

ANIMAL CRUELTY

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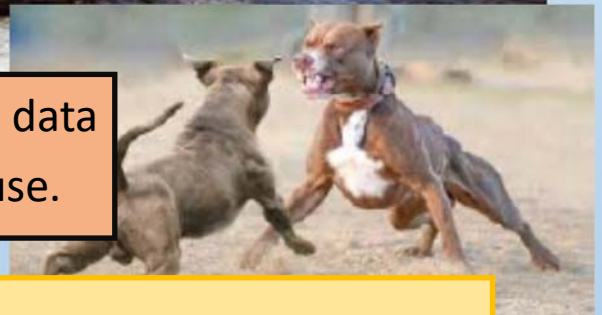
SOCIETY IS THE VICTIM

DO NOT ENTER A PERSON AS THE VICTIM.

Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly taking an action that mistreats or kills any animal without just cause, such as torturing, tormenting, mutilation, maiming, poisoning, or abandonment. Included are instances of duty to provide care, e.g., shelter, food, water, care if sick or injured; transporting or confining an animal to fight with another; inflicting excessive or repeated unnecessary pain or suffering, e.g., uses objects to beat or injure an animal. This definition does not include proper maintenance of animals for show or sport; use of animals for food, lawful hunting, fishing or trapping.



Type of Criminal Activity is *expanded* to include 4 data values to describe the type of Animal Cruelty abuse.



TYPE OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

A = Simple/Gross Neglect (Failure to provide food, water, shelter, veterinary care, or intentionally or knowingly withholding food or water)

I = Intentional Abuse and Torture

F = Organized Abuse (Dog fighting and cock fighting)

S = Animal Sexual Abuse (Bestiality)