



Discover resources to help you learn more about the link between domestic violence and animal abuse.

Websites

[The National Link Coalition](#) provides a monthly report of news about the connections between animal abuse and other forms of violence through its [LINK-Letter](#).

[Abuse Connection: The Link Between Animal Cruelty and Interpersonal Violence](#) provides an overview of the issue as well as links to additional resources.

[Animal Abuse and Domestic Violence Resources](#) provides up-to-date articles and information on the violence link.

[Society & Animals Forum](#) offers a variety of resources and educational material, including links to academic articles from the [Society & Animals Journal of Human-Animal Studies](#).

[The Latham Foundation](#) provides a number of links to articles on various animal welfare topics, including the Violence Link.

[The Admissibility of Evidence of Animal Abuse in Criminal Trials for Child and Domestic Abuse](#) by Angela Campbell, published in the Boston College Law Review, argues that animal abuse should be admissible in criminal trials for child and domestic abuse.

[Animal Abuse and Youth Violence](#) by Frank Ascione, published by the National Criminal Justice Reference Service, describes the psychiatric, psychological, and criminal research behind the link, with an emphasis on cruelty to animals by children and adolescents.

[Inside the Cruelty Connection](#), a study done by the Alberta SPCA, reports on research into the link between the decision to leave an abusive situation and how an animal affects that decision.

[Parents.com](#) provides an article describing the benefits of pets in children's lives.

Books

[Cruelty to Animals and Interpersonal Violence](#), edited by Randall Lockwood and Frank R. Ascione, is a compilation of research, historical and philosophical resources on animal abuse

and violence involving humans. Veterinary, psychology, social work and criminology perspectives on the issue are represented.

[Child Abuse, Domestic Violence, and Animal Abuse: Linking the Circles of Compassion for Prevention and Intervention](#), edited by Frank R. Ascione and Phil Arkow, is a compilation of research, first person accounts and outline of innovative programs dealing with the link between animal abuse and family violence.

Videos

Breaking the Cycles of Violence: A video and training Manual (Set), developed by The Latham Foundation, helps child protection, human service, domestic violence and animal welfare professionals to identify, report, investigate and treat interrelated forms of family violence. The video is a sensitive portrayal featuring a cross-disciplinary team of experts. It promotes community awareness about the connections between family violence and animal abuse. The video and manual are designed to train agency personnel, cross-train other agencies, sensitize community groups, and build coalitions. This video and training manual be ordered online from [The Latham Foundation](#).

Beyond Violence: The Human-Animal Connection, developed by the Society & Animals Forum, does more than examine the link between animal abuse and human violence. It also depicts the many ways in which animals foster and support human development. A relationship with an animal can help an individual heal from emotional injury, promote emotional development, teach lessons about compassion and caring and engender a sense of ethics and responsibility. This video can be ordered online from the [Society & Animals Forum](#).

Patterns of Abuse: Exploding the Cycle, produced by Erik Friedl for the Chicago Anti-Cruelty Society, examines the link between animal and human abuse, why some people become abusers, the importance of early intervention and what can be done to stop the cycle of violence. The video is available to view free-of-charge on [YouTube](#).