

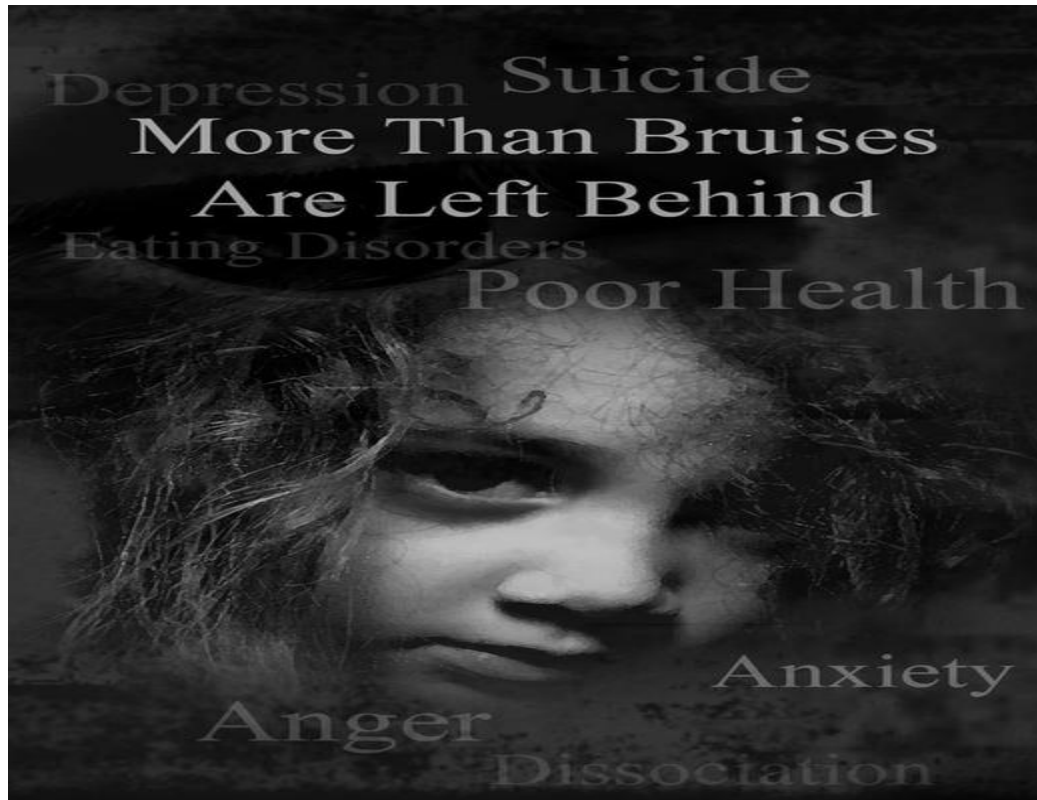
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## YATW Blogpost #2

Hello and welcome back to my You and the World blog centered around animal cruelty. Today's post will be centered around my personal opinion and experiences. I will also discuss some of the new information that I have found ever since [my last post](#). I have recently used one of the articles in my [annotated bibliography](#) to answer two of the questions that I raised in my previous post. My first inquiry for this blog is centered around what is going through the mind of an animal abuser as he/she is committing his/her heinous crimes.

After a german shepherd was left for dead within inches of his owner's backyard, Dr. Mary Lou Kandor, who works with the Humane Society, said that the pet had "some sort of perverted or twisted meaning to her. She was taking out her trauma on the animal." Kandor suggested that Kimberly Nizato, the owner of the german shepherd, should be investigated by child protective services. She was under investigation because Randy Lockwood, the senior vice president of the Anti-Cruelty and Forensics division of the ASPCA, claimed that animal abusers don't usually distinguish between human and non-human victims. Almost 90% of the houses of child abusers have seen the abuse of pets as well, and if a child displays signs of animal cruelty, it is likely that he/she has been abused by the head of the house. The article that gave me this information can be found in [the examiner](#).

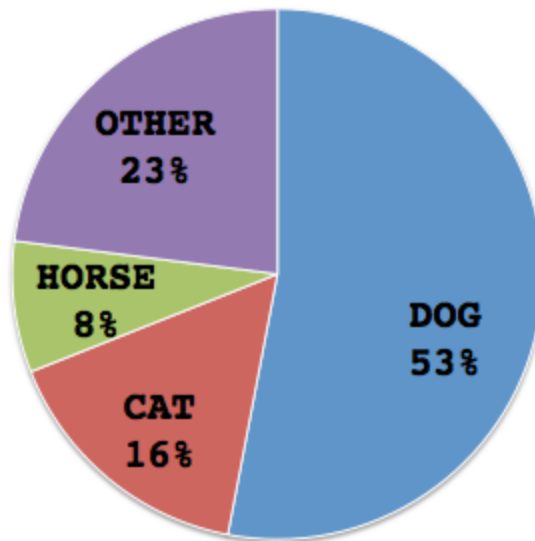


This picture describes that signs that a child has been abused. According to Randy Lockwood, a child who displays signs of animal cruelty is likely to have been abused by his/her caretaker.

Another one of my research questions was centered around the statistics of animal abuse. I have made it a goal to find out what types of animals are abused the most by humans. According to [a webpage on the website of the Humane Society](#), the media reported that in 2007, 64.5% of animal cruelty cases involved dogs, 18% involved cats, and the remaining 25% involved other animals. From 2000-2001, pit bulls were the targets of 13% of all abused-dog cases. This statistic rose up to 25% in 2007. One would think that the United States would make it illegal to victimize animals, but only 47 of the 50 states see animal cruelty as the crime. The three states that do not have consequences for animal cruelty are Idaho and both of the Dakotas.

## Commonly Abused Animals

(UPDATED MAY 2013)



The following pie chart is the percentage of abused animals. It has been updated since May of 2013, so these percentages might not be relevant to the present.

Two days ago, I created my original research in Operation Ava. I went to the shelter and interviewed Katie Broynton, head of the volunteers at Ava. I asked her ten questions that I created for my original research. I recorded the interview on my iPhone and I planned on uploading it to CANVAS. Unfortunately, I accidentally deleted the interview, so I emailed the questions to Katie and waited for her responses. Once she replied to my email, I uploaded our internet conversation to Canvas. I guess all is well that ends well.

I partially remember the details of the interview, even though I deleted it. From Katie's responses to my questions, I can conclude that she is against cruelty to animals. She is an example of a person who displays the state of mind embraced by much of the United States population. The only thing I still wonder is what percent of the United States population does not care about the well-being of nonhuman organisms. Why do they not care about them? Is it

because of a lack of education or an egotistical state of mind? Or could it be something else. For my third and final blog, I will continue to volunteer at Operation Ava and help in any way I can. I will also ask some of the employees and volunteers why they think that some Americans do not care about the well-being of animals.