear that animals are good for our health...."

"I hear that people who abuse animals go on to become psychopaths and mass murderers...."

Abuse often strikes both kids and pets

Officials say a person who mistreats an animal is likely to do the same with a spouse or a child

By JENNIFER BARRS
Tribune Staff Writer

TAMPA — Jed was chained to a cinder block in the back yard when investigators saw him. He was near death. He had a skin disease and intestinal worms, and his skin crawled with fleas. Just beyond Jed's mouth lay a fistful of dry food.

Michael's ears and nose were filled with dirt when physicians saw him. There were feces on his feet, and his head and abdomen were swollen. A neighbor said " . . . stopped breathing when . . ."

Torturing of pets could be prelude to human murder

Many mass killers started out by

Two were already dead and the others were so badly injured that they had to be destroyed, said Kathy Snow of the Santa Clara County Humane Society. larger metropolitan areas, we're seeing acts of violence against animals that involve quite a bit of preparation and forethought," Sakach said.

Children's cruelty to cat stuns even veteran officials

By GEORGE BENNETT

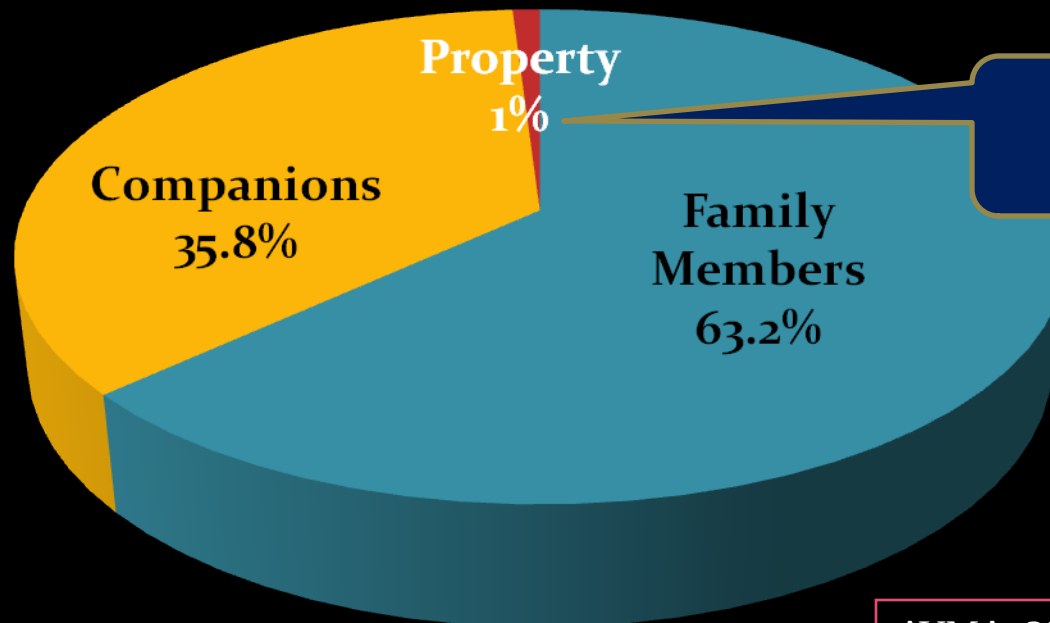
case. The boys' parents were asked to bring them to the Sellersburg;

Today's Paradigm...

How your clients view pets
has changed dramatically...



Roles of Pets in U.S. Households



Challenge and
disconnect...

AVMA: 2012



Today's Paradigm...

The Importance of Pets in the American Family



- More homes have pets than have children
 - *first words*
 - *first loss*
 - *fairy tales have more animals than fairies*
- More money on pet food than baby food
- More dogs in US than people in most countries in Europe
- More cats than dogs
- *A child is more likely to grow up with pets than with a father*

Today's Paradigm...

How Do People See Their Pets?

- 84%: acquired pet for companionship
- 83%: call themselves pet's mom or dad
- 59%: celebrate pet's birthday
- 69%: break household rules when significant other absent
- 50%: would pick dog/cat over human if stranded on desert island
- 90%: wouldn't date someone who wasn't fond of their pet
- 52%: believe their pet listens to them best

Sources: American Animal Hospital Association,
11th Annual National Pet Owners' Survey,
AVMA Companion Animal Ownership Survey

Today's Paradigm...

Hurricane Katrina

Fukushima



Today's Paradigm...

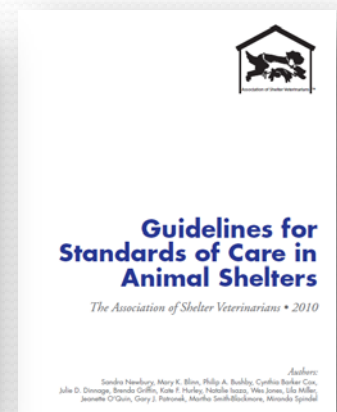
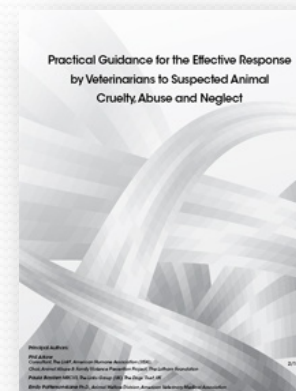
Academic recognition of The Link



Today's Paradigm...

Shifts among veterinarians

- Veterinary Social Work
- Human-Animal Bond – AAH-ABV
- Veterinary Forensics –
 - IVFSA
 - Univ. of Fla.
 - Animal CSI
- Assn. of Shelter Veterinarians
- One Health



Today's Paradigm...

Shifts among veterinarians



“Regarding violence in our society as purely a sociologic matter, or one of law enforcement, has led to unmitigated failure. It is time to test whether violence can be amenable to medical/public health interventions.”

C. Everett Koop, MD

George D. Lundberg, MD (Editor, JAMA), 1992



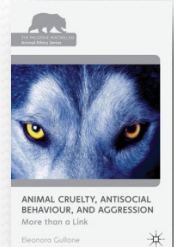
“Physicians and other health professionals are firsthand witnesses to the consequences of violence. We see, diagnose, treat, mend, patch, console, and care for the victims of violence and their families thousands of times each day. Violence in the United States is a public health emergency.”

Antonia C. Novello, MD, MPH, 1992

“At the more extreme end of the antisocial behaviors continuum is violence, one of the leading public health problems worldwide.”

-- Eleonora Gullone (2012)

Animal Cruelty, Antisocial Behaviour and Aggression: More Than a Link



Today's Paradigm...

Shifts among veterinarians



Veterinary Oath *(Amended 2012)*

Animal Welfare as a Priority

Being admitted to the profession of veterinary medicine, I solemnly swear to use my scientific knowledge and skills for the benefit of society through the protection of animal health *and welfare*, the *prevention and* relief of animal suffering, the conservation of animal resources, the promotion of public health, and the advancement of medical knowledge.

Today's Paradigm...

Shifts among veterinarians



Policy on Animal Abuse and Animal Neglect

(1995, amended 2000, 2009, 2012)

“The AVMA recognizes that veterinarians may observe cases of animal abuse or neglect as defined by federal or state laws, or local ordinances. The AVMA considers it the responsibility of the veterinarian to report such cases to appropriate authorities, whether or not reporting is mandated by law. Prompt disclosure of abuse is necessary to protect the health and welfare of animals and people. Veterinarians should be aware that accurate, timely record keeping and documentation of these cases are essential. The AVMA considers it the responsibility of the veterinarian to educate clients regarding humane care and treatment of animals.”

Today's Paradigm...

Shifts among prosecutors

- US colonies: 1641
- Property law
- Statement about individual and society
- Morals and decency codes
 - Indiana: Miscellaneous Offenses
(family, civil rights, public sensibility, glue sniffing, student athlete failing to report recruitment)
 - Texas: One law for livestock, one for pets???



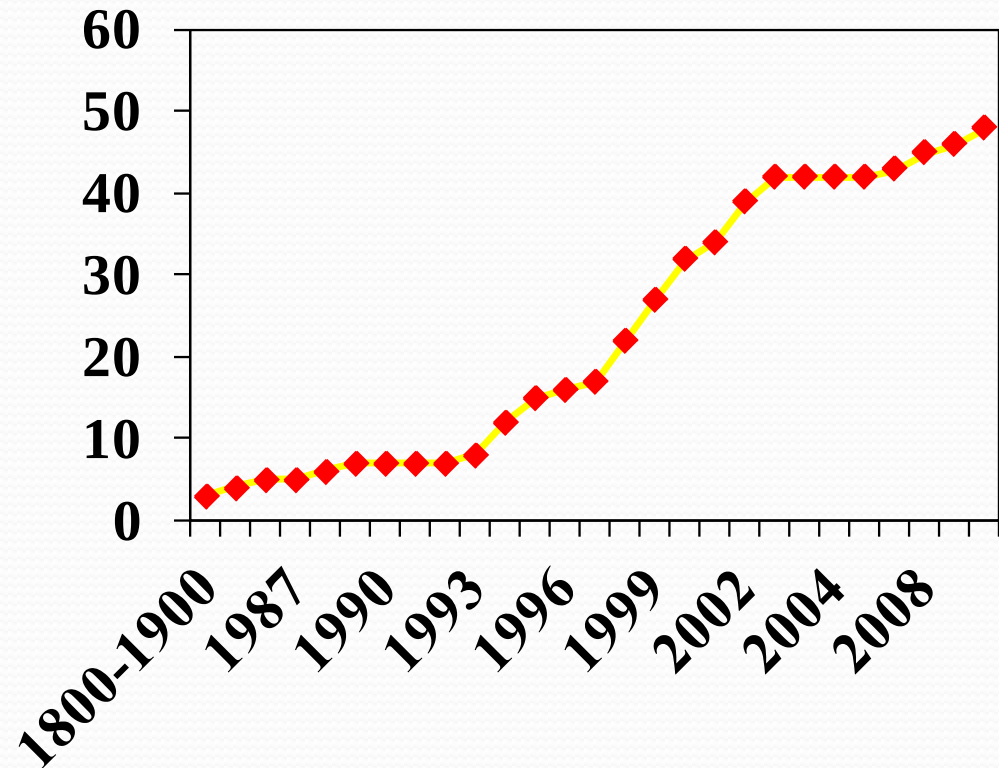
First “Link” prosecutions: 1649 (Essex Co., Mass. Bay Colony)

- William Flint charged with beating a bull and cow
and his son at one time in a cruel manner
- Ann Haggett fined for beating *her child and calf*
in a cruel manner with an ax

Today's Paradigm...

Shifts among legislators

Number of States
with Felony
Animal Cruelty Laws
1800 - 2013



Today's Paradigm...

Shifts among therapists

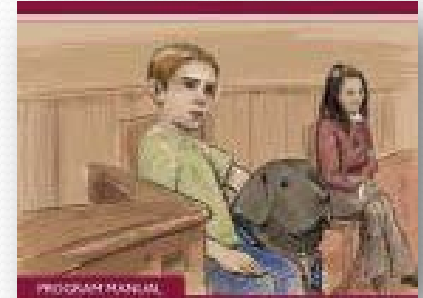
New AAA/AAT Venues
to Defuse Stress



“Throwaway kids train
throwaway dogs”



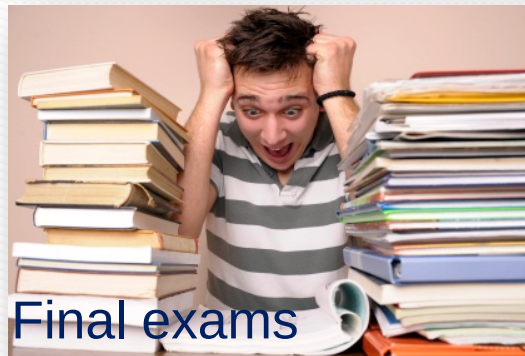
Courthouse
dogs



Children's
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Centers



R.E.A.D.



Final exams



Post Office
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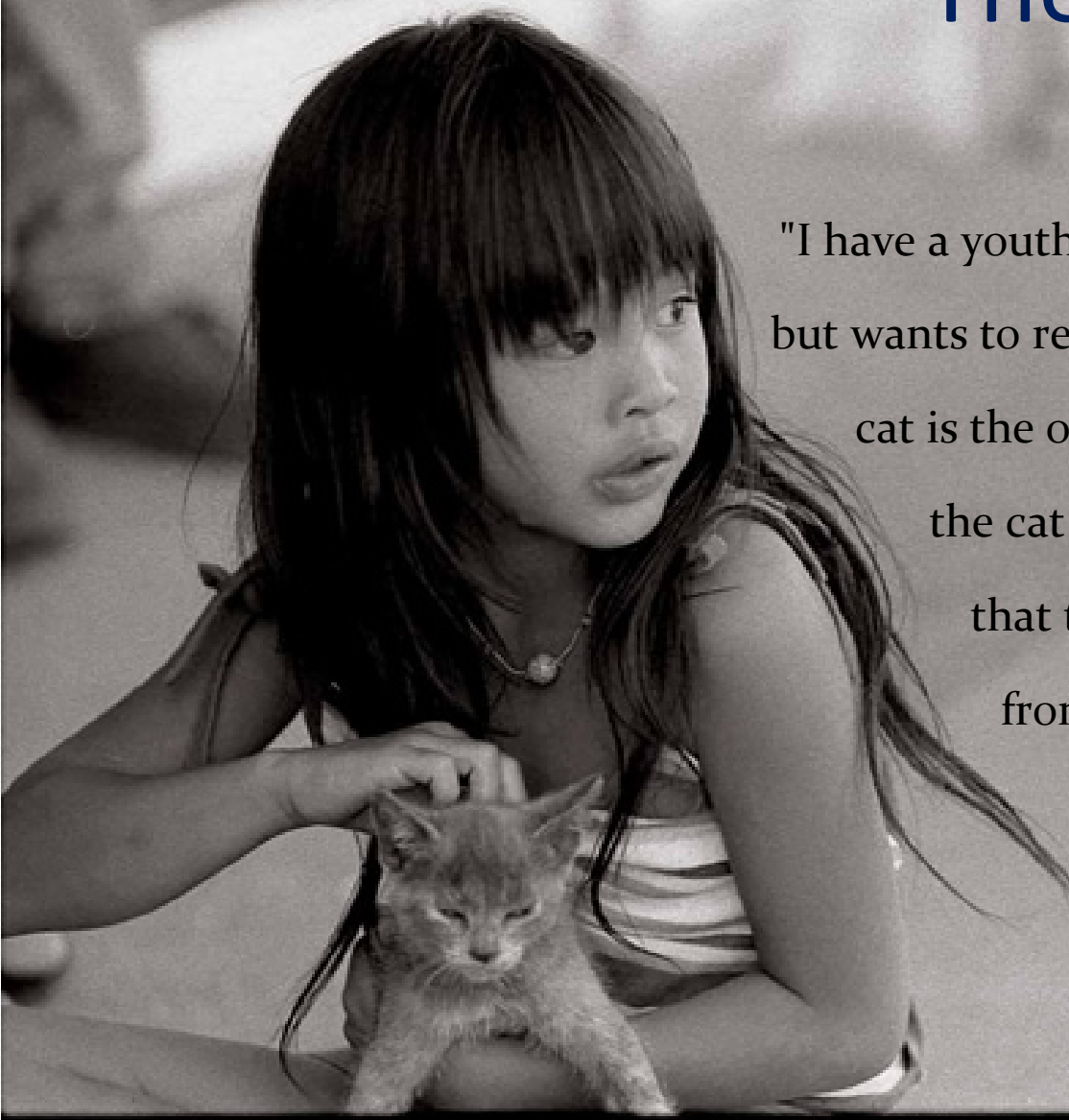
Today's Paradigm...

Shifts among therapists

The Impact of Pets on Children

"I have a youth who has been abused at her home, but wants to return there due to believing that her cat is the only one who loves her. She rescued the cat from an abusive home and believes that the cat tries to keep her father away from her. She would move to a group home or anywhere else without running away if she had her cat...."

-- Social worker, Arizona



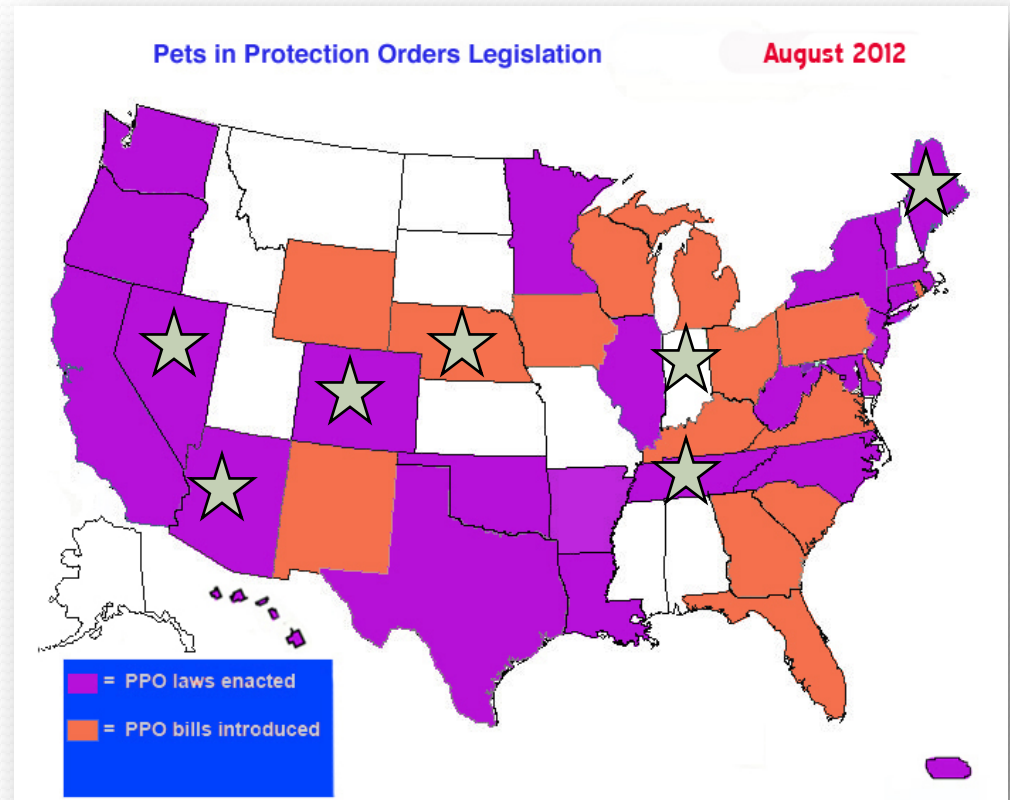
Today's Paradigm...

Shifts among social services providers

PET PROTECTION ORDERS

23 states & Puerto Rico

- AZ, CO, IN, ME, NE, NV, TN: animal cruelty in definitions of DV (bill in NM)
- CO: animal cruelty in definition of elder abuse



Today's Paradigm...

Shifts among social services providers

18% - 45% of battered women –
and their children – can't leave
in fear for their animals' welfare.



***A Reality Check and
a Wake-Up Call***

The fault lies in him –
not you!

Today's Paradigm...

Shifts among social services providers

Domestic Violence Pet Support Services

"I've loved this dog longer
than any relationship I've
ever had...."

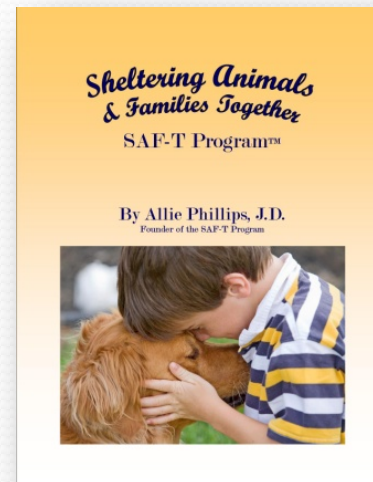
-- "Nicole," in La Crosse, WI
shelter seeking Safe Haven



"Safe Havens": 900



Grants for individuals
and shelters



"SAF-T": 70



Today's Paradigm...

Shifts among social services providers

Animal Abuse's Links to Other Crimes



Nashville Domestic Violence
Lethality Assessment:

3 top indicators of risk of femicide:

- Suicide threat
- Access to weapon
- Threats to mutilate or kill pets

**DV cases increased 50%,
DV fatalities decreased 80%**

“What we have here is a failure to communicate...”



Cane Corso
Italian mastiff

“This was a tragedy waiting to happen,” said Mr. Risher, 50. He said the boy’s family had lived in the apartment for three years and had several other pets, including other dogs, a parrot, turtles and fish.

Mr. Risher said the boyfriend was often seen with a protective guard on his arm, training the dogs to bite in front of the building. “Everybody would run when he came out,” Mr. Risher said.

He said that one of the dogs killed the family’s pet rabbit a few months ago. “He killed the rabbit and left everything on the floor,” he said. “It was like the Bronx Zoo in there.”

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Boy, 4, Is Mauled to Death By Dog in Brooklyn Home

By AL BAKER
and TIM STELLOH

A 4-year-old boy was mauled to death by a family dog as he and his two brothers played in a bedroom in a Brooklyn apartment on Saturday, police said.

The boy, Jayelin Graham, suffered “multiple bite wounds” on his head, his neck and other parts of his body, said a law enforcement official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the investigation was continuing.

The attack occurred about 9:20 p.m. Friday in the family’s first-floor apartment, at 2169 Pacific Street, in Brownsville, the police said. The Brooklyn district attorney’s office and the city’s health department were investigating.

Detectives and a spokesman for Animal Care and Control of New York City could not say what caused the dog, a male Cane Corso who is 7 or 8 years old, to attack.

The boy’s mother, Saquina Jubeark, told investigators the attack occurred after she and her children had returned home after a shopping trip. Jayelin and two of his brothers, ages 2 and 5, had gone into a bedroom.

Ms. Jubeark, who had a 10-year-old daughter in her arms, said she left keys in a pocket and went to the bedroom to get a bag of clothes.

A law enforcement official said, she noticed it was very quiet and “opened the bedroom door and noticed the dog standing over Jayelin and biting him.”

The other children were hiding by the bed.

Ms. Jubeark tried to pull the dog off, but “the dog resists and turns on her a little,” the official added.

A neighbor, hearing Ms. Jubeark’s screams, called 911 and took her to a hospital and Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead, the police said.

Emergency workers arrived quickly, said Kenneth Risher, the superintendent of the three-story building, but he added it took them about 20 minutes to remove the boy from the apartment.

Officers from the police’s Emergency Services Unit quickly quizzed the Cane Corso and a variety. Both the Cane Corso and a second dog, a Husky mixed

breed, were taken to a shelter on 110th Street, off First Avenue, on Saturday, said Richard P. Gentles, the spokesman for the animal care agency.

“This was a tragedy waiting to happen,” said Mr. Risher, 50. He said the boy’s family had lived in the apartment for three years and had several other pets, including other dogs, a parrot, turtles and fish.

He said Ms. Jubeark had run from her apartment screaming. “She was saying: ‘Help me! Help me! The dog bit my baby!’” Mr. Risher said.

Another neighbor, who would provide only his first name, Jah, said he had gotten up from a domino game and had ran into the woman’s apartment, where he saw the Cane Corso holding the baby by the throat. Jah yelled at the dog, he said, but it crouched down as if it were going to attack, so he retreated. When he returned a few minutes later, he said, the child was lying on the floor.

“The right part of his neck was ripped open,” said Jah, 29. “There was blood all the way from his neck to his abdomen.” He said several firefighters entered the apartment, pinned the dog and removed the boy.

Ameer Jamaal-Uddin, 59, who is Jayelin’s great-grandfather, said the dogs belonged to the boyfriend of the boy’s mother.

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Jah said that when police officers arrived, a friend of his told them the dog had to be killed. The dog was shot and killed. Mr. Risher said several people were in the apartment when the attack occurred.

The New York Times,
May 29, 2011

Today's Paradigm...

Shifts among law enforcement

Public Awareness:

- “Animal Cops” (2002 – present)
- “Animal Precinct” (2001 – 2008)



Training

- N. Hampshire law enforcement manual
- Latham Foundation PowerPoint
- Police academies

Designated police anti-cruelty officers

- Syracuse
- St. Louis
- Dallas

Anti-Cruelty Task Forces Based on the Link

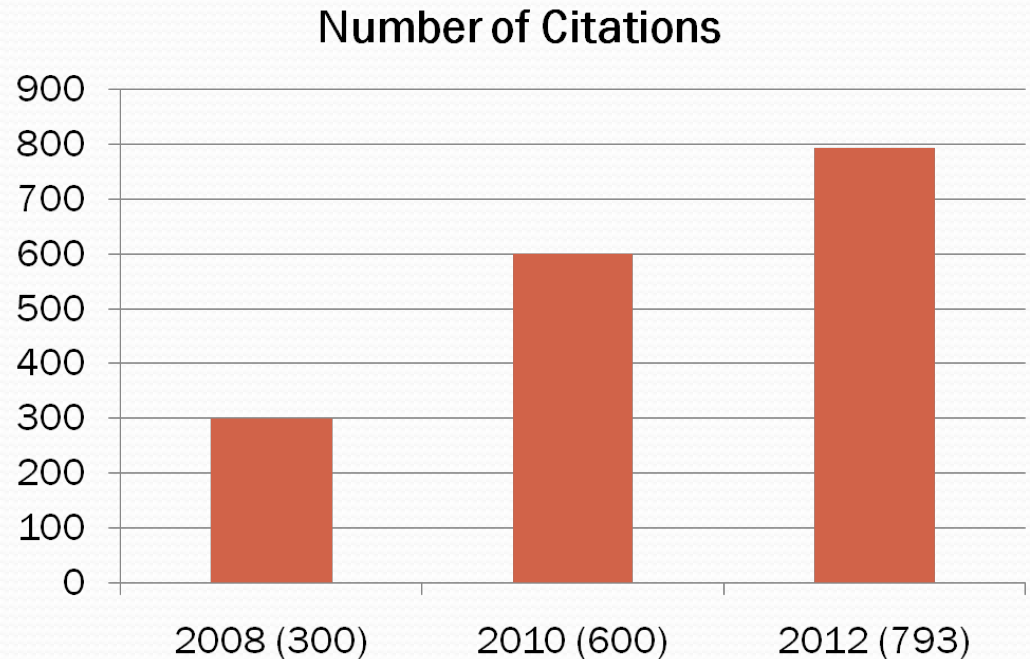
- Baltimore
- Tucson
- San Bernardino
- Lake Charles
- Hillsboro, Ore.
- Essex Co., N.Y.

Today's Paradigm...

Shifts among academia

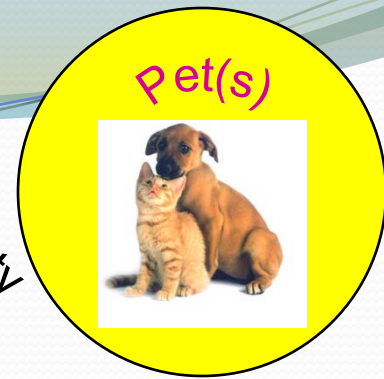
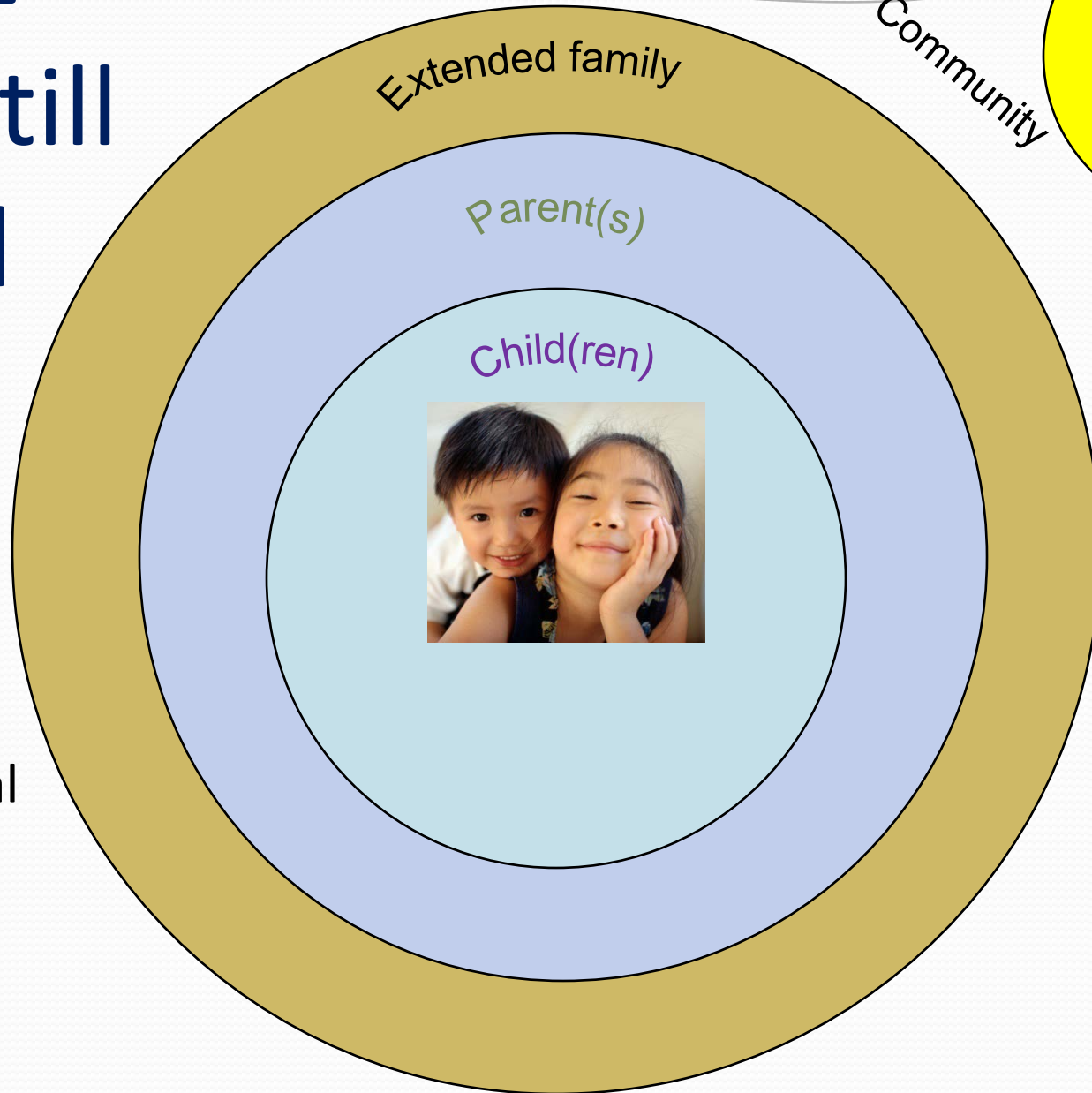
- Research legitimizes practice
- Practice builds on research

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www.animaltherapy.net



What We Still Need to See

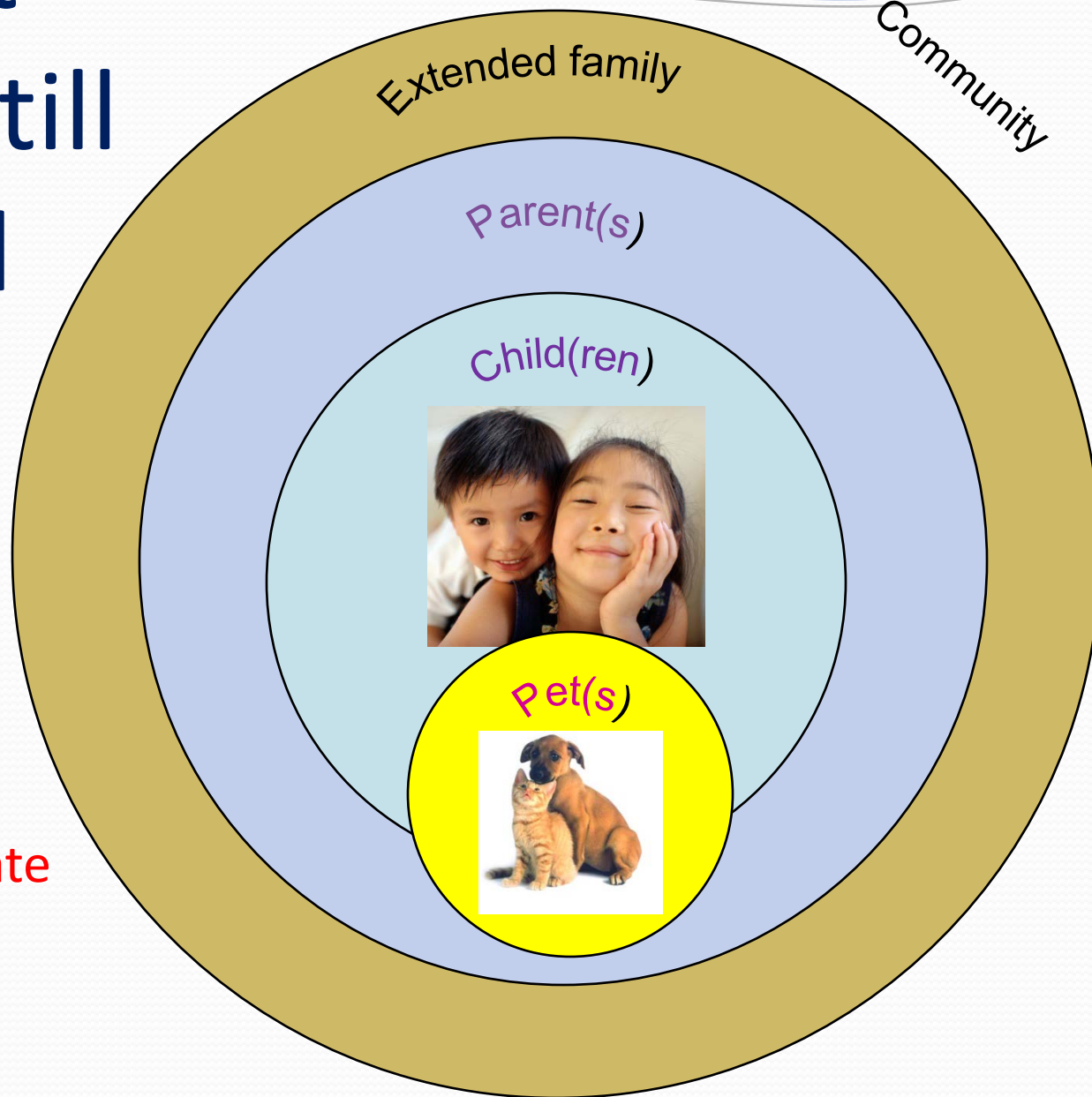
Traditional
Family
Systems
View



Pets
Vets
HS/AC

What We Still Need to See

More
Appropriate
Family
Systems
View



What We Still Need to See



Cross-
training



What We Still Need to See

ASK THEM TO ASK THE QUESTIONS!!

- If they don't include the pets in the lives of their clients, they're missing a piece of the puzzle – *and an opportunity to build rapport*
 - “Are there animals at home?”
 - “How are they cared for?”
 - *Are you worried about their welfare?”*

Animal
Questions in
Intakes,
Referrals,
Screenings,
Assessments



What We Still Need to See

S.O.P.
Cross-reporting
protocols with
liability immunity

Family &
Children's
Services



Humane
Society

Guelph,
Ontario

FIG. 22 Family & Children's Services of Guelph & Wellington County

& The Guelph Humane Society Initial Intake Check-list

Client Name: _____
Client Address: _____
Client Phone #: _____

Worker Name: _____ Date of Visit: _____

Some direct questions may need to be asked by each sector in order to gather the necessary information to complete this form.

F&CS Worker to Complete

Animals in home ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, list the following types and numbers of each
(i.e. 2 dogs, 3 cats, 1 bird) _____

Observation of animals ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, state
why (i.e. outdoors) _____

If yes, complete the following:

1. Concern with animal's physical condition
☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, describe _____

2. Appropriate living condition (i.e. housing &
environment) ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, expand _____

3. Evidence/odor of excrement (i.e. feces, urine)
☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, expand _____

4. Injuries noted on the animal ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, expand _____

5. Animal behavior problems (i.e. aggressive or
withdrawn) ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, expand _____

6. Other comments, if applicable _____

Report to the Humane Society

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, list date _____
Name of person receiving report _____

Humane Society Worker to Complete

Children in home ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list the following:

Names and ages of each child: _____

Observation of children: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, state why (i.e. at school) _____

If yes, complete the following:

1. Clothed appropriately ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, expand _____

2. Appropriate living conditions (i.e. furniture, power,
environment, etc.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, expand _____

3. Signs of neglect (i.e. rotting food, insects, safety
hazards) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, expand _____

4. Injuries noted on child (i.e. bruises, cuts, etc.)

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, expand _____

5. Child behavior problems (i.e. aggressive or
withdrawn) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, expand _____

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Animal Care/Control must report child abuse:

Calif., Conn., Ill., Maine, Ohio, W. Va.

CPS may or must* report animal abuse:

Calif., Conn.*, Fla., Ill.*, La., Maine, Mass.,
Neb., Ore., Tenn., W. Va.*

Animal Control must report elder abuse:

Calif.

Veterinarians must report child abuse:

Calif., Colo.

Veterinarians must report elder abuse:

Illinois

What We Still Need to See

Medicine

Agriculture



Research

Public
Health

Clinical
Practice

Medical
Education

**Veterinary support for
full family integrity
(VSW, violence
prevention)**

Animal
health

Zoonoses
prevention

Food
safety

Disaster
medicine

Mental
health

Human-
animal
bond

Prevention
of family
violence

What We Still Need to See

Pets in
Safety
Planning



LOVE SHOULD NOT MEAN FEAR

Domestic violence and spousal abuse are often preceded by threats and irrational behavior. Because domestic violence is a leading cause of homicide, both violence and the threat of abuse are prosecuted to protect the family.



The Baltimore Police Department now provides personnel dedicated exclusively to investigate domestic violence, assist with prosecutions, and send abusers to jail.

Call 911 — FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE
Call 311 — FOR INFORMATION

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What We Still Need to See

Local
Link
Coalitions



Wichita



Denver



Spain



Maine



Phoenix



Albuquerque



U.K.

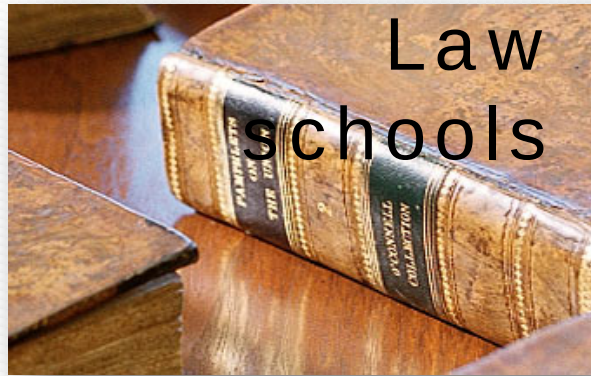
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Targeted
Training

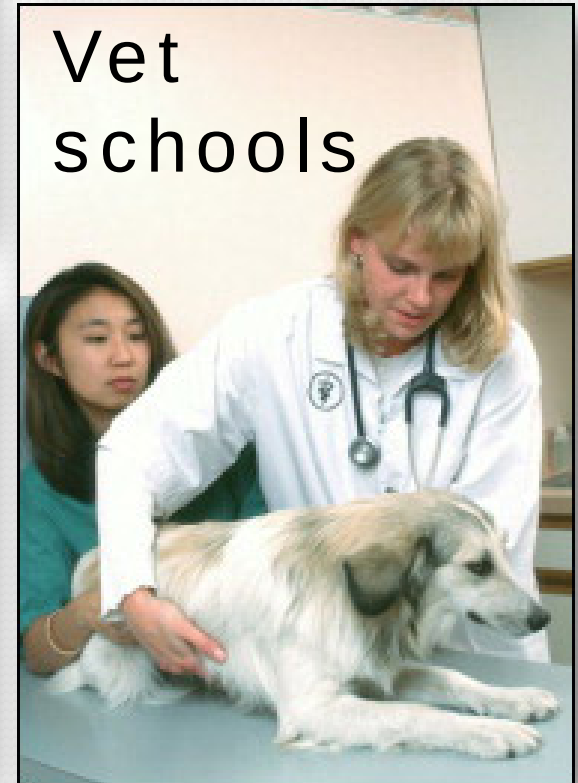
Police academies



Law
schools



Vet
schools

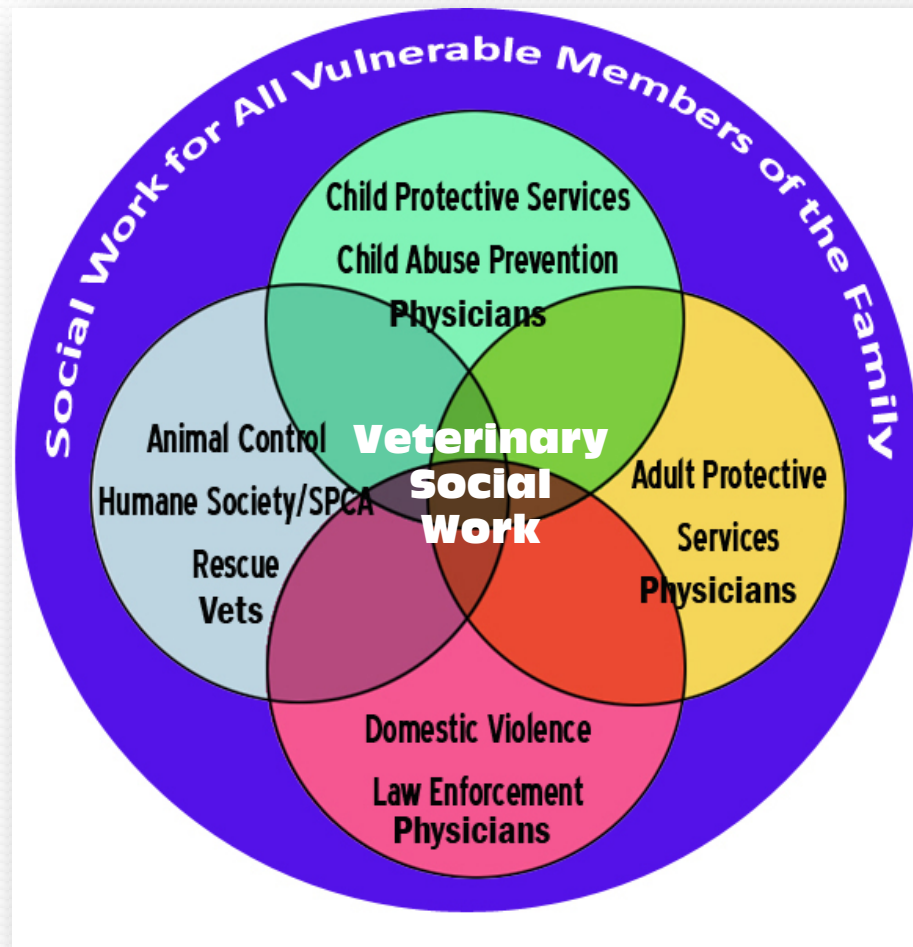


Schools
of Social
Work



So How Do We Finally Help People and Animals?

Shift the Paradigm: Rebranding



Another Reason to Shift:

Funding opportunities

Who are your largest group of supporters?

Who are most likely to support domestic violence and children's causes?

DUH!

Another Reason to Shift:

Turn a political lose/lose...

...into a win/win!

“Animal cruelty is more than just a legal issue. It’s a community issue. If you improve animal welfare in a community, you improve public safety for everyone.”



(Pets can't vote)



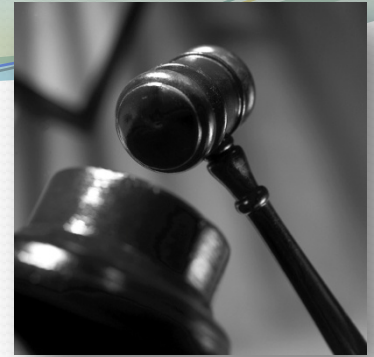
*-- Baltimore Mayor
Stephanie Rawlings-Blake*

How Will We Get There?



Limited only by our imaginations....

What You Can Do



1. Encourage courts to recognize the importance of animal cruelty/dangerous animals at trial, sentencing, child custody and visitations.
2. Train social services to routinely look for and report animal welfare issues that impact their clients.



What You Can Do

3. Train social services to routinely ask three animal questions:

“Are there animals at home?”

“How are they cared for?”

“Are you worried about their welfare?”



What You Can Do

4. Set up lines of communication before an incident
 - Use your board, volunteers, members, staff to make personal connections
 - Cross-training
 - Cross-reporting
 - Display each others' literature
 - Feature in newsletters, website, social media

What You Can Do



5. Re-frame humane education to address teachers' goals about people
- “Empathy education,” “character development”
 - Bullying
 - Dog bite prevention



What You Can Do

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 - “Empathy education,” “character development”



Reduction in
school
violence



Bullying



Gangs



Dog bite
prevention

Resources

www.nationallinkcoalition.org

*Sign up for our **LINK-LETTER!***



NATIONAL LINK COALITION

*Working together to stop violence
against people and animals*

National Link Coalition Vision Statement

It is understood that there is a link between
violence against humans and violence against animals.
Through the recognition and integration of this
understanding into policies and practices nationwide,
people and animals are measurably safer.

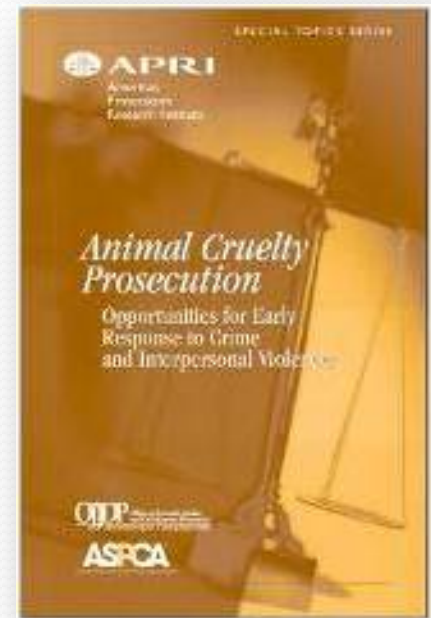


Resources

National Center for Prosecution of Animal Abuse (division of National District Attorneys Association)

- Monthly ASPCA/ALDF webinar

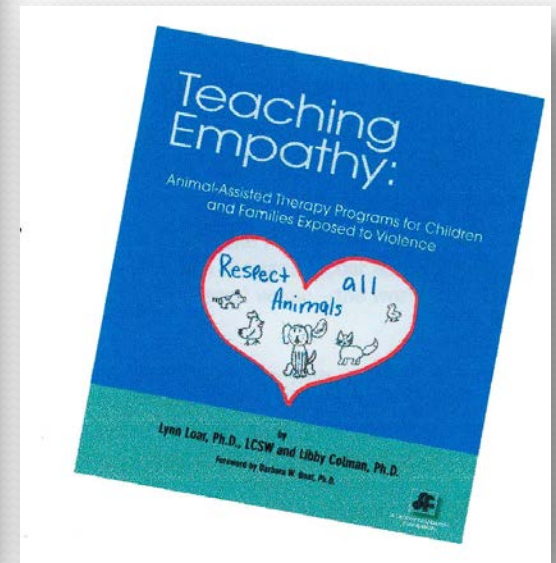
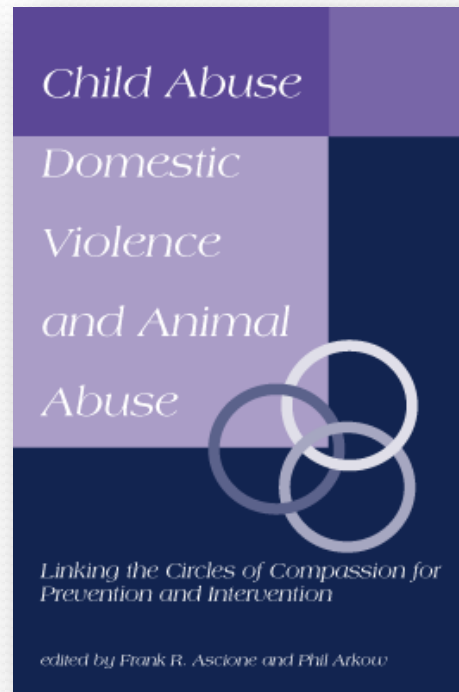
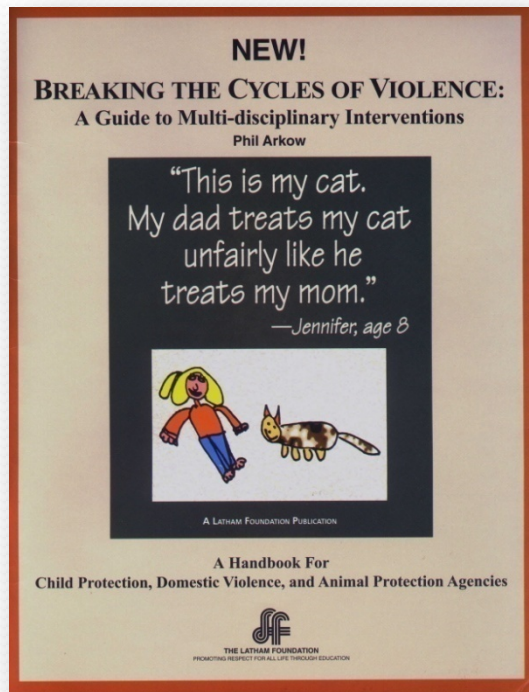
www.ndaa.org



Resources

THE LATHAM FOUNDATION

www.latham.org



Some closing thoughts...



“How can I go into a classroom and teach children to be kind to animals when these kids are afraid to walk to school because of drive-by shootings?”

-- *Debbie Duel*

Some closing thoughts...



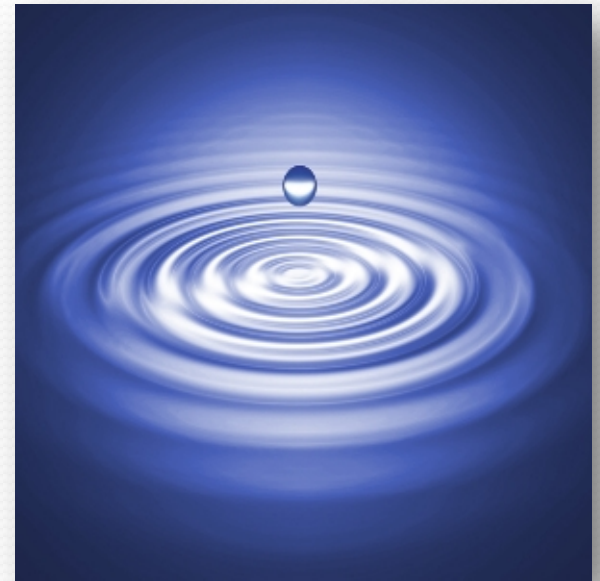
“Teaching a child empathy and compassion and returning him to a toxic environment is like cleaning an oiled bird and returning it to the muck.”

-- *Randy Lockwood, ASPCA*

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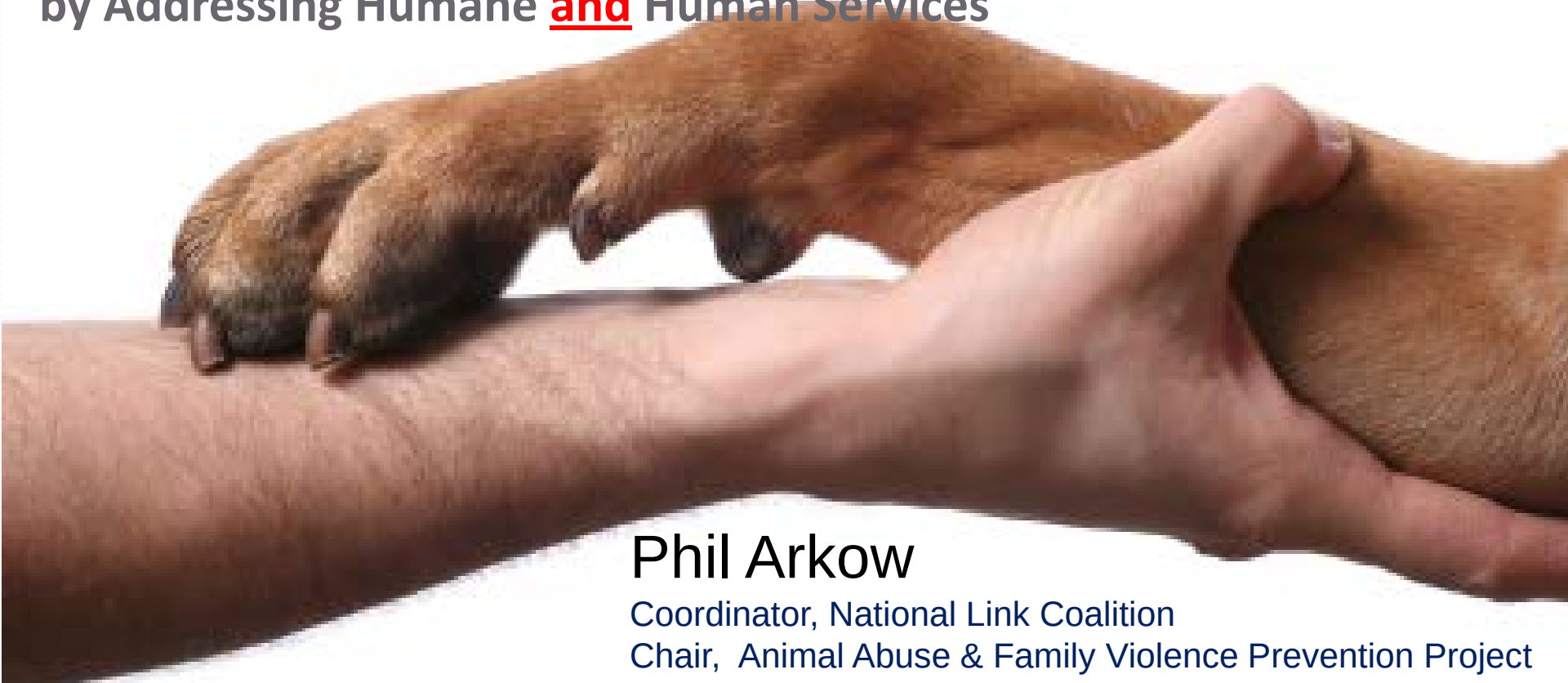
“The lives of families, children and animals have been entwined together from the beginning of civilization. By joining together to strengthen those bonds, we forge a chain of compassion that will ensure a better future for all.”

*-- Mark Kumpf,
Past President, NACA
National Link Coalition, 2008*



The Link, One Health and Social Capital:

New Strategies for Empathy Education & Social Work
by Addressing Humane and Human Services



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