

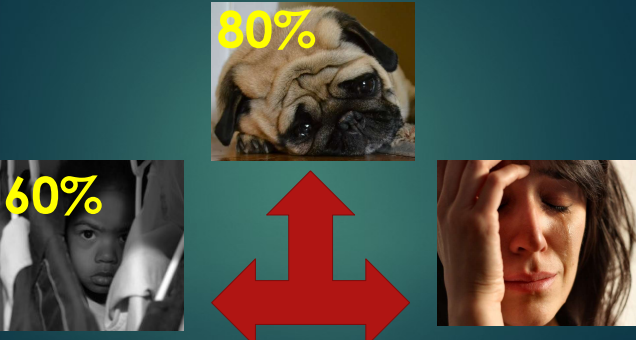


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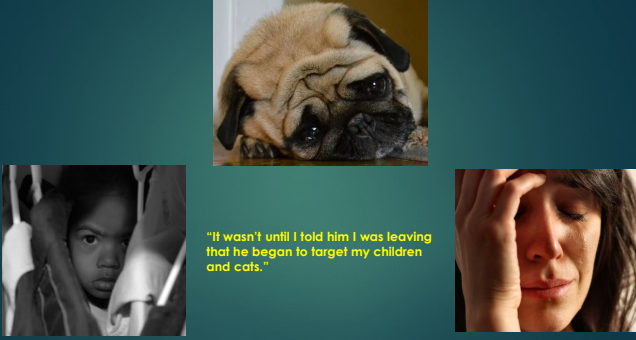
THE INTERCONNECTEDNESS OF PET ABUSE, CHILD ABUSE, & INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

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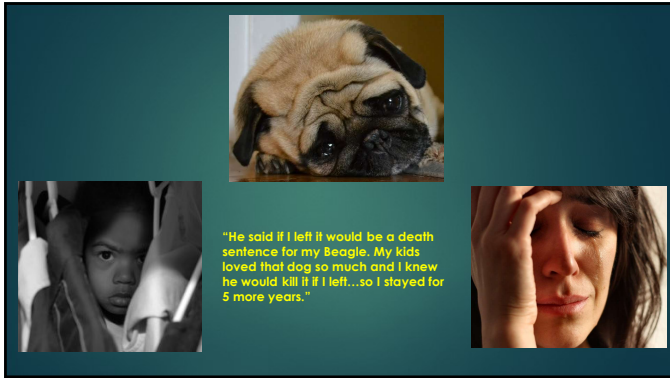


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"It wasn't until I told him I was leaving that he began to target my children and cats."

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Pets in America

- ▶ Prevalence: Recent nationwide survey
 - ▶ 68% of U.S. homes have at least one pet
 - ▶ 80% in homes where domestic violence is known to occur
 - ▶ Dogs (53%)
 - ▶ Cats (40%)



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Campbell IPV Study (2018)

Journal of Interpersonal Violence

Intimate Partner Violence and Pet Abuse: Responding Law Enforcement Officers' Observations and Victim Reports From the Scene

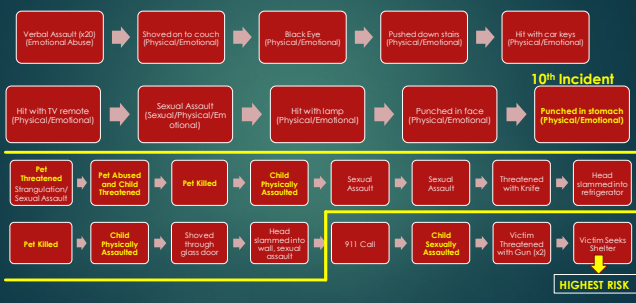
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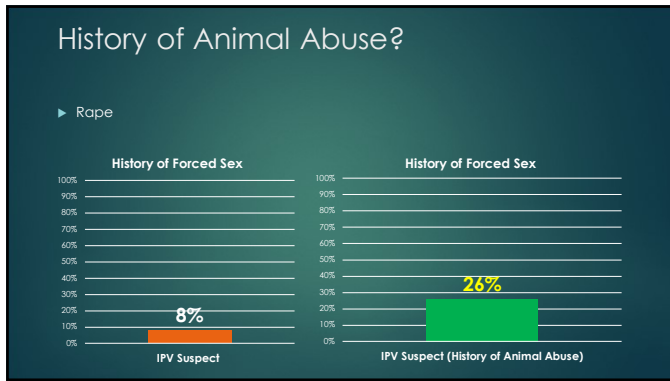


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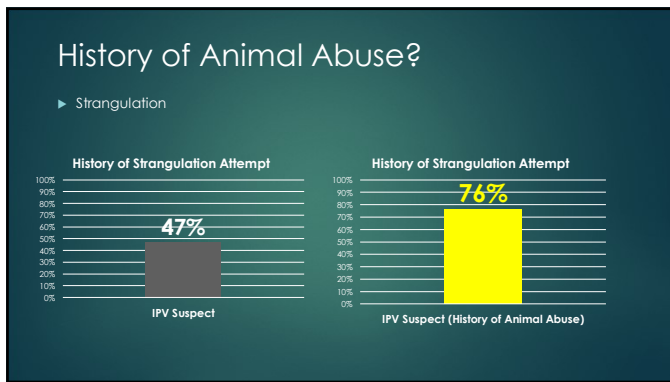
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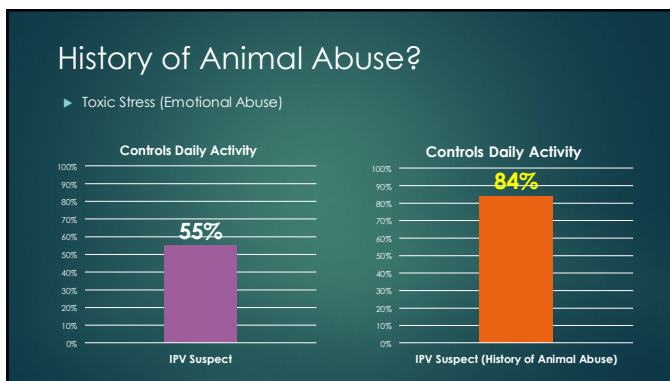
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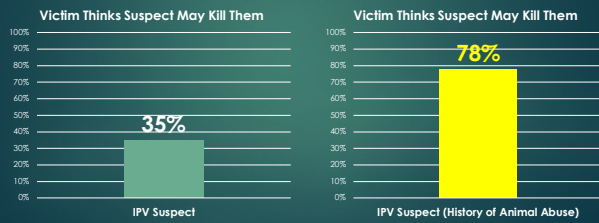
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History of Animal Abuse?

► Toxic Stress (Emotional Abuse)



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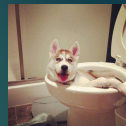
Child-Pet Bond



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What Do Pets Provide?

- Protection
- Comfort
- Friendship
- Sense of Purpose
- Acceptance
- Stability
- Hope/"Light in the Darkness"
- Entertainment/Laughter



ALL critical components for emotional health and well-being.

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Companion Animal Abuse



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McDonald et al. (2015)

- ▶ "My dad last week said that he was very upset with my mother and that he was going to burn the bird's wings with a lighter"
- ▶ "That day that my dad said he would burn my dog on the grill, I took him into my room and locked him in the closet with food and water until the next day"
- ▶ **"My dog always sleeps with me in my room so that my dad doesn't hurt him"**

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The Beginning of the End?

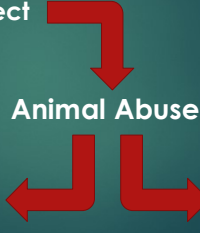


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Cycle in Motion

Child Abuse/Neglect

Animal Abuse



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On Wednesday, 7-14-91, 1, Det. KENNEDY, Squad-126, along with Det. Dennis MURPHY, were requested at approximately 8:30A by the suspect in this offense, Jeffrey DAIHER, to speak with him.

At this time he states that he remembers his early family life as being one of extreme tension. He states the tension came from the relationship that existed at that time between his mother and his father. He stated although he was not physically or sexually abused and he did not witness any physical abuse from his parents, he stated that they were "constantly at each others throats" and arguing. He states that his mother appeared to have some psychiatric problems and had indeed suffered a nervous breakdown at one time during his early childhood. He states that she was on medication and had been seeing a doctor much of the time. He states that he was advised by relatives that his mother suffered severe Post-Partum Depression after he was born, and he took that as an indication that he was at least partially the problem for his parents' marital state. He states that he believes his mother became depressed after his birth and never quite fully recovered, and thereby he states he felt a certain amount of guilt in regard to the bad marriage of his parents.

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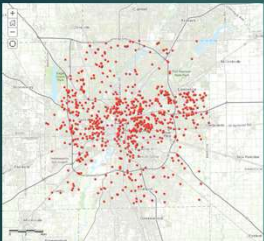
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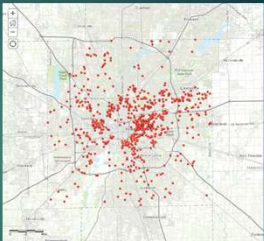
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Family Violence Overlap in Indiana

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Domestic Violence

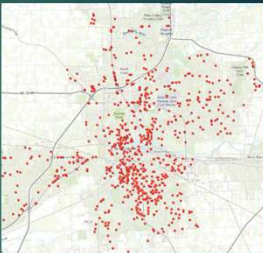


Animal Incidents

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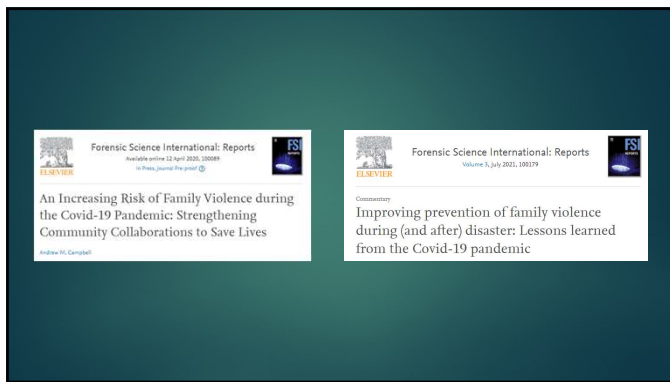


Animal Incidents

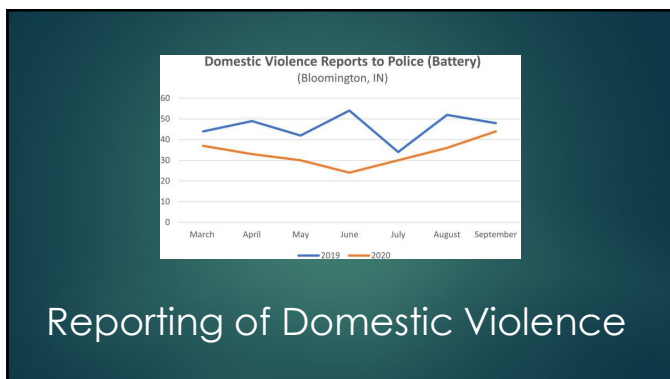
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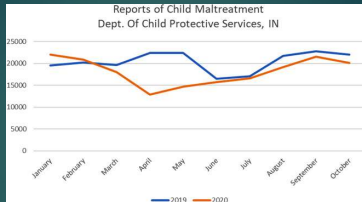
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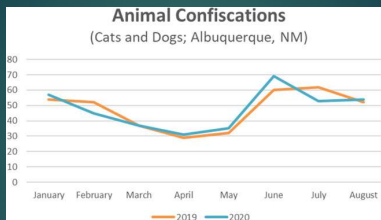


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Child Maltreatment Reporting

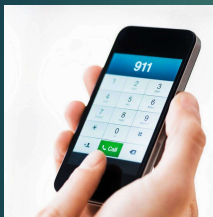
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Animal Abuse Reporting

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Report Source?



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Animal Abuse Perpetration as an Indicator of Risk for Responders



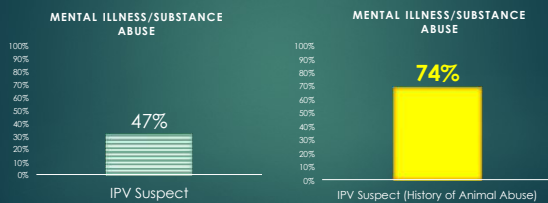
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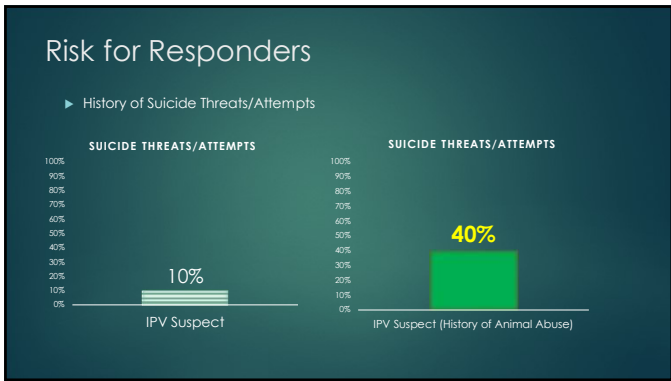
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Risk for Responders

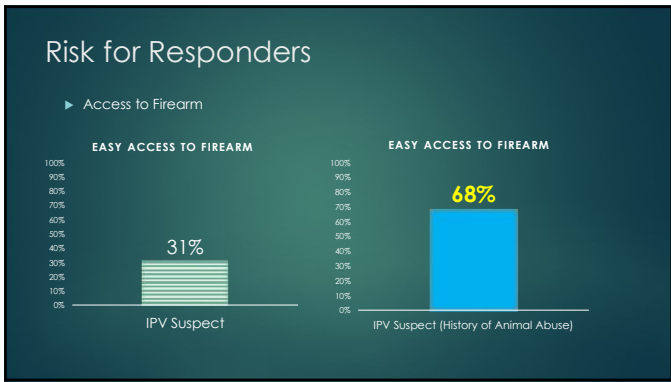
► History of Mental Illness or Substance Abuse



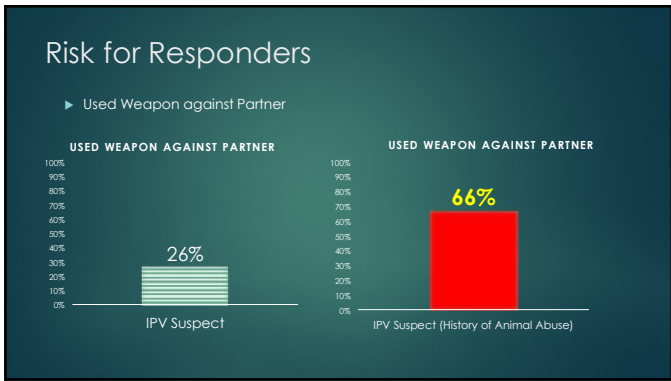
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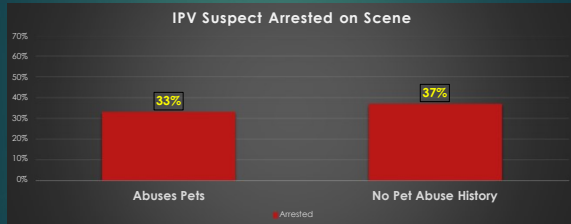


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Arrest Rate (History of Pet Abuse)



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Officer Observations on Scene

Suspects with History of Pet Abuse most commonly reported as:

- Calm
- Apologetic
- Crying



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Community Partners



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Animal Control Officers and Veterinarians

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Animal Welfare and Human Welfare

► Child welfare in U.S. birthed from animal welfare efforts

- Henry Bergh – Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (NY, 1866)
 - "To provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals through the United States, to enforce all laws which are now or may hereafter be enacted for the protection of animals and to secure, by lawful means, the arrest and conviction of all persons violating such laws"
- Industrial Revolution/Civil War (Child Abuse Risk)
 - Alcoholism and Poverty
 - Rapid population growth (NYC)
- Etta Wheeler – religious missionary, reached out to Bergh
 - Mary Ellen – Severe Abuse and Neglect
 - New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (1874)



<https://www.aspc.org/about-us/history-of-the-aspc>

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Social Development

Original Article

Effect of Pet Dogs on Children's Perceived Stress and Cortisol Stress Response

Darlene A. Kerner, Jingwen Liu, Nathan J. Hull, Natalie A. Haddad, Clive D. L. Wynne, Samarth S. Shutt

"Pet dog presence significantly buffered the perceived stress response in comparison to children in the alone and parent present conditions."

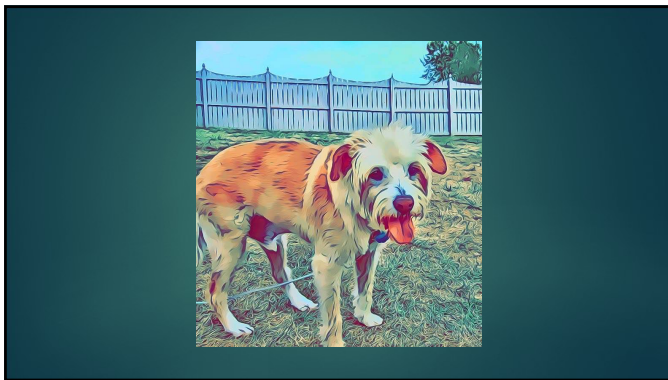


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Violence and Pets

- ▶ Victims of IPV report experiencing significant concern for their pets after fleeing their home.
 - ▶ Limit to progress?
 - ▶ Reason to return?
- ▶ According to **a recent survey, 90%** of victims of IPV feel having a safe place to bring their pet would make their decision to leave easier.
- ▶ **Only 20%** of Domestic Violence Shelters across the U.S. accept pets.

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