

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 489(JUD)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/23/02

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES CHENAULT, Kott, Croft, Foster, Lancaster, Meyer, Guess, Dyson,
Kerttula, Crawford, Hayes

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to cruelty to animals."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 08.98 is amended by adding a new section to article 3 to read:

4 **Sec. 08.98.241. Duty to report cruelty to animals.** (a) A person licensed
5 under this chapter who has reasonable cause to suspect that an animal has been
6 subjected to cruelty to animals in violation of AS 11.61.140 shall immediately report
7 the suspected animal cruelty to the Alaska State Troopers or municipal law
8 enforcement agency.

9 (b) A person who in good faith makes a report under this section is immune
10 from civil or criminal liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed for making
11 the report unless the person making the report is the person who subjected the animal
12 to cruelty.

13 * **Sec. 2.** AS 11.61.140(d) is amended to read:

14 (d) Cruelty to animals is a class A misdemeanor. **The court may also**

15 **(1) require a defendant convicted of cruelty to animals to**

1 **participate in psychological counseling and treatment, at the defendant's expense,**
2 **as the court determines to be appropriate;**

3 **(2) prohibit a defendant from owning or possessing an animal for a**
4 **period of not more than five years.**

5 * **Sec. 3.** AS 11.61.140 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (e) Each infliction of severe physical pain or prolonged suffering on an
7 individual animal under (a)(1) of this section, failure to care for an individual animal
8 under (a)(2) of this section, or killing of an individual animal under (a)(3) of this
9 section is a separate violation of this section.