

SAAV TEEN

ABOUT SAAV TEEN

Research confirms an undeniable link between animal cruelty and human violence. People who are cruel to animals are often cruel to people, too. By telling a trusted adult about animal cruelty, you are not only helping animals, you may be stopping violence to people as well. Research confirms that early intervention in animal cruelty cases can sometimes stop other crimes.

By developing compassion for animals, we are giving teenagers the tools to create a more inclusive and kind world. Through **SAAV Teen**, we help teenagers recognize the link between animal cruelty and human violence and we encourage teens to tell a trusted adult if they see or hear of animal cruelty. Join us by helping to educate your friends and family about the link between animal cruelty and violence to humans, and stop animal cruelty in its tracks.



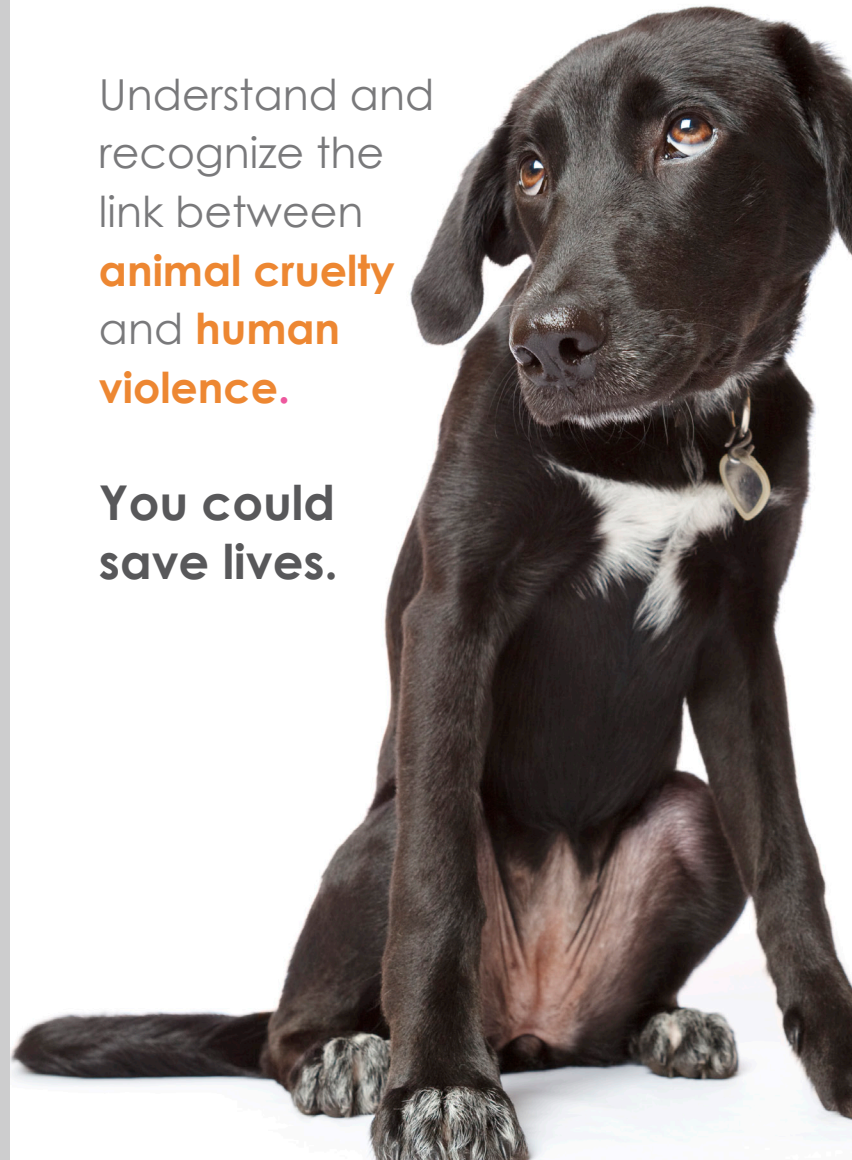
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OF ABUSE VICTIMS

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YOU CAN STOP VIOLENCE IN ITS TRACKS

Understand and recognize the link between **animal cruelty** and **human violence**.

You could save lives.



THE LINK

Research shows that people who hurt animals often hurt people, too. For example, studies have shown:

- People who reported being cruel to animals as children were more likely to be perpetrators of domestic violence as adults.
- In homes where there was physical abuse of children, the incidence of animal cruelty was close to 90 percent.
- Kids who engage in animal cruelty are at an increased risk of violence toward people in their lives, including peers and loved ones.
- One study examined the histories of 23 school shooters from 1988 to 2012; almost half of the school shooters committed animal cruelty before school massacres.

YOU CAN HELP

If you see or hear of animal cruelty, **you can make a difference!** Tell a teacher, a principal, the guidance counselor, your parents, a police officer, or any adult you trust.



YOU CAN HELP STOP VIOLENCE BY SPEAKING UP IF YOU SEE OR HEAR OF ANIMAL CRUELTY.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Animals have feelings just like people. They feel joy, love, sadness, family bonds, and pain.
- Cruelty to *any* animal is wrong.
- If someone does something cruel to an animal and thinks it's funny, that is *not* OK. Animal cruelty is also a crime.
- If someone is cruel to animals, they may also be violent toward people.
- It is important to speak up right away if you see or hear of animal cruelty, because animal abusers often hurt people, too.



WHAT TO DO

- Be **kind and compassionate** to animals.
- If you see or hear of animal cruelty, **tell a trusted adult** right away. Reports about animal cruelty can be made to your local police department or, in Dane County, Animal Services Officer Dispatch at (608) 255-2345.
- Talk to your teacher about **inviting a speaker to talk about the link** between animal cruelty and human violence.
- **Become an advocate** for animal protection.
- Share what you **learn about the link** between animal cruelty and human violence, so others can help stop violence in its tracks.

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