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STOPPING CRUELTY BEFORE IT STARTS

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A Holistic Approach to Animal Hoarding
Holistic Approach

- Animals
- Humans
- Comprehensive Assistance
Program Areas

Animal Hoarding

Emergency Vet Care (PIC)

Domestic Violence
MEET THE TEAM

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Program Oversight
Capacity Building
Strategy
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Outreach to Agencies
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Management of Animal Action Plans
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Case Assessment, Action Plans & Monitoring
Animal Removal & Transport
Demographic Reporting

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Grant Coordination
Data Collection
Metrics Reporting
Volunteer Socialization Program
Field Assistance
Holistic Approach

Animal Assistance
- Veterinary Care
- Spay/Neuter
- Removal
- Behavior Support
- Emergency Boarding Supplies

Human Assistance
- Engagement & Relationship Building
- Mental Health Assessment
- Social Services Support System
- Long-term Monitoring
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METRICS SINCE INCEPTION 2010

- 3,390 animals assisted
- 1,095 animals surrendered
- 97 people assisted
- 710 owned animals S/N
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1st Quarter 2013

16 new hoarding cases involving 23 people and over 300 animals

103 cats surrendered
36 dogs surrendered

74 field visits
49 owned animals S/N

122 animals transferred to placement partners
THE REALITIES OF ANIMAL HOARDING

HOARDERS FAIL TO PROVIDE BASIC ANIMAL CARE:

- Food
- Water
- Exercise
- Clean Environment
- Socialization

RESULTS:

- Poor Nutrition
- Chronic Illness
- Dehydration
- Overcrowding
- Disease
- Undersocialized
- Reproduction...and more
Self-Neglect of Hoarders

Household may be public health hazard and a danger to human occupants

Lack of basic sanitation utilities and appliances may be inoperable compromised air quality rodents/insects clutter
ENABLING HOARDERS

HOARDERS MAY HAVE SUPPORT NETWORK:
VETERINARIANS
RESCUERS

MAY RECEIVE FREE VET CARE OR FOOD

SUPPORTERS MAY NOT UNDERSTAND DEPTH OF PROBLEM OR FEAR REPORTING TO AUTHORITIES
Mental Health of Hoarders

Mental Disorders That May Have Validity

- Attachment Disorder
- Delusional Disorder
- Addictions Model
- Personality Disorder
- Autistic Spectrum

Events That May Contribute

- Childhood Trauma
- "Trigger Event"
- Complicated Grief Process
DIVERSITY OF HOARDING CASES IN NYC

VARIATION IN...

- AGE {RANGES FROM 18 TO SENIOR CITIZENS}
- GENDER AND RACE/ETHNICITY
- HOUSEHOLDS {SINGLE PERSONS, COUPLES, FAMILIES}
- DWELLING TYPE {APARTMENT/HOUSE/TRAILER}
- ECONOMIC DIFFERENCES
Hoarder Profiles

90 cases

- Female (68%)
- Male (24%)
- Male & Female (4%)
- Female & Female (3%)
CASE STUDY
55 TOTAL

30 S/N

23 SURRENDERED
CASE STUDY

9 DOGS + 41 CATS + 1 PERSON → 1 BEDROOM APARTMENT
CASE STUDY

28 CATS SURRENDERED

4 DOGS SURRENDERED
CASE STUDY
PONGO
QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!

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