

The International Handbook of Animal Abuse and Cruelty *Theory, Research, and Application*


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Animal abuse as a predictor of abuse against humans has been documented extensively. Society's ever-rising violence has prompted experts to ask what alternatives are available to identify the early signs and stop the cycle. *The International Handbook of Animal Abuse and Cruelty: Theory, Research, and Application* is the authoritative, up-to-date compendium covering the historical, legal, research, and applied issues related to animal abuse and cruelty from scholars worldwide.

The Handbook will be of value to psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, child welfare and domestic violence professionals, and animal welfare advocates, including veterinarians. Each of twenty chapters focuses on different but related aspects of animal abuse. The editor and other contributors hope that the Handbook points young scientists to fruitful areas of needed study and provides professionals with contemporary reviews of the current state of our knowledge on animal abuse and its relation to other forms of human violence. The material will be of special value to readers interested in mental health issues across the life span as well as child development and developmental psychopathology.

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