

*Linking Scholars and Professionals through
Education, Training, and Advocacy*

Objectives

We equip professionals with appropriate skills to reverse conditioned trends in the cycle of abuse. Effective interventions will save the lives of men, women, children, the elderly, and many family companion animals.

We present workshops for clinical professions and for health, education, and social service fields.

Our workshops stress the seriousness of animal abuse as it relates to domestic violence, animal suffering, and continuing patterns of abuse.

Interventions include action plans, identification methods and referrals, and skills to treat the abusers.

We look forward to hearing from you and helping you schedule your workshop.

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Background

1998. We responded with an ambitious umbrella project: *Beyond Violence*. The purpose: to explore the critical “link” between animal abuse and human violence.

1999. We produced a 13-minute video and discussion guide. The purpose: to promote an informed discussion about the relationships between companion animals and humans.

2000. We collaborated with the Doris Day Animal Foundation on *AniCare*. The critically acclaimed Manual is the text for our Adult Abuse Workshop.

2002. We examined our most vulnerable and challenging demographic: children. *The Washington Post* identified *AniCare Child* as the first book “designed specially for young people who abuse animals.”

2003. Using *AniCare Child* as text, we developed juvenile animal abuse workshops.

2004. We produced two DVDs that provide role-play illustrations of assessment and training techniques. To date, we have mounted 40 workshops in 17 states.



Workshops

for counseling professions

Mental Health
Psychology
Domestic Violence
Social Work
— and —
Allied Health
Criminal Justice
Education

Intervening in the Cycle of Abuse



Three Workshops

1 “Assessing and Treating Juvenile Animal Abuse”

— or —

2 “Assessing and Treating Adult Animal Abuse”

Clinical professionals, attend either an adult or a juvenile abuse workshop. Hone your skills. Build your practice. Be trained to assess and treat adult or juvenile animal abuse.

Experience *AniCare* treatment approaches: videos, role play, interactive learning, and case studies. Leave with materials to complement your practice.

Change the lives of your clients! Recent felony laws mandate counseling for abusers.

3 “Assessment and Action Planning for Animal Abuse”

Child welfare advocates, school counselors, criminal justice professionals, learn to identify the triggers leading to animal abuse.

Work within the protocol of your profession. Intervene in the cycle of abuse.

Explore the “link” between animal abuse and human violence. Animal abuse often indicates family, child, and spousal abuse.

Learn referral and action plans using interactive learning and collateral materials. Leave with your action plan in place.

Intervene *before* the Cycle of Abuse Passes to Another Generation!

Workshops Probe Impact of Abuse

Explore why animal abuse is a clear indicator to look further.

Learn what research reveals about the link between positive relationships with companion animals and human health.

Discuss why parents who neglect companion animals may neglect or abuse their children.

Find out why family batterers often threaten the family companion animal to control a spouse and children.

Workshops Review Legal Advances

Animal abuse is a felony in 41 states. Twenty-seven states incorporate counseling provisions. Two states mandate counseling as part of sentencing for abuse.

The FBI incorporates animal cruelty in “threat assessment” techniques, recognizing the link between animal abuse and human violence.



Call us at 724-861-5520. We provide affordable training in workshops conveniently located at your site.

A Sample of Workshops 2000-2004

2000: *AniCare* Workshop, Aurora Counseling Center for Treatment, Aurora, CO.

2001: *AniCare* Training Workshop, Maryland Psychological Association, Columbia, MD.

2002: *AniCare Child* Workshop, Youth Diagnostic and Development Center, Albuquerque, NM.

2003: Animal Abuse: Assessment and Treatment of Adults and Children (Continuing Education), Alliant International University, Alliant, CA

2004: Cruelty to Animals: Assessments and Intervention, Anti-cruelty Society, Chicago, IL.



What Others Say...

“Children are our future. To interrupt the cycle of violence will be of lasting benefit.”

Samuel Ross, PhD, Director, Green Chimneys, Brewster, NY

“We prosecute individuals who abuse animals and if convicted ask the judge to order them to AniCare counseling sessions”

Diane Balkin, Deputy District Attorney, Denver, CO

“We...highly recommend AniCare Child to Domestic Violence Counseling programs.”

Karen Dunne, M.P.A. Director, Domestic Violence Rape Crisis Center, Cecil County, MD

“AniCare Child...gives clinicians what they need”!

Tracey Kaly, The Harbor Behavioral HealthCare Institute, New Port Richey, FL

“Thanks to AniCare and AniCare Child, New Mexico now has over 150 trained clinicians in the treatment of animal cruelty.”

Delores Stroud, Grants and Prevention Coordinator, Mental Health Dept, Albuquerque NM

...What We Recommend

Schedule a workshop that accommodates your staff format. Call us at 724-861-5520!