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Animal Neglect

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"Animal Cruelty Facts and Statistics : The Humane Society of the United States." RSS. HSUS, 9 Oct. 2014. Web. 11 Feb. 2015.

Animal Cruelty:

- There are a shockingly high number of cruelty cases reported daily in the media.
 - There is no national reporting system for animal abuse but media reports suggest that it is common in rural and urban areas.
 - Most cases are never reported.
 - Most animal suffering goes unrecognized.
 - The Humane Society of the United States rescues thousands of animals every year from terrible situations.

Most Common Victims:

- Dogs are the most common victims of animal cruelty in media-reported cruelty cases.
 - Of 1,880 cruelty cases:
 - 64.5% (1,212) involved dogs
 - 18% (337) involved cats
 - 25% (470) involved other animals
- Neither the total number of horse neglect cases or the percentage of animal abuse cases of horse neglect have risen since the closure of all US horse slaughter plants.
- HSUS investigated slaughterhouses and cattle auctions which revealed animal abuse in the factory farm industry.
 - There is no indication in the news media that the number of neglect cases involving livestock have increased, other than high-profile cases.
 - Could be, however, a reflection of weak protections supplied to livestock in state animal cruelty laws.
 - Over the past few years, reported cow and pig animal neglect cases have dipped slightly.
- Nearly 1 million animals a year, connected to domestic violence, are abused or killed.
 - 71% of domestic violence victims say their animal was also targeted by their abuser.

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Franklin County Humane Society (FCHS)

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FCHS:

- Small, privately run, non-profit organization dedicated to serving homeless, abandoned, and lost companion animals in the area.
 - Operate an open-admission animal shelter, never refusing an animal in need.
 - FCHS serves for Franklin County, but also 13 other counties because there are no other open-admission shelter in the immediate area, making a huge impact in east central Missouri.
- A safe, loving environment for 2,000 - 3,000 abandoned, lost or unwanted dogs and cats each year.
 - 45% of all animals FCHS receives are litter of babies and about 1/3 of all animals they receive are owned pets whose owners can no longer take care of them.
- FCHS provides shelter, nourishment, love, and health care.
 - They try to place those animals in loving homes or transfer them to rescue groups.

Mission:

- To promote animal and human welfare
 - With adoption and care of homeless animals, they hope to achieve that welfare.
 - FCHS also uses programs to enrich people's lives through animal interaction.

Methods:

- Provide an open-admission shelter where animals receive medical care, adoption opportunities, and especially compassionate treatment.
- Live-saving animal care including transportation, animal fostering, and off site adoptions.
- Educational programs to reduce animal abuse, pet overpopulation, and euthanasia.
 - Euthanasia: the process of putting an animal down from an incurable and painful disease or an irreversible coma.
- Community programs that unite animals and people for learning opportunities and enjoyment.

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Reasons to Volunteer

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Benefits of Volunteering:

- Warm fuzzies-
 - The most grateful and accepting comrade is an animal you've comforted.
- Good company-
 - You could make new friends, and not just four-legged animal friends, but also those working with you who share similar interests.
- Part of the solution-
 - You will join a network of hundreds of thousands of people working.
 - Working to make the world safe and humane for all living creatures.
 - Making jobs of others working for animals a little easier by lending a hand and spreading the message of responsible pet ownership and animal protection.
- New career-
 - You may learn things that will lead you to the career of your dreams.
 - College admissions officers and employers look on time spent in volunteer service.
- The new you-
 - You will discover skills you never knew you had.
 - You may even be surprised at what you're capable of achieving.
- ★ Enjoy a wagging tail, a purr, and a smile-
 - Someone once said that the best things in life are free.

Make A Difference:

- You can stuff envelopes, assist with a fundraiser, or walk dogs at your shelter.
 - Either one you do, you're making a difference.
 - You may be changing the life of someone or the lives of animals.

