STopping Cruelty Before It Starts

Cruelty Intervention Advocacy

A Holistic Approach to Animal Hoarding
Holistic Approach

ANIMALS

HUMANS

COMPREHENSIVE ASSISTANCE
Program Areas

Animal Hoarding

Emergency Vet Care (PIC)

Domestic Violence
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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
- 122 animals transferred to placement partners
- 74 field visits
- 49 owned animals S/N
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-NEGLIGENCE 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%)
55 TOTAL
30 S/N
23 SURRENDERED
CASE STUDY

9 DOGS
+ 41 CATS
+ 1 PERSON

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT
CASE STUDY

- 4 Dogs Surrendered
- 28 Cats Surrendered
CASE STUDY

SPAY/NEUTER

5 DOGS
13 CATS

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QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!

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