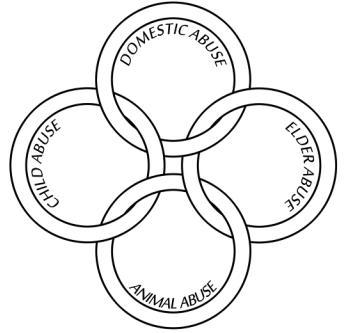# THE LINK BETWEEN ANIMAL CRUELTY AND HUMAN VIOLENCE

Domestic violence is often viewed as something that happens to other people yet, statistics show, it crosses all demographics including income and race. But what many people don't realize is that the abuse of animals is often concurrent with domestic violence, elder abuse and the abuse of children. It is common for abusers to coerce or show dominance over individuals in a household by hurting or killing family pets. However, while animal abuse is a key indicator of domestic violence, it often goes unreported.

REPORT ABUSE

If you see any form of domestic violence, animal abuse, child abuse, or elder abuse report it immediately to a local law enforcement agency, child protective service, or animal control agency.

ABOUT POSITIVE LINKS

Positive Links works to raise awareness about the link between animal abuse and human violence through education and outreach. We offer community presentations and professional trainings on this and other related topics. We also work with various professions to develop and implement programs and policies to reduce all forms of family violence.

THE NM FORMING POSITIVE LINKS CONFERENCE

Positive Links holds a biennial conference to educate, train, and raise awareness among representatives from antiviolence organizations and government about the link between animal abuse and domestic violence. The long term goal of the conference is to facilitate a system within New Mexico communities that can respond immediately to incidents of animal abuse and domestic violence by trained professionals.

Contact us to arrange a presentation or training, or to volunteer.

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