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STATE LAWS: BESTIALITY CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS

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You asked about bestiality laws among the states. Specifically, you wanted to know which states have laws against bestiality and the penalties for violating those laws.

Our research located laws in thirty-two states that outlaw acts of bestiality.¹ Table 1 lists those states, their relevant statutory citations, and the criminal classification and maximum punishments for each violation. We include copies of the statutes listed in Table 1 as an attachment.

As you can see, the criminal classifications and punishments for bestiality vary substantially among the states. For instance, "indecent with an animal," a class A misdemeanor in Nebraska, is punishable by a maximum fine of \$500 and three months in jail. By contrast, an "abominable and detestable crime against nature" with an animal in Rhode Island—materially similar to the Nebraska offense—is an unclassified felony punishable by seven to twenty years imprisonment. Not surprisingly, a number of states—Arizona, Illinois, Indiana, and Kansas, for example—impose dramatically increased penalties for crimes of bestiality where a minor is forced to take part in or otherwise witness the act. Similarly, some states increase penalties for repeat violators, for filming or photographing acts of bestiality, or for committing the act in public or in the presence of others.

I hope you find this information useful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or need additional information.

¹ "Bestiality," more technically known as "zoophilia," is variously identified in states' laws as "buggery," "sodomy," "sexual assault of an animal," and as a "crime against nature," among other terms. For the purposes of this report "bestiality" refers to any sexual contact between a human and an animal. Although we believe our research to be thorough, there may be other state laws prohibiting bestiality that were not located by our efforts due to variability in wording and construction.

State Laws: Bestiality Crimes and Punishments				
State	Citation	Crime	Criminal Classification	Punishment
Arizona	ARS 13-1403	Public sexual indecency involving bestiality when others are present	Class 1 Misdemeanor; Class 5 Felony if a child under age 15 is present	Class 1 Misdemeanor--maximum fine of \$2,500 and/or 6 months in jail Class 5 Felony--maximum fine of \$150,000 and/or 1.5 years in jail for first offense
	ARS 13-1411	Bestiality	Class 6 Felony; Class 3 Felony if the defendant causes a child under age 15 to sexually assault an animal	For first offense: Class 6 Felony--maximum fine of \$150,000 and/or one year in jail Class 3 Felony--maximum fine of \$150,000 and/or 3.5 years in jail In addition, the court may order psychological assessment and counseling and the costs for care of injured animals
	ACA 5-14-122 Cal Penal Code 286.5	Bestiality Sexually Assault of an Animal	Class A Misdemeanor Misdemeanor	Maximum fine of \$1,00 and/or one year in jail Maximum fine of \$1,00 and/or six months in jail
Colorado	CRS 18-9-201 to 202	Cruelty to Animals	Class 1 Misdemeanor; a subsequent offense is a Class 6 Felony; additional offenses are Class 5 Felonies	First offense: psychological evaluation and treatment, \$500 to \$5,000 fine and/or six months to 18 months in jail Second offense: \$1,000 to \$100,000 fine and/or 1 year to 1.5 years in jail Subsequent offenses: \$1,000 to \$100,000 fine and/or 1 year to 3 years in jail Court may assign offender psychological treatment plus costs of incarceration and treatment
Delaware	DCA 11-777	Bestiality	Class D Felony	Maximum eight years in jail
Georgia	OCGA 16-6-6	Bestiality	Unclassified	One to five years in jail
Idaho	IC 18-6605	Crime Against Nature	Unclassified	Minimum five years in jail

State Laws: Bestiality Crimes and Punishments (contd.)				
State	Citation	Crime	Criminal Classification	Punishment
Illinois	720 ILCS 5/12-35	Sexual Conduct or Sexual Contact with an Animal	Class 4 Felony; Class 3 Felony if a person under age 18 is present or the animal is seriously injured or killed	Class 4 Felony: maximum \$25,000 fine and one to three years in jail Class 3 Felony: maximum \$25,000 fine and two to five years in jail In addition to the above penalties, court may impose upon offender prohibition from owning or residing with animals; psychological evaluation; and costs of care for animal(s) involved
			Class C Felony; Class B Felony if child is under 14; Class A Felony if threat of deadly force is used or the minor victim is threatened or drugged	All felonies carry maximum fines of \$10,000 and the following jail terms: Class C Felony: two to eight years with an advisory sentence of four years Class B Felony: six to twenty years with an advisory sentence of ten years. Class A Felony: twenty to fifty years with and advisory sentence of thirty years.
Indiana	ISA 35-42-4-5	Vicious Sexual Gratification; Fondling in the Presence of a Minor [directing, aiding, or inducing a minor under age 16 to engage in sexual contact with an animal]	Class D Felony	Maximum \$10,00 fine and six months to three years in jail with an advisory sentence of 1.5 years
			Aggravated Misdemeanor	Aggravated Misdemeanor: fine of \$626 to \$6,250 and maximum two years in jail In addition, the court may order psychological evaluation and treatment at offender's expense
Iowa	IC 717C.1	Bestiality	Aggravated Misdemeanor; Class D Felony for second and subsequent violations	Aggravated Misdemeanor: fine of \$626 to \$6,250 and maximum two years in jail Class D Felony: fine of \$725 to \$7,500 and maximum five years in jail
			Class B Nonperson Misdemeanor; Severity Level 3 Person Felony if a child aged 14-15 is caused to engage in the sex act	Class B Nonperson Misdemeanor: maximum fine of \$1,000 and/or six months in jail Level 3 Person Felony: maximum \$300,000 fine and/or 89 to 100 months in jail with a presumptive sentence of 94 months for first offense
Kansas	KSA 21-3505	Criminal Sodomy		

LOUISIANA	§ 89.	sex or opposite sex or with an animal....Penalty: fined up to two thousand dollars, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than five years, or both.
MAINE	1031 (2001)	<p>Commits bestiality on an animal means that a person:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Engages in a sexual act with an animal for the purpose of that person's sexual gratification; 2) Coerces anyone to engage in a sexual act with an animal; 3) Engages in a sexual act with an animal in the presence of a minor; 4) Uses any part of the person's body or an object to sexually stimulate an animal; 5) Videotapes a person engaging in a sexual act with an animal; or 6) For the purpose of that person's sexual gratification, kills or physically abuses an animal. <p>Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime;</p>
MARYLAND	s 554	<p>Every person who is convicted of taking into his or her mouth the sexual organ of any other person or animal, or who shall be convicted of placing his or her sexual organ in the mouth of any other person or animal, or who shall be convicted of committing any other unnatural or perverted sexual practice with any other person or animal, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or be imprisoned in jail or in the house of correction or in the penitentiary for a period not exceeding ten years, or shall be both fined and imprisoned within the limits above prescribed in the discretion of the court.</p>
MASSACHUSETTS	Ch.272 Sec. 34	Whoever commits the abominable and detestable crime against nature, either with mankind or with a beast, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than twenty years.
MICHIGAN	750.158	Any person who shall commit the abominable and detestable crime against nature either with mankind or with any animal shall be guilty of a felony , punishable by imprisonment in the state prison not more than 15 years , or if such person was at the time of the said offense a sexually delinquent person, may be punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for an indeterminate term, the minimum of which shall be 1 day and the maximum of which shall be life.
MINNESOTA	609.294	Whoever carnally knows a dead body or an animal or bird is guilty of bestiality, which is a misdemeanor . If knowingly done in the presence of another the person may be sentenced to Imprisonment for not more than one year or to payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000 or both.
		No person shall engage in any sexual conduct with an animal, or cause, aid or

State Laws: Bestiality Crimes and Punishments (contd.)				
State	Citation	Crime	Criminal Classification	Punishment
Louisiana	LSA-RS 14:89	Crime Against Nature	Unclassified	Maximum \$2,000 fine and/or five years in jail with or without hard labor
Maine	MRSA 17-1031(I)	Cruelty to Animals-Bestiality	Class D Crime; Class C Crime for the third and subsequent convictions	Class D Crime: maximum fine of \$2,000 and/or one year in jail Class C Crime: maximum fine of \$5,000 and/or five years in jail
Maryland	ACM Crime Law 3-322	Unnatural or Perverted Sexual Practice	Misdemeanor	Maximum fine of \$1,000 and/or ten years in jail
Massachusetts	MGLA 272-34	Crime Against Nature	Unclassified	Maximum twenty years in jail
Michigan	MCLA 750-158	Crime Against Nature or Sodomy	Felony	Maximum 15 years in jail, or life in jail if the offender is a "sexual delinquent" at the time of the crime
Minnesota	MS 609.294	Bestiality	Misdemeanor; Gross Misdemeanor if committed in the presence of another person	Misdemeanor--maximum fine of \$1,000 and/or ninety days in jail Gross Misdemeanor--maximum fine of \$3,000 and/or one year in jail
Montana	MCA 45-5-505	Deviate Sexual Conduct	Unclassified	Maximum fine of \$50,000 and/or 10 years in jail
Nebraska	RSN 28-1010	Indecency with an Animal	Class III Misdemeanor	Maximum fine of \$500 and/or three months in jail
New York	NY Penal Law 130.20	Sexual Misconduct	Class A Misdemeanor	Maximum fine of \$1,000 and/or one year in jail
North Carolina	GSNC 14-177	Crime Against Nature	Class I Felony	Three to eight months in jail with a presumptive sentence of four to six months
North Dakota	NDCC 12.1-20-02 and 12.1-20-12	Deviate Sexual Act	Class A Misdemeanor	Maximum fine of \$2,000 and/or one year in jail
Oklahoma	OSA 21-866	Crime Against Nature	Unclassified	Maximum of ten years in jail
Oregon	ORS 167.333	Sexual Assault of an Animal	Class A Misdemeanor	Maximum fine of \$6,250 and/or one year in jail
Pennsylvania	PCSA 3129	Sexual Intercourse with Animal	Misdemeanor of the Second Degree	Maximum fine of \$5,000 and/or two years in jail

State Laws: Bestiality Crimes and Punishments (contd.)

State	Citation	Crime	Criminal Classification	Punishment
Rhode Island	GLRI 11-10-1	Abominable and Detestable Crime Against Nature	Unclassified	Seven to twenty years in jail
South Carolina	CLSC 16-15-120	Buggery	Felony	Maximum of five years in jail and/or \$500 fine
South Dakota	SDCL 22-22-42	Bestiality	Class 6 Felony: Class 5 Felony if offender has previously been convicted of a sex crime	Class 5 Felony: maximum fine of \$10,000 and/or five years in jail Class 6 Felony: maximum fine of \$4,000 and/or two years in jail
Utah	UCA 76-9-301.8	Bestiality	Class B Misdemeanor	Maximum fine of \$1,000 and/or six months in jail
Virginia	CV 18.2-361	Crimes Against Nature	Class 6 Felony	Maximum fine of \$2,500 and/or one to five years in jail
Washington	RCWA 15.52.205	Animal Cruelty in the First Degree	Class C Felony	Maximum fine of \$10,000 and/or five years in jail. Offender may not own or reside with animals, court may order counseling and reimbursement for animal's care
Wisconsin	WS 944.17	Sexual Gratification	Class A Misdemeanor	Maximum fine of \$10,000 and/or nine months in jail

Notes: Although we believe our research to be thorough, there may be other state laws prohibiting bestiality that were not located by our efforts due to variability in wording and construction.

Sources: Animal Legal Defense Fund, "Animal Protection Laws of the United States of America and Canada," Stephen K. Otto ed., 3rd Edition, 2007; available online at <http://www.aldf.org/article.php?id=259>; and the Lexis database of state laws.



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ANIMAL SEXUAL ABUSE

35 states have laws prohibiting sexual abuse of animals (AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, LA, MD, MA, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NE, NY, NC, ND, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, WA and WI). In many states bestiality may not be illegal, however, it is a crime to have a child perform or simulate bestiality.

ARIZONA	13-1411	<p>A. A person commits bestiality by knowingly doing either of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Engaging in oral sexual contact, sexual contact or sexual intercourse with an animal.2. Causing another person to engage in oral sexual contact, sexual contact or sexual intercourse with an animal. <p>B. In addition to any other penalty imposed for a violation of subsection A of this section, the court may order that the convicted person do any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Undergo a psychological assessment and participate in appropriate counseling at the convicted person's own expense.2. Reimburse an animal shelter as defined in section 11-1022 for any reasonable costs incurred for the care and maintenance of any animal that was taken to the animal shelter as a result of conduct proscribed by subsection A of this section. <p>C. This section does not apply to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Accepted veterinary medical practices performed by a licensed veterinarian or veterinary technician.
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		<p>2. Insemination of animals by the same species, bred for commercial purposes.</p> <p>3. Accepted animal husbandry practices that provide necessary care for animals bred for commercial purposes.</p> <p>D. Bestiality is a class 6 felony, except that bestiality pursuant to Subsection A, paragraph 2 of this section is a class 3 felony punishable pursuant to section 13-604.01 if the other person is a minor under fifteen years of age.</p> <p>E. For the purposes of this section, "animal" means a nonhuman mammal, bird, reptile or amphibian, either dead or alive</p>
ARKANSAS	5-14-122	<p>(a) A person commits sodomy if such person performs any act of sexual gratification involving:</p> <p>(1) The penetration, however slight, of the anus or mouth of an animal or a person by the penis of a person of the same sex or an animal; or</p> <p>(2) The penetration, however slight, of the vagina or anus of an animal or a person by any body member of a person of the same sex or an animal.</p> <p>(b) Sodomy is a Class A misdemeanor.</p>
CALIFORNIA	§ 286.5.	Any person who sexually assaults any animal protected by Section 597f for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of the person is guilty of a misdemeanor .
COLORADO		
CONNECTICUT	§ 53a-73a (2001)	A person is guilty of sexual assault in the fourth degree when: (3) such person engages in sexual contact with an animal or dead body;
DELAWARE	s 777	(b) Sexual assault in the fourth degree is a Class A misdemeanor . A person is guilty of bestiality when the person intentionally engages in any sexual act involving sexual contact, penetration or intercourse with the genitalia of an animal or intentionally causes another person to engage in any such sexual act with an animal for purposes of sexual gratification. Bestiality is a Class D felony .
GEORGIA	16-6-6	A person commits the offense of bestiality when he performs or submits to any sexual act with an animal involving the sex organs of the one and the mouth, anus, penis, or vagina of the other. Penalty: Imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years.
IDAHO	18-6605	Every person who is guilty of the infamous crime against nature, committed with mankind or with any animal, is punishable by imprisonment in the state prison not less than five (5) years.
ILLINOIS	720 ILCS 5/12-35 (new 2002)	A person may not knowingly engage in any sexual contact or cause, aid or another person to engage in any sexual contact with an animal. (c) A person may not knowingly permit any sexual conduct or sexual contact with an animal to be conducted on any premises under his or her charge or control. (d) A

		<p>person may not knowingly engage in, promote, aid, or abet any activity involving any sexual contact with an animal for a commercial or recreational purpose.</p> <p>(e) A person who violates this Section is guilty of a Class 4 felony. A person who violates this Section in the presence of a person under 18 years of age or causes the animal serious physical injury or death is guilty of a Class 3 felony.</p> <p>(f) The court must order that the defendant not harbor animals or reside in any household where animals are present for a reasonable period of time or permanently, if necessary; and relinquish and permanently forfeit all animals residing in the household to a recognized or duly organized animal shelter or humane society. (3) Undergo a psychological evaluation and counseling at defendant's expense. (4) Reimburse the animal shelter or humane society for any reasonable costs incurred for the care and maintenance of the animal involved in the sexual conduct or sexual contact in addition to any animals relinquished to the animal shelter or humane society.</p> <p>A person who knowingly or intentionally performs an act involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) a sex organ of a person and the mouth or anus of an animal; (2) a sex organ of an animal and the mouth or anus of a person; (3) any penetration of the human female sex organ by an animal's sex organ; or (4) any penetration of an animal's sex organ by the human male sex organ; <p>commits bestiality, a Class D felony.</p>
INDIANA	IC 35-46-3-14	
IOWA	717C.1	<p>A person who performs a sex act with an animal, is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor.</p> <p>3. Upon a conviction for a violation of this section, and in addition to any sentence authorized by law, the court shall require the person to submit to a psychological evaluation and treatment at the person's expense.</p> <p>The commission of bestiality in the presence of a minor under section 717C.1 by a person who resides in a home with a child, as a result of the acts or omissions of a person responsible for the care of the child is considered child abuse.</p> <p>Criminal sodomy is: (1) Sodomy between persons who are 16 or more years of age and members of the same sex or between a person and an animal;</p> <p>(3) causing a child 14 or more years of age but less than 16 years of age to engage in sodomy with any person or animal.</p> <p>(c) Criminal sodomy as provided in subsection (a)(1) is a class B nonperson misdemeanor. Criminal sodomy as provided in subsections (a)(2) and (a)(3) is a severity level 3, person felony.</p> <p>(1) The unnatural carnal copulation by a human being with another of the same</p>
KANSAS	21-3505	

MISSOURI	566.111	<p>abet another person to engage in any sexual conduct with an animal. No person shall permit any sexual conduct with an animal on any premises under such person's charge or control. No person shall engage in, promote, aid or abet any activity involving any sexual conduct with an animal for commercial or recreational purposes. 3. Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a Class D felony. Any person who violates this section in the presence of a minor or causes any animal serious physical injury or death while violating or attempting to violate this section shall be guilty of a Class C felony.</p> <p>4. In addition to the penalty imposed, the court may:</p> <p>(1) prohibit the defendant permanently or for a reasonable time from harboring animals or residing in any household where animals are present;</p> <p>(2) order the defendant to relinquish and permanently forfeit all animals residing in the defendant's household to a recognized or duly incorporated animal shelter or humane society, and order the defendant to reimburse such shelter or humane society for all reasonable costs incurred for the care and maintenance of the animals involved in the violation of this section; and (3) order psychological evaluation and counseling of the defendant, at the defendant's expense.</p> <p>Every person who shall be convicted of the detestable and abominable crime against nature committed with mankind or with a beast, shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for a term of not more than ten years.</p> <p>Deviate sexual conduct. (1) A person who knowingly engages in deviate sexual relations or who causes another to engage in deviate sexual relations commits the offense of deviate sexual conduct.</p> <p>(2) A person convicted of the offense of deviate sexual conduct shall be imprisoned in the state prison for any term not to exceed 10 years or be fined an amount not to exceed \$50,000, or both.</p> <p>45-2-101(20) "Deviate sexual relations" means sexual contact or sexual intercourse between two persons of the same sex or any form of sexual intercourse with an animal.</p>
MISSISSIPPI	§97-29-59	
MONTANA	45-5-505	
NEBRASKA	§ 28-1010	A person commits indecency with an animal when such person subjects an animal to sexual penetration. Sexual penetration shall not require emission of semen indecency with an animal is a Class III misdemeanor .
NEW YORK	§ 130.20	A person is guilty of sexual misconduct when: He engages in sexual conduct with an animal or a dead human body. Sexual misconduct is a class A misdemeanor
NORTH CAROLINA	§ 14-177	If any person shall commit the crime against nature, with mankind or beast, he shall be punished as a Class I felony .
NORTH DAKOTA	12.1-20-1	A person who performs a deviate sexual act with the intent to arouse or gratify his sexual desire is guilty of a class A misdemeanor .

	2	"Deviate sexual act" means any form of sexual contact with an animal, bird, or dead person.
OKLAHOMA	§ 886 (1999)	Every person who is guilty of the detestable and abominable crime against nature, committed with mankind or with a beast, is punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary not exceeding ten (10) years .
PENNSYLVANIA	Title 18, Sec. 3129	A person who engages in any form or sexual intercourse with an animal commits a misdemeanor of the second degree .
RHODE ISLAND	11-10-1	Every person who shall be convicted of the abominable and detestable crime against nature, either with mankind or with any beast, shall be imprisoned not exceeding twenty (20) years nor less than seven (7) years .
SOUTH CAROLINA	§16-15-120	Whoever shall commit the abominable crime of buggery, whether with mankind or with beast, shall, on conviction, be guilty of felony and shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary for five years or shall pay a fine of not less than five hundred dollars, or both, at the discretion of the court.
SOUTH DAKOTA	§22-22-42 (2003)	No person, for the purpose of that person's sexual gratification, may: (1) Engage in a sexual act with an animal; or (2) Coerce any other person to engage in a sexual act with an animal; or (3) Use any part of the person's body or an object to sexually stimulate an animal; or (4) Videotape a person engaging in a sexual act with an animal; or (5) Kill or physically abuse an animal. Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of the crime of bestiality. Bestiality is a Class 6 felony . However, if any person has been previously convicted of a sex crime pursuant, any subsequent violation of this section is a Class 5 felony .
TENNESSEE		
UTAH	76-9-301. 8	A person commits the crime of bestiality if the actor engages in any sexual activity with an animal with the intent of sexual gratification of the actor. A crime of bestiality is a class B misdemeanor .
VIRGINIA	s 18.2-36 1	If any person carnally knows in any manner any brute animal, or carnally knows any male or female person by the anus or by or with the mouth, or voluntarily submits to such carnal knowledge, he or she shall be guilty of a Class 6 felony .
WASHINGTON	RCW 16.52.205	A person is guilty of animal cruelty in the first degree (class c felony) when he or she: (a) Knowingly engages in any sexual conduct or sexual contact with an animal; (b) Knowingly causes, aids, or abets another person to engage in any sexual conduct or sexual contact with an animal; (c) Knowingly permits any sexual conduct or sexual contact with an animal to be conducted on any premises under his or her charge or control; (d) Knowingly engages in, organizes, promotes, conducts, advertises, aids, abets, participates in as an

		<p>observer, or performs any service in the furtherance of an act involving any sexual conduct or sexual contact with an animal for a commercial or recreational purpose; or (e) Knowingly photographs or films, for purposes of sexual gratification, a person engaged in a sexual act or sexual contact with an animal. In addition to the penalty imposed, the court may order that the convicted person do any of the following: (a) Not harbor or own animals or reside in any household where animals are present; (b) Participate in appropriate counseling at the defendant's expense; (c) Reimburse the animal shelter or humane society for any reasonable costs incurred for the care and maintenance of any animals taken to the animal shelter or humane society as a result of conduct proscribed in this section.</p>
WISCONSIN	944.17	<p>In this section, "in public" means in a place where or in a manner such that the person knows or has reason to know that his or her conduct is observable by or in the presence of persons other than the person with whom he or she is having sexual gratification.</p> <p>(2) Whoever does any of the following is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor:</p> <p>(c) Commits an act of sexual gratification involving his or her sex organ and the sex organ, mouth or anus of an animal.</p> <p>(d) Commits an act of sexual gratification involving his or her sex organ, mouth or anus and the sex organ of an animal.</p>

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Fact Sheet

Bestiality and Other Violent Crime

The FBI researched the backgrounds of serial sexual homicide perpetrators and found high rates of sexual assault of animals.

Ressler, R. K. et al *Sexual homicide: patterns and motives*. Lexington, Mass.: Lexington Books. (1988)

Up to 37% of sexually violent juvenile offenders had a history of animal sexual assault.

Monique R. Frazier, *Physically and Sexually Violent Juvenile Offenders: A Comparative Study of Victimization History Variables 99* (unpublished dissertation, Utah St. U. 1998) (on file with Utah St. U.).

96% of juveniles who had engaged in sex with nonhuman animals also admitted to sex offenses against humans and reported more offenses against humans than other sex offenders their same age and race.

Fleming, William M., Jory, Brian and Burton, David L. *Characteristics of Juvenile Offenders Admitting to Sexual Activity with Nonhuman Animals*. Society and Animals. Vol 10., No.1, pp.31-45 (2002)

In an Australian study, 100% of people who committed sexual homicide had abused animals, and 61.5% of animal abusers had also assaulted a human.

Clarke, J. P. *New South Wales police animal cruelty research project*. Sydney, Australia: Unpublished report, New South Wales Police Service (2002)

Respondents who had been convicted of committing crimes against people were more likely to have had sex with animals during their childhood or adolescence than other respondents. These findings support the sexually polymorphous theory that among these perpetrators sex and aggression have become mutually inclusive, and bestiality as a form of animal cruelty may be linked with interpersonal human violence.

Hensley, Christopher, Tallichet, Suzanne E., and Singer, Stephen D. *Exploring the Possible Link Between Childhood and Adolescent Bestiality and Interpersonal Violence*. Journal of Interpersonal Violence, Vol. 21, No. 7, 910-923 (2006)



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Sexual abuse of animals often happens concurrently with sexual assaults on people.

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The studies on this page show the connections between animal cruelty, sexual abuse of animals and sex crimes against people, including sexual homicide.

- Sexually-abused children are five times more likely to abuse animals than children who are not sexually abused.[1]
- Twenty percent of children who sexually abuse other children also have histories of sexually abusing animals.[2]
- Up to 37 percent of sexually violent juvenile offenders have a history of animal sexual assault.[3]
- The FBI found high rates of sexual assault of animals in the backgrounds of serial sexual homicide perpetrators.[4]
- In an Australian study, 100 percent of people who committed sexual homicide had abused animals, and 61.5 percent of animal abusers also had assaulted a human.[5]
- Those convicted of committing crimes against people on one or more occasions were more likely to have had sex with animals during their childhood or adolescence than other respondents.[6]
- Of juveniles who engage in sex with animals, 96 percent also admit to sex offenses against humans and reported more offenses against humans than other sex offenders their same age and race.[7]

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AMERICAN HUMANE SUPPORTS RECOGNITION OF THE LINK BETWEEN ANIMAL ABUSE AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

Numerous studies in psychology, sociology, and criminology have demonstrated that violent offenders frequently have childhood and adolescent histories of serious and repeated animal cruelty. The FBI has recognized the connection since the 1970s, when its analysis of the lives of serial killers suggested that most had killed or tortured animals as children. Other research has shown consistent patterns of animal cruelty among perpetrators of more common forms of violence, including child abuse, spouse abuse, and elder abuse. In fact, the American Psychiatric Association considers animal cruelty one of the diagnostic criteria of conduct disorder.¹

The link between animal abuse and human violence is an internationally recognized fact. Each year, defenseless pets face the grim reality that they will be victims of family violence, not only putting themselves in harm's way but as helpless pawns in the power and control mechanisms abusers use to hurt people. The actual killing, torturing and beating of pets -- or the threat of such actions -- is used by abusers as a weapon to ensure submission and silence by women and children. This causes victims -- adults and children alike -- to remain in violent households in order to ensure the family pet is not harmed.

In a nationwide study, over 71 percent of battered women reported that their abusers had harmed, killed or threatened animals. More than 75 percent of those incidents occurred in the presence of the women or their children.² In a study of battered women in several northeastern states, 48 percent of respondents reported that animal abuse had occurred "often" during the past 12 months, and another 30 percent reported that the abuse occurred "almost always." Types of animal abuse reported included punching, hitting, choking, drowning, shooting, stabbing and throwing the animal against a wall or down the stairs. Respondents reported that animal abuse incidents coincided with violent outbursts against human family members 51 percent of the time.³

Tragically, children who grow up in an environment of animal abuse live in constant fear that a beloved family member will be harmed. Children often intervene to protect their mothers and pets from being battered. Some children may even allow themselves to be victimized to save their pet from being harmed or killed.⁴ Over time, these children may even become desensitized to the inhumane treatment of animals.

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Research indicates that children who are exposed to domestic violence are nearly three times more likely to treat animals with cruelty than children who are not exposed to such violence.⁵ In one study of battered women with children who sought shelter in a safe house, 32 percent reported that their children had hurt or killed a family pet.⁶

Tragically, this behavior is often symptomatic of future abuse toward other animals or human beings⁷: 36.8 percent of boys and 29.4 percent of girls who were victims of physical and sexual abuse and domestic violence have been reported to abuse the family pet.⁸ Significant research documents a relationship between childhood histories of animal cruelty and patterns of chronic interpersonal aggression.⁹

Because of its correlation with family violence and other forms of community violence, animal abuse is a crime that must be taken seriously. Identifying and reporting animal abuse is an effective means toward addressing the domestic violence crisis head-on. In many communities, human services, animal services, and law enforcement agencies are sharing resources and expertise to address violence. Professionals are beginning to engage in cross-training and cross-reporting through interagency partnerships, and humane societies are teaming with domestic violence shelters to provide emergency shelter for pets of domestic violence victims. Cross-reporting animal and child abuse is an efficient approach toward strengthening families and intervening to prevent further family violence. Because animal abuse is often an early indicator of child abuse, elder abuse and domestic violence, caseworkers can gain critical information by asking about the family pet.

As the oldest national non-profit organization dedicated to protecting both children and animals from abuse, neglect, and exploitation, the American Humane Association actively addresses the internationally recognized link between animal abuse and family violence. Through its campaigns against violence, American Humane is a leader in raising public awareness, advocating for stronger legislative initiatives, and providing tools for decision makers, social service providers, animal care and control professionals, veterinarians, parents, and other concerned citizens to recognize problems and take appropriate steps to end abuse and protect its both human and non-human victims.

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BESTIALITY AKA ZOOPHILIA

Bestiality (or zoophilia) is a paraphilia defined as an affinity, attraction or sexual attraction by a human to non-human animals. Because this topic deals openly about the nature of bestiality, it is intended for mature audiences only.

While moral and clinical descriptions of bestiality differ, Pet-Abuse.Com takes the position that bestiality is sexual assault of an animal and is *always* a crime.

Amazingly, there are still several states in which bestiality is legal. In those situations where the prosecutors do not have specific bestiality laws to use in their case, we recommend exploring the cruelty to animals statutes: if it can be proved that the animal was made to suffer, you can use those laws where the bestiality laws may be lacking (or missing outright).

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The term bestiality actually tells us much more about cultural attitudes toward animals than it does about sex with animals. Concern about bestiality generally focuses on human beings; thus experts tell us it is usually harmless while debating its frequency. If we call it forced sex with animals, we reclaim the animal's perspective as a central concern. It is more prevalent than we can measure and is not harmless; it is always animal abuse.

The American Heritage Dictionary, to cite just one example, defines bestiality as "the quality or condition of being an animal or like an animal; conduct or an action marked by depravity or brutality; or sexual relations between a human being and an animal." Sex with an animal is the last definition of bestiality, while the first two definitions remind us of our culture's general low regard for animals. The multiple meanings for bestiality are part of the problem, implying that bestiality itself is animal behavior. It keeps the "beast" in bestiality. (See sidebar "Acting Like an Animal.") Animals do not have a distinction between public versus private.

Often, people read animals' sexuality as shameless (and inviting) because animals act sexually in "public." They are then viewed as accessible because they have acted in a public manner.

Acting like an Animal

For many centuries negative attitudes toward sexuality have been registered by viewing sex as something that resulted from one's base instincts, that is, as something that reduced a human being to an animal. During the Middle Ages when capital punishment was prescribed for both the animals and the human involved in bestiality, many people thought that the serpent in the Garden of Eden had introduced Eve to sex. This belief led to a debate about whether Eve and the serpent had actually had intercourse, and left the strong impression that sexual intercourse itself was bestial. Acting sexually was thus considered acting like an animal. This attitude is evident today when aggressive sexual behavior is referred to as "bringing out the beast in one" or "wolfish behavior" or "animal passions." Indeed, it appears that one reason the missionary position was upheld as the position for intercourse was because it was accomplished face to face rather than face to back, as most animals did it. C.J.A. In its narrowest sense, bestiality involves intercourse, either vaginal or anal, with an animal; but bestiality can also include oral-genital contact of any kind between humans and animals.

The animals who people have access to are the animals who will be sexually used: cats, dogs, sheep, cows, hens, rabbits, goats, ducks, horses, bulls, fishes. Proximity allows for sexual access. This is the primary reason gorillas, chimpanzees, and others are not prevalent sex objects: they are not animals to whom humans have regular access. Many forms of sexual contact between humans and animals are physically destructive to the animals. Few vaginas, especially those of young animals, are large enough to accommodate the penis of a male *Homo sapiens*. Furthermore, small animals often experience torn rectums and internal bleeding after being sexually assaulted; chickens and rabbits are often killed by the act itself. Sadistic sexual behavior against animals also occurs. Chickens are frequently decapitated because this intensifies the convulsions of the sphincter, thereby increasing the sexual pleasure of the man. Even when it does not involve sadism, bestiality is animal abuse because it is forced sex.

Silence is a major problem. Unlike most forms of sexual contact, in which either partner can report the experience, only one of the participants in bestiality can talk; and because of the stigma surrounding bestiality, that party usually remains silent. Since bestiality is most often something that occurs in private, no one need ever learn about it. So we do not know how widespread it is. Several attempts have been made to uncover an accurate rate of human attempts to have forced sex with animals: by the German psychiatrist Richard von Krafft-Ebing in the 1880s, in the U.S. by Alfred Kinsey and his colleagues in the late 1940s and, more recently, by sociologists at the University of Chicago in 1994. These studies have variously estimated that the percentage of males who engage in bestiality is between one and 65 percent. This wide range probably reflects less about how often bestiality occurs than it does about how bestiality is defined and measured as well as different levels of confidence in answers given by respondents when interviewed either in person or in anonymous questionnaires. In short, we can say almost nothing about the percentage of the population that engages in bestiality.

There are three kinds of sex that humans impose on animals: Opportunistic or safety-valve sex, fixated sex, and domineering sex.

Types of sex with Animals

1. **Opportunistic or Safety-Valve sex:** "I need a sexual release... they're available... there are no human partners around... I'll get it with an animal."
2. **Fixated Sex:** Animals become love objects and are the exclusive sexual "partners" for a human.
3. **Domineering sex:** When batterers, rapists and pornographers force sex between a human and an animal for purposes of humiliation, sexual exploitation, dominance and control. C.J.A. Safety-valve sex is often seen as a casual act of the curious young, as sexual exploration rather

than deviancy.

The notion of bestiality as a safety valve that operates until the (usually young) men are ready for women leads one to ask whether the women to whom these young men graduate are not safety valves, too. Moreover, this form of bestiality is not a harmless aberration. Animals are harmed in safety-valve bestiality, and humans learn that it is okay to treat others as safety valves. In the second kind of bestiality, fixated sex, an animal becomes the exclusive focus of a human's sexual desires. Although many medical terms have been applied to a fixation on sex with animals, those who engage in this kind of sex prefer to be known as "zoophiles," a word borrowed, ironically, from the animal protection community. The zoophile's worldview is similar to the rapist's and child sexual abuser's. They all view the sex they have with their victims as consensual, and they believe it benefits their sexual "partners" as well as themselves.

Just as pedophiles differentiate between those who abuse children and those who love children—placing themselves, of course, in the latter group—zoophiles distinguish between animal sexual abusers (bestialists) and those who love animals (zoophiles). In each of these cases the distinctions are only self-justifications.

Whatever the frequency of bestiality, it has its own newsgroup on the Internet (alt.sex.bestiality), which provides chilling examples of the bestialist's world. One person described having sex with stray dogs and then dropping them off at animal shelters. Another reported episodes of bestiality that occurred while dog sitting for a friend. A third described having sex with his half-Percheron horse.

One cannot talk very long about sex with animals without noticing the gender issues: Men are more likely to do it. Women are more likely to be depicted—or to be forced into—doing it. This type of bestiality, domineering sex, has long been used by batterers to degrade their partners. Battered women's shelters around the country receive reports from women who were forced to have sex with animals. One woman reported that her husband would tie her up and force her to have intercourse with their family dog. Then he would try to have intercourse with the dog while he forced the dog inside his wife. Forced sex with trained dogs was a form of torturing Jewish women in Nazi Germany; it was recently used against female political prisoners in Chile. Bestiality involving women occupies an entire genre in pornography.

Bears, snakes, dogs, and insects—to name just a few species of animals—have been photographed or videotaped in a variety of sexual and sexualized positions with women. sex "clubs" around the globe offer live scenes of sex between women and animals. Some towns along the U.S./Mexican border feature shows "starring" women and donkeys. Women of color are often depicted with animals as a way of enforcing the racist notion that women of color are insatiable. Through pornography, dogs, snakes, and other animals, help a man picture himself in the scene. What the pornography consumer claims to be fantasy, we must regard as documentation of harm: a real woman must have a real snake inside her for a photograph of a snake inside her to exist, a real woman must give oral sex to a real bear in order for a photograph of a woman giving oral sex to a bear to exist.

In addition to being used as a means of degrading women, bestiality figures in racism, homophobia, anti-Semitism, and of course, attitudes toward animals. The imputation of bestiality has been used to portray a specific group of people as "others," to distance them from those making the charges. Sometimes miscegenation (the mixing of races) is referred to as bestiality. One group of American white supremacists believes that Jews are descended from Cain, himself the offspring of Eve's coupling with the snake, while Christians are descended from Abel, the child of Eve and Adam. European colonizers and American slave owners believed that African women enjoyed intercourse with apes. European women charged with being witches were accused of sexual congress with animals, and they—and their animal companions—were killed.

During the Middle Ages, Christians viewed intercourse with Jews as a form of bestiality. Earlier this year, an Israeli judicial official compared homosexuality to bestiality. This comparison occurred, most probably, because homosexuality and bestiality are listed together in Leviticus 18:23 and 20:15-16. Like masturbation, homosexuality and bestiality are forms of non-procreative sex. During a time when childbearing was central to a people's survival, all forms of non-procreative sex would be condemned. Bestiality also violated the order of creation by mixing categories—human and animal—that were meant to be separate and distinct.

Recent views of bestiality as fairly benign have replaced these earlier reactions, but no matter what the prevailing view of bestiality, it does not consider the animals' perspectives at all. It is always animal abuse. Relationships of unequal power cannot be consensual. In human-animal relationships, the human being has control of many—if not all—of the aspects of an animals' well being. Sexual relationships should occur between peers where consent is possible.

Consent is when one can say no, and that no is accepted. Clearly animals cannot do that. Bestiality is the model case of circumventing consent on the one hand, while confusing affection for consent on the other. Despite the omnipresence of animals in pornographic pictures and videos, the animal protection community has yet to identify bestiality as an animal abuse issue.

Bestiality has been studiously avoided by those who should be discussing it—animal rights activists, veterinarians, anti-cruelty law enforcement agents, and feminists.

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CRUELTY CONNECTIONS

According to a 1997 study done by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) and Northeastern University, animal abusers are five times more likely to commit violent crimes against people and four times more likely to commit property crimes than are individuals without a history of animal abuse.

Many studies in psychology, sociology, and criminology during the last 25 years have demonstrated that violent offenders frequently have childhood and adolescent histories of serious and repeated animal cruelty. The FBI has recognized the connection since the 1970s, when its analysis of the lives of serial killers suggested that most had killed or tortured animals as children. Other research has shown consistent patterns of animal cruelty among perpetrators of more common forms of violence, including child abuse, spouse abuse, and elder abuse. In fact, the American Psychiatric Association considers animal cruelty one of the diagnostic criteria of conduct disorder.

If you break it down to its bare essentials:

"Abusing an animal is a way for a human to find power/joy/fulfillment through the torture of a victim they know cannot defend itself."

Now break down a human crime, say rape. If we substitute a few pronouns, it's the SAME THING.

"Rape is a way for a human to find power/joy/fulfillment through the torture of a victim they know cannot defend themselves."

Now try it with, say, domestic abuse such as child abuse or spousal abuse:

"Child abuse is a way for a human to find power/joy/fulfillment through the torture of a victim they know cannot defend themselves."

Do you see the pattern here?

The line separating an animal abuser from someone capable of committing human abuse is much finer than most people care to consider. People abuse animals for the same reasons they abuse people. Some of them will stop with animals, but enough have been **proven** to continue on to commit violent crimes to people that it's worth paying attention to.

Virtually every serious violent offender has a history of animal abuse in their past, and since there's no way to **know** which animal abuser is going to continue on to commit violent human crimes, they should ALL be taken that seriously. FBI Supervisory Special Agent Allen Brantley was quoted as saying "Animal cruelty... is not a harmless venting of emotion in a healthy individual; this is a warning sign..." It should be looked at as exactly that. Its a clear indicator of psychological issues that can and often DO lead to more violent human crimes.

Dr. Randall Lockwood, who has a doctorate in psychology and is senior vice president for anti-cruelty initiatives and training for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, states "A kid who is abusive to a pet is quite often acting out violence directly experienced or witnessed in the home," Lockwood said, adding that about one-third of children who are exposed to family violence will act out this violence, often against their own pets.

Others either abuse pets or threaten to abuse them as a way to control an individual.

"So much of animal cruelty... is really about power or control," Lockwood said. Often, aggression starts with a real or perceived injustice. The person feels powerless and develops a warped sense of self-respect. Eventually they feel strong only by being able to dominate a person or animal.

Sometimes, young children and those with developmental disabilities who harm animals don't understand what they're doing, Lockwood said. And animal hoarding - the practice of keeping dozens of animals in deplorable conditions - often is a symptom of a greater mental illness, such as obsessive-compulsive disorder.

Just as in situations of other types of abuse, a victim of abuse often becomes a perpetrator. According to Lockwood, when women abuse animals, they "almost always have a history of victimization themselves. That's where a lot of that rage comes from."

In domestic violence situations, women are often afraid to leave the home out of fear the abuser will harm the family pet, which has lead to the creation of *Animal Safehouse* programs, which provide foster care for the pets of victims in domestic violence situations, empowering them to leave the abusive situation and get help.

Whether a teenager shoots a cat without provocation or an elderly woman is hoarding 200 cats in her home, "both are exhibiting mental health issues... but need very different kinds of attention," Lockwood said.

Those who abuse animals for no obvious reason, Lockwood said, are "budding psychopaths." They have no empathy and only see the world as what it's going to do for them.

History is full of high-profile examples of this connection:

- **Patrick Sherrill**, who killed 14 coworkers at a post office and then shot himself, had a history of stealing local pets and allowing his own dog to attack and mutilate them.
- **Earl Kenneth Shriner**, who raped, stabbed, and mutilated a 7-year-old boy, had been widely known in his neighborhood as the man who put firecrackers in dogs' rectums and strung up cats.
- **Brenda Spencer**, who opened fire at a San Diego school, killing two children and injuring nine others, had repeatedly abused cats and dogs, often by setting their tails on fire.
- **Albert DeSalvo**, the "Boston Strangler" who killed 13 women, trapped dogs and cats in orange crates and shot arrows through the boxes in his youth.
- **Carroll Edward Cole**, executed for five of the 35 murders of which he was accused, said his first act of violence as a child was to strangle

a puppy.

- In 1987, three Missouri high school students were charged with the beating death of a classmate. They had histories of repeated acts of animal mutilation starting several years earlier. One confessed that he had killed so many cats he'd lost count. Two brothers who murdered their parents had previously told classmates that they had decapitated a cat.
- Serial killer **Jeffrey Dahmer** had impaled dogs' heads, frogs, and cats on sticks.

More recently, high school killers such as 15-year-old **Kip Kinkel** in Springfield, Ore., and **Luke Woodham**, 16, in Pearl, Miss., tortured animals before embarking on shooting sprees. Columbine High School students **Eric Harris** and **Dylan Klebold**, who shot and killed 12 classmates before turning their guns on themselves, bragged about mutilating animals to their friends.

As powerful a statement as the high-profile examples above make, they don't even begin to scratch the surface of **the whole truth** behind the abuse connection. **Learning more about the animal cruelty/interpersonal violence connection** is vital for community members and law enforcement alike.

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CA-Fresno Nov 7, 2008	Dog sexually assaulted, sex offender charged Bestiality	ALLEGED Joe Luis Gloria
IN-Bloomington Sep 6, 2008	Sexual assault on woman, dog, videotaped Bestiality	ALLEGED Thomas L. Meador
WA-Longview Jul 23, 2008	Dog and foster child sexually assaulted Bestiality	NOT CHARGED Donald Joe Zeller
LA-Baton Rouge Jun 18, 2008	Dog sexually assaulted by convicted sex offender Bestiality	ALLEGED Alex Chaney
AK-Klawock Apr 9, 2008	Dog tied to tree, sexually assaulted Bestiality	ALLEGED Harold Simpson
CO-Delta Dec 11, 2007	Dogs sexually assaulted, shelter volunteer charged Bestiality	ALLEGED Jay Baker
OH-North Ridgeville Oct 31, 2007	Dogs, sheep sexually assaulted Bestiality	ALLEGED Jonel Berlovan
GA-Warner Robins Feb 2007	Dog sexually assaulted, children molested Bestiality	CONVICTED John Charles Huff
IL-Elwood Dec 7, 2006	Dog repeatedly sexually assaulted Bestiality	DISMISSED Dwayne D. Page
NJ-Moorestown Dec 6, 2006	Cows and children sexually assaulted Bestiality	ALLEGED Robert Melia Jr.
FL-Rockledge Dec 1, 2006	Children, animal sexually assaulted Bestiality	ALLEGED Ivory Dickerson
PA-South Beaver Township Nov 16, 2006	Children sexually abused, bestiality porn Bestiality	NOT CHARGED Robert F. Harn
CO-Glenwood Springs Nov 2006	Possession of bestiality pornography Bestiality	NOT CHARGED Frank Alamenno
MI-Freeland Oct 20, 2006	Sex with dead dog, assaulting an ACO Bestiality	CONVICTED Ronald Kuch
WI-Superior Oct 11, 2006	Sex with dead deer Bestiality	CONVICTED Bryan James Hathaway
OR-Lebanon May 18, 2006	Dogs and children sexually abused Bestiality	ALLEGED Denise Ann Roberts Jesse Dale Roberts
PA-Hermitage Apr 2006	Possession of child, animal pornography Bestiality	CONVICTED Roger Ellsworth Henry
AZ-Tucson Mar 28, 2006	Dog found burned, maimed, sexually assaulted Mutilation/Torture, Bestiality, Burning - Fire or Fireworks	CONVICTED Wayne Allen Dean

OR-Sherwood Feb 1, 2006	Dog sexually assaulted by convicted sex offender Bestiality	ALLEGED  Jason Dane Tapken
TX-Brownsville Jan 23, 2006	Child and dog sexually assaulted, videotaped Bestiality	NOT CHARGED  Jesus De Leon
CA-Ontario Oct 18, 2005	Dog sexually assaulted Bestiality	CONVICTED  Ubaldo Vasquez Huizar
OH-Lafferty Sep 24, 2005	Dog sexually assaulted Bestiality	CONVICTED  John Paskel
SC-Campobello May 22, 2005	Puppy sexually assaulted Bestiality	CONVICTED  Cory Michael Williamson
LA-Hammond May 17, 2005	Church cult cited in child rape and animal sex Bestiality	NOT CHARGED  Austin Aaron Bernard III Nicole Bernard Paul Fontenot <i>more...</i>
MI-Harrison Feb 17, 2005	Bestiality and child pornography Bestiality	ALLEGED  Rebekah J. Oakley-Pyle Malvin D. Pyle

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FL-Flagler Feb 2, 2005	Dog, girl sexually assaulted, photos taken Bestiality	NOT CHARGED Carla Maldonado David Maldonado
TX-Kerrville Feb 2005	Possession of bestiality porn, soliciting a minor Bestiality	NOT CHARGED Jonathan Ward Brooke
MI-Battle Creek Jan 26, 2005	Sheep sexually assaulted Bestiality	CONVICTED Jeffrey Scott Haynes
FL-Tampa Dec 22, 2004	Dog stabbed, sodomized with stick Bestiality, Stabbing	ALLEGED Lubuns Paul Dubeus
VT-Lyndonville Oct 16, 2004	Dog sodomized and strangled Bestiality, Choking / Strangulation / Suffocation	CONVICTED Jeffrey Plourde
FL-West Palm Beach Jan 8, 2004	Dog sexually assaulted Bestiality	ALLEGED William McPhillips
IN-Indianapolis Feb 20, 2002	Distribution and display of bestiality pornography Bestiality	ALLEGED Loran Jay Adams
VT-Richford Jan 15, 2002	Dog sexually assaulted, videotaped Bestiality	CONVICTED Paul Corey Tammy Paquin
OK-Oklahoma City Feb 14, 2001	Bestiality Bestiality	CONVICTED Robert Malcomb Jr
FL-East Lake Feb 11, 2001	Llamas beaten, one sodomized Beating, Bestiality	CONVICTED Brandon R. Eldred Robert B. Pettyjohn
CA-Fresno Jul 8, 1997	Puppy beaten and tortured Beating, Bestiality	CONVICTED Reynaldo Chavez
MI-Ypsilanti May 29, 1997	Bestiality/Pedophilia Bestiality	ALLEGED Bernice Santure Carl Santure Harvey Santure <i>more...</i>
WI-Janesville Apr 9, 1997	Sexually abused, tortured and killed cats and dogs Mutilation/Torture, Bestiality	CONVICTED Barry Herbeck
VA-Montgomery County Apr 1951	Killing animals, having sex with their corpses Bestiality	NOT CHARGED Henry Lee Lucas

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